

Megan M. Degenfelder

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MORNINGSTAR PARTNERS OIL & GAS

Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager, Wyoming -- Cheyenne, WY **2019-Present**

- ◆ Head of government and regulatory affairs for WY & NM operations
- ◆ Chair of Petroleum Association of WY government affairs committee and executive committee of WY Taxpayers Association
- ◆ Successfully improved relationships with state and federal agencies and public stakeholders, resulting in fiscal savings and reduced permitting times
- ◆ Successfully reversed a decision by the WY Department of Revenue denying a \$0.5MM tax refund
- ◆ Successfully influenced direct changes to the Governor's executive order for sage grouse and draft executive order for migration corridors

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Chief Policy Officer -- Cheyenne, WY **2017-2019**

- ◆ Served as appointed cabinet member to State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- ◆ Oversaw legislative affairs, standards & assessment and accountability divisions
- ◆ Oversaw \$30MM budget and 25 person staff
- ◆ Served as proxy for Superintendent on State Board of Education and University of Wyoming Board of Trustees
- ◆ Successfully led state statutory changes to the educational basket of goods for the first time in 20 years to include computer science education and defeated numerous policies with negative impact
- ◆ Left employment after recruitment by Morningstar Partners

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY

2014-2017

Public Affairs Manager -- Gillette, WY

- ◆ Represented Cloud Peak Energy's interests in Wyoming state government affairs
- ◆ Developed improvements in public relations through community involvement, contributions and educational outreach
- ◆ Successfully gathered bi-partisan support to pass multiple state laws promoting clean coal technology and to earn the US Department of Energy's Carbon Safe Grant
- ◆ Successfully defeated tax policy legislation with over \$20MM negative impact
- ◆ Appointed by Governor of Wyoming to Environmental Quality Council
- ◆ Left employment after recruitment by Wyoming Department of Education

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING STUDENT GOVERNMENT

2011-2012

Student Body President -- Laramie, WY

- ◆ Represented a student body of 9,000 and oversaw \$1MM budget and 6-person staff
- ◆ Served as ex-officio member of the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees
- ◆ Successfully led lobbying efforts for a \$15MM appropriation from the state

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Laramie County Republican Precinct Committeewoman **2020-2021**
- ◆ Campbell County Republican Precinct Committeewoman **2017**
- ◆ US Congressman Cynthia Lummis Campaign **2008-2009**
 - Central WY Campaign Coordinator & Deputy State Field Director
- ◆ University of Wyoming College Republicans Leadership **2007-2011**
 - Instrumental in bringing Ann Coulter to campus in response to Bill Ayers

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EDUCATION

- ◆ **University of International Business and Economics
Beijing, China**
 - Master of Economics 2014
 - Emphasis: International Trade & Applied Economics
 - Thesis: *Economic Analysis of Coal to Natural Gas Use in China*
 - Chinese Language and Business Program 2009-2010

- ◆ **University of Wyoming
Laramie, WY** 2012
 - Bachelor of Science in Business Economics
 - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
 - Minor in Mandarin Chinese

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATIONS

- ◆ Wyoming Taxpayers Association Executive Committee Member 2019-Present
- ◆ Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom Vice President 2019-Present
- ◆ Wyoming Women's Antelope Hunt Committee Member 2017-Present
- ◆ Cheyenne Trap & Skeet Shooting League Member 2018-Present
- ◆ St. Paul's Newman Center Catholic Church Member 2021-Present
- ◆ Wyoming Women's Foundation President 2015-Present
- ◆ Wyoming Men's Antelope Hunt Inaugural Women's Team 2021
- ◆ University of Wyoming Presidential Search Committee Member 2019
- ◆ University of Wyoming International Advisors Board Member 2016-2019
- ◆ Gubernatorial appointee to Wyoming Environmental Quality Council 2015-2017
- ◆ Campbell County Commissioners Natural Resource Advisory Council 2016-2017
- ◆ Gillette Energy Rotary Executive Committee Member 2014-2017

AWARDS AND HONORS

- ◆ 2020 University of Wyoming Alumni Association "Rising Alumni Award" Recipient
- ◆ 2015 Governor's Business Alliance Forum "Wyoming Success Story"
- ◆ Rosemarie-Spitaleri Award for University of Wyoming's Outstanding Graduating Woman of 2012
- ◆ University of Wyoming Women's Rugby Captain, National Elite 8 Qualifier 2012
- ◆ Coca-Cola National Scholar, 200 selected nationwide