

Patrick Swonger

Regional Community Representative for Southwest Colorado

Patrick Swonger joined EAGLE-Net in March as the Regional Community Representative for Southwest Colorado. Pat manages and maintains community development opportunities through education and outreach.

A USAF veteran, Pat is a graduate of the University of Florida with a B.S. in Telecommunications and holds numerous professional certifications. His diverse work experience includes gold mining, information technology, cable TV, and service as a Fortune 500 executive. He is a former EMT-B, officer for San Juan County Search and Rescue, and has served on the boards of local, regional and national organizations including a current stint as an elected trustee for the Town of Silverton. He's married and has three sons



"I couldn't pass up the opportunity to join EAGLE-Net and improve telecom in Colorado so significantly," said Swonger, who is known for his advocacy to bring better broadband access and services for rural communities.

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Lauren Hick

Grants Analyst

Lauren Hick began work for EAGLE-Net in March 2011 as the Procedure and Policy Specialist and transferred to the Business Development team as a Grants Analyst in December. With a B.A. in Sociology from Colorado State University, an M.S. in Special Education from Pace University, and an M.P.A. in Policy and Nonprofit Management from New York University, Lauren has the diverse educational background that makes her a highly skilled member of the EAGLE-Net team.



In 2006 Lauren was a Corps Member with Teach for America in New York City where she taught Middle School Special Education in the Bronx. Although she is no longer in the classroom, she is still committed to improving education and working with young people. She serves on the Public Policy Council for Junior League of Denver, an organization focusing on health and education issues pertaining to women and children. Lauren also works with children as a volunteer at Children's Hospital Colorado.

As a Grants Analyst, Lauren looks for new grant opportunities for EAGLE-Net by researching foundations, developing relationships with funders and applying for grants. During the E-Rate cycle, Lauren helps the Business Development team find new customers by gathering data on schools, developing proposals, and coordinating communication with potential and existing customers.

"I'm delighted to be part of the EAGLE-Net team that is improving telecommunications for educators across Colorado," said Lauren. "It's exciting to be building something so significant for the future."

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Jennifer Ralicki



Telecommunications Order Processing Coordinator

Jennifer joined EAGLE-Net in December of 2011 as a Telecommunications Order Processing Coordinator. She has over 13 years experience in the telecommunications Industry provisioning circuits, ordering circuits, and coordinating implementation of customer services from start to finish on both the voice and data sides. In addition to her vast understanding of voice telecommunications, she is up to date on the latest data technologies available and trends in the current industry. She has previously attended various schools for Computer Science courses and attended Regis University for Organizational Development. .



Her current role as a Telecommunications Order Processing Coordinator she is tasked with gathering Type II quotes from carriers as well as verifying if the school district or library will potentially be On Net Fiber. She works closely with her teammates in Business Development as well as Operations to ensure a smooth, accurate and quick time frame.

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Chris Samuelson

Channel Manager

Chris Samuelson brings over twenty years of experience in the telecommunications industry. He specializes in sales, marketing, and business development. He has worked with Andersen Consulting managing several telecommunication clients providing strategic insight into optimizing operations. He led business development initiatives for a local telephone company that was later acquired by Verizon. He ran the Mountain West region for Leap Wireless and responsible for driving market share. He spent the past two years working with BTOP awardees in IL and PA. He is now leading channel management initiatives for EAGLE-Net. Chris has his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University, his graduate degree from DePaul University and is a CPA.

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