

This #ThankfulThursday, we again look back at our department's past and find Ryan Smith!

Ryan is a native of Palm Beach Gardens, FL. He and his wife Jordan have one handsome son (Holden) and a dog named Murphy. Ryan is a VERY proud U of H Cougar, where he earned his Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology degree.

Ryan wore a wide array of hats for the Association: flag football & basketball official, aquatics liaison and intern in 2010. He says that the most rewarding aspect of his time with the Sienna Recreation Department was aiding in the facilitation of youth sports opportunities.

What does he miss most about Sienna? "I really enjoyed the people that I worked with," he fondly remembers.

Ryan continues to blossom as a Parks & Recreation professional, currently with the City of Bellaire as their Recreation Superintendent. In 2013, Ryan was named the Greater Gulf Coast Directors Association Outstanding New Professional and in 2020 Texas Recreation and Parks Society named Ryan the Young Professional of the Year.

Ryan, we're so thankful for you and all that you've done for Sienna over the years---and all that you continue to do in the parks & recreation field. We're proud of your successes and look forward to many more!

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