

## **Jackie Robinson**

Complex Manager - St. Vincent Community Center St. Louis County Parks & Recreation

Jackie grew up in the St. Louis County Parks department and now works as the Complex Manager at St. Vincent Community Center. He has a great relationship with his staff and patrons that visit his center. He understands what it means to provide recreation for the entire community and urges his staff to offer a variety of programs both in St. Vincent Park and their community center. Jackie is a great co-worker who is happy to help out others and always has great follow through. Jackie is an awesome part of our St. Louis County Parks team!

-Alyssa Groeteke St. Louis County Parks and Recreation



### ABOUT JACKIE

Hometown: St. Louis

#### **Current Position and Duties?**

Complex manager of St. Vincent Community Center. I'm responsible for creating various programs conducive to the advancement of the community I serve. This includes, but is not limited to; fitness classes, youth and adult sports leagues and tournaments, job/health fairs, and special events. I also manage a team of five full-time and five part-time employees and oversee the daily operations of St. Vincent Community Center.

## How long have you been working in parks and recreation?

14 years.

#### What are your interests or hobbies?

I enjoy shooting pool, attending professional sporting events, and engaging with family and friends.

### How did you end up working in parks and recreation?

I applied for a cashier position as a source of extra income while in college. I enjoyed the environment so much that I continued to apply for other positions when the opportunity presented itself. Eventually working my way up to Complex Manager.

## What do you love about working in parks and recreation?

Providing services for the community I serve and engaging with fellow employees throughout the parks system.

# What advice do you have for future parks and recreation professionals?

To never lose sight of what your original goals and aspirations are along your journey as a recreation professional.