

ST. GEORGE, UTAH

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Eddy joins AREA as a secondary member under Meri Crandall of St. George, Utah. Born and raised in the Dominican Republic he moved to the US in his early teens where he completed high school in Queens, NY, and earned a bachelor's from SUNY Plattsburgh. There he met and married his college sweetheart, who earned a Ph.D. in Communications. She is now an associate professor at Utah Tech University in Saint George where he and his family reside.

Eddy has 16-years' experience in the human resources field. Prior to moving to St. George, he was the HR Director for the Indiana Department of Corrections and reported to the commissioner and the head of personnel for the State. At the time, he was the youngest HR Director to take over the state's largest operation with a staff of 26 HR employees embedded in 23 facilities across the state that supported over 6,200 employees.

Later, after his wife received a teaching position in St. George, he decided to move into Real Estate

where he has become a top producer.

He is currently a board member for the Leadership Dixie Academy, which is in charge of identifying and providing an impactful experience for 30 top students in their county high school system that show future promise for our area, focusing on teaching these students how to become future leaders and reach their full potential as they enter college.

Most recently, he became a member of his local MLS committee.

In the past, he has held the following service roles:

Board of Director member for multiple Society of Human Resources local chapter since 2011

2019-2020 President and President-elect of the Color Country Human Resource Association in Saint George

2018-2020 Board of the Directors for the Utah HR Council.