



## **Justin Aquino named San Mateo County Fair operations manager**

22 March 2018 - San Mateo, CA: Justin Aquino, an accomplished county fair and corporate event professional, has been named operations manager of the San Mateo County Fair

We are pleased to welcome Justin to our leadership team,” said Dana Stoehr, chief executive officer for the San Mateo County Event Center and Fair. “Justin has an impressive background in the diverse aspects of a county fair, from concessions to exhibits to execution of large-scale events. We are delighted to welcome him back to California where his county fair roots were established.”



As the fair operations manager, Justin is responsible for planning, organizing, directing and coordinating the activities of the San Mateo County Fair. The fair is an annual Bay Area event that attracts more than 120,000 guests each year. “The county fair has a special camaraderie and family atmosphere,” said Aquino. “Memories are formed into traditions that create joyful reunions for employees, vendors and guests. There is no better opportunity to celebrate the successes and talents from those living in our county than at the annual fair.”

Aquino comes to San Mateo from the Utah Valley Convention Center, where he spent the last three years as event manager with Spectra Venue Management. He also served as the center’s exhibitor services manager, show manager and catering and sales manager. Previously, Aquino worked for the Orange County Fair and Event Center as year-round event coordinator. The Southern California fair is a month-long event that attracts over a million fair guests each year. His duties included commercial and concessions coordination.

“The fair industry is where my career began,” said Aquino. “Even in a management development program with my former employer I shared that I saw my future as a fair manager. The fair business is in my heart and soul; it is where I have the most passion.”

Aquino holds a bachelor’s degree in Organizational Communication. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the International Association of Venue Managers mentoring committee. He is a former board member of the Equestrian Center in Utah.



The San Mateo County Fair is the Peninsula’s premier community event for Bay Area family fun and entertainment. The 2018 fair opens June 9 and runs through June 17. The San Mateo County Fair strives to provide a diverse experience through education, inspiration and entertainment. The annual Bay Area fair represents a celebration of our community's talent, interests, innovations and rich agricultural and artistic heritage. The 2018 fair is themed “We Build the Fun.”

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