

- **Name of Alumnus:** Steven Peru
- **School Graduated From:** Northern Arizona University
- **Program Type:** MPA
- **Years Since MPA Completion:** 15+ years
- **Sector:** Local and Municipal Government
- **Current Employer:** Coconino County
- **Job Title:** Retired County Manager
- **Proudest Accomplishment:** Supporting employee recruitment, retention, engagement, and overall success.
- **What He Loves About His Work:** Service to the community— not everyone “likes” government, but when they need us, we’re always there to serve.
- **What He’s Excited About for the Future:** In retirement, he looks forward to supporting Northern Arizona University in whatever way possible.
- **How His Education Has Been Vital:** His education provided the theoretical foundation that underpins the daily experiences of the job.
- **Advice for Aspiring Public Servants:** Public service is at a crossroads—the jobs are not easy, but they are critical to improving the lives of our communities.