

Steven Patterson - Class of 1983

Steven Patterson is a lifelong resident of Brownsburg, Indiana. He began developing his leadership skills at Brownsburg High School, where he served as a student manager for multiple sports teams. He continued this path at Ball State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance and volunteered with the Men's Basketball Team.

Steve spent 25 years with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance before becoming Executive Director of the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville, Indiana, in 2014. His commitment to the fair began decades earlier, having served on the Hendricks County 4-H Fair Board for 22 years. He has been involved with the Indiana State Fair for over 30 years, including nine years as a Director on the Indiana State Fair Board, and has served as Director of Administration for the Indiana Association of Fairs for 15 years.

Steve's dedication to fair management led him to complete the Institute of Fair Management Graduate Program in 2019 and earn the Certified Fair Executive designation in 2020. He previously served on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Fairs and Expositions.

Beyond the fairgrounds, Steve has served as Lincoln Township Trustee and has been active with the Sycamore Services Board of Directors, the Danville Chamber of Commerce, and the Indiana 500 Festival Princess and Parade Committees. He is a member of both the Danville Rotary Club and Brownsburg Kiwanis Club.

Steve's service has earned him induction into the Indiana Association of Fairs Hall of Fame, the Heritage Award from the International Association of Fairs, and the Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Mike Pence in 2013. Steve has three children and two grandchildren.