

Dane P. Dario

Born and raised in Iron Mountain, MI found in the Upper Peninsula, Dane moved to East Lansing in the fall of 2008 to attend Michigan State University. After spending 5 wonderful years and completing degrees in Social Relations and Policy, Psychology, and Religious Studies, Dane briefly returned to the U.P. in the spring of 2013. Knowing that he felt more at home in the Greater Lansing Area, Dane moved back to the community in the Winter of 2014 and now resides in Okemos with his wife Hayley (Menghini) Dario.

Dane currently serves as Finance Director of the Allen Neighborhood Center found on the Eastside of Lansing; additionally, Dane serves on the Associate Board for "Special Days Camp" which provides an opportunity for children diagnosed with Pediatric Cancer with an opportunity to attend a summer camp at no cost to their families.

From Dane:

"Although I am 4th generation Italian on my paternal side (Dario, Formolo) and 5th generation Italian on my maternal side (Maule), I have always had a deep rooted sense of being Italian; this was aided by a community in the U.P. with deep reaching Italian roots. Additionally, my Great-Grandfather Bruno Maule made sure we never lost track of our heritage; I specifically remember every spring he would host a large dinner with the original five families that came over from Italy to make their home in Iron Mountain. I am frequently reminded by my family of how I follow in Bruno's footsteps in more ways than one, and finding an Italian American Club here in Lansing one more way I can honor his memory and efforts for us to never forget our Italian heritage."

