

2009 John T. Boyd Memorial Young Engineer Award

Ryan M. Murray

*Vice President of Operations,
Murray Energy Corporation*



Ryan M. Murray is currently the Vice President of Operations for Murray Energy Corporation, the largest independent coal mining and sales company in the United States. Ryan has served as a Vice President since November, 2007. His responsibilities are entrusted to the operational success of all eight (8) active surface and underground mines within Murray Energy Corporation. Ryan's previous responsibility was as General Manager and Superintendent of the American Energy Corporation, Century Mine, a Murray Energy Corporation subsidiary company and among the safest and most productive mines in the Country.

The son of 51-year coal industry veteran, operator, and entrepreneur, Robert E. Murray, Ryan joined Murray Energy Corporation in 1994. Ryan has worked at numerous surface and underground coal mines in a variety of jobs, from hourly laborer up to and including Mining Engineer, Production Manager, Superintendent & General Manager, and Vice President. Ryan has worked in mines in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Utah, Kentucky, and Illinois and is a Certified Mine Foreman.

While in high school, and while pursuing his bachelor's degree, Ryan worked with Murray Energy Corporation (1994-99,'01) and Enron North America in Houston, TX (2000). Ryan's post college career began as an engineer with emphasis in operations with Murray Energy Corp. Today, Ryan's work is broadly based in operations, personnel, financial analysis, safety, and engineering.

Ryan regards the opportunity to work with his father, Robert E. Murray, a man whose pursuit of performance, preparedness, and safety is proud, tireless, and rich with integrity; as a blessing. Further, Ryan has had the pleasure and privilege of continuing to work with and learning from dozens of skilled mining professionals. At the age of 25, Ryan was entrusted with the responsibility of 6.8

million saleable tons and the health and safety of over 500 persons. Now, at 30, Ryan oversees operations employing over 3,200 employees with whom he is proud to work to achieve the overlying goal of productive, safe, and long term mining operations. Ryan believes proper leadership, teamwork, and trust are the key elements to the success of Murray Energy Corporation.

Ryan, along with his two older brothers, attended West Virginia University from 1997 to 2001. While at West Virginia University, Ryan earned his Bachelor's degree in Mining Engineering. Ryan's capstone Senior Mine Design Project won first place in the Carlson Software National Mine Design Competition and first place in the Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of America (PCMA) regional competition. Ryan remains very active in mine design and mine planning at all Murray Energy Corporation operations, and continues to work closely with mentors at WVU on various mining engineering projects. In 2006, Ryan attended The Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business and obtained his Masters in Business Administration while working full time.

In April, 2009, Ryan was the recipient of the *Calvin Kidd Fellowship Award* awarded by the West Virginia University Student Chapter of SME. He is also the recipient of the *Old Timer's Award* in mining; an organization established in 1938 for the betterment of mining in America. Recently, Ryan was asked to join the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Section of SME starting in 2010.

Ryan is an Eagle Scout and a four year alumni of the West Virginia University Band. He enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, and skiing. He resides in Saint Clairsville, Ohio with his wife Melanie, and two wonderful children, Noelle and Evan.