

Larry Starks is a dedicated community advocate and educator based in Tucson, Arizona, with a distinguished career in public service and a deep commitment to preserving African American heritage in Southern Arizona.

A native of Tucson, Starks earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a Master's in Business Administration/Public Administration from the University of Phoenix. He served over two decades with the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, becoming the first Black Parole Supervisor in Tucson Juvenile Parole history. After retiring in 2012, Mr. Starks began working with the Pima County School Superintendent office as Transition Coordinator and GED Proctor for the CAPE school, as well as an adjunct Professor with Pima Community College Justice Services. Beyond his professional achievements, Starks is deeply involved in community initiatives. He serves as the President of the Tucson Juneteenth Festival Committee, leading efforts to celebrate and educate the public about Juneteenth. His mantra, "Juneteenth is a movement, not a moment," underscores his dedication to this cause.

Additionally, he serves as the Treasurer for Boys to Men Tucson, mentoring young men and supporting their development.

His commitment to service is further exemplified by his membership in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., reflecting his dedication to community and brotherhood.

Through his extensive work in public service, education, and cultural advocacy, Larry Starks has made a significant impact on the Tucson community, championing justice, education, and the celebration of African American history.