

ALUMNI PROFILE



Favorite Radio Format: NPR and alternative/indie. My go-to stations for new music are The Current in Minneapolis, Radio Milwaukee, and KCRW in Los Angeles

Favorite Artist: Currently, Lord Huron. I love the storytelling approach they take in their albums and the music is well-crafted and infectious.

Favorite Song: Mary Lou Lord's "His Indie World" still makes me smile.

Favorite Movie: "Harold and Maude"

Favorite TV Show: I don't watch much TV

Favorite Book: "The Coast of Chicago" by Stuart Dybek

Beth Eckerty

Hobbies: Work keeps me pretty busy, but I love to travel, camp and hike whenever I get the chance. My husband and I are currently restoring a 1967 Dodge camper van which should be ready for all of the above by next summer.

Where has life taken you since you left WSDP?

I moved to Chicago to attend college and have lived here ever since. For the past 10 years I have worked for Whole Foods Market, where I coordinate the Health and Beauty program for the Midwest states and Ontario. I've been a vegetarian and supporter of animal rights since high school, so this company has been a great fit for me.

What is your favorite memory of your time at the station?

During my senior year I got to collaborate with Mandy King on her new show "Anonymous was a Woman" and with Mike Piontek when he took over as host of "The Asylum." I loved the opportunity to work with them and with all of the other creative, artistic, intelligent and passionate people that gravitated to the station.

Why was being involved at WSDP important for you?

During my time at the station I worked on the news staff, did weekly dj and anchor shifts, held two directorships and produced Backstage Pass for a year. Even though I did not go into a career in broadcasting, the skills

I developed at the station - public speaking, writing, networking and leadership - have been instrumental in every job I have held. The station really pushed me outside my comfort zone and gave me confidence in my own abilities.

What advice would you give to our current students?

Looking back, I realize how unusual it was to be able to work at such a high-quality community station during high school. So take advantage of the opportunities it offers, and have fun!

It was from a tour in 2007. Much to Kyle's surprise he was in the nearly 10 year-old picture.

The 88.1 staff has always enjoyed offering these tours as a community service. We're even more excited now that Kyle is a member of our staff.



A younger Kyle Proffitt and his fellow Cub Scouts visiting the 88.1 Studio in 2007



Staff member Kyle Proffitt holds the photo of his Cub Scout troop visiting the 88.1 studio nearly 10 years ago.

Kyle Proffitt Story of Cub Scout Visit

88.1 the Park has been doing tours for scout groups for many years. There is always a lot of energy at the station when we have a group of 1st grade scouts in the studio.

The station recently held an open house for students planning to audition for our staff. The room was packed with students and their parents so we took a break to give the students a chance to tour the station. One of the students, Kyle Proffitt, noticed a picture of Cub Scouts on our staff room window.

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