

ALUMNI PROFILE



John Dobel

Favorite Radio Format: Grew up with AOR but have branched out to Political and Talk

Favorite Artist: Bob Seger

Favorite Song: Thick as a Brick by Jethro Tull

Favorite Movie: Casablanca

Favorite TV Show: The West Wing

Favorite Book: Abraham Lincoln by James McPherson

Hobbies: Attending USC Football Games

Where has life taken you since you left WSDP?

I am the Sales Director for a Division of US Polymers in Los Angeles. After college, I became Morning News Anchor and Sports Play by Play person at WPHM in Port Huron, Local Sales Manager at WBRB in Mt. Clemens, General Sales Manager at WMAD in Madison Wisconsin and Western Regional Manager for Birch Scarborough Research in Los Angeles and General Sales Manager for KADY Television in Ventura California

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

Jeff Howell and I were sitting in the studio one afternoon for my show Montage. We were playing Inna Gadda Da Vida and at the end of the song there is a false end. During that break we turned on the microphone and said "One more Time". We also had stop watches which we started and when our General Manager Bonny Dore came bursting thru the door we looked at our stop watches and said, "What did you get for time?" And then looked at Mrs. Dore and said "You run

fast in high heels." She started to laugh and said "we were dead men if we did it again."

My other memory was being invited to a College Radio Conference at Wayne State University. My Co-Music Director Kathy Swanson and I were invited and that evening at dinner we were treated to a live performance by both Carol Hall and Harry Chapin.

As Co-Music Director my proudest memory was being the very first Disc Jockey on the station. "Good afternoon and welcome to Montage".

Why was being involved at WSDP important for you?

The friendships I formed. Learning on the fly as we were putting the station on the air for the first time and we were learning studying and making it up as we went along. It also gave us a sense of belonging instead of wandering the halls we had a central place to be and a purpose for being there.

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What advice would you give to our current students?

In my 30 some years in the Media Business, Experience counts. Take on as much responsibility as time will allow. My time at WSDP got me hired at the Student Radio Station at Northern Michigan as News Director; that eventually led to becoming Station Manager. That experience got me my first On Air commercial job. Learn to Network. Whatever career path you decide to take Networking will be one of the keys to your success.



Owen Oszust had the opportunity to interview Detroit Lions cornerback Justin Coleman

88.1 the Park's Owen Oszust Interviews NFL Players

The 2019 Football season was exciting as both the Canton Chiefs and Plymouth Wildcats advanced into the State Tournament. But it was especially exciting for Plymouth Senior Owen Oszust. He not only called the games for all three P-CEP teams, but he also had an opportunity to interview two NFL players.

The Plymouth Wildcats game against the Salem Rocks was also the Detroit Lions' High School Game of the Week. Lions Cornerback, Justin Coleman was at the game and he stopped by the pressbox for an interview.

Plymouth Alum, Ohio State grad, and current Cincinnati Bengal, Michael Jordan, was in the



Cincinnati Bengal and Plymouth Alum Michael Jordan took time to talk to Owen Oszust in the press box during state playoffs

stadium when the Wildcats played Lakeland in the opening round of the State Playoffs. Michael was kind to take a few moments to talk with Owen about his success with the Bengals.

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Last year 88.1 received over \$750 in donations from store reward programs. Thanks to each of them for their generosity.

If you already shop at Kroger, go to kroger-communityrewards.com to sign up and begin earning money for 88.1FM. Our organization is listed as WSDP RADIO - PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL and our organization number is 84323.

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