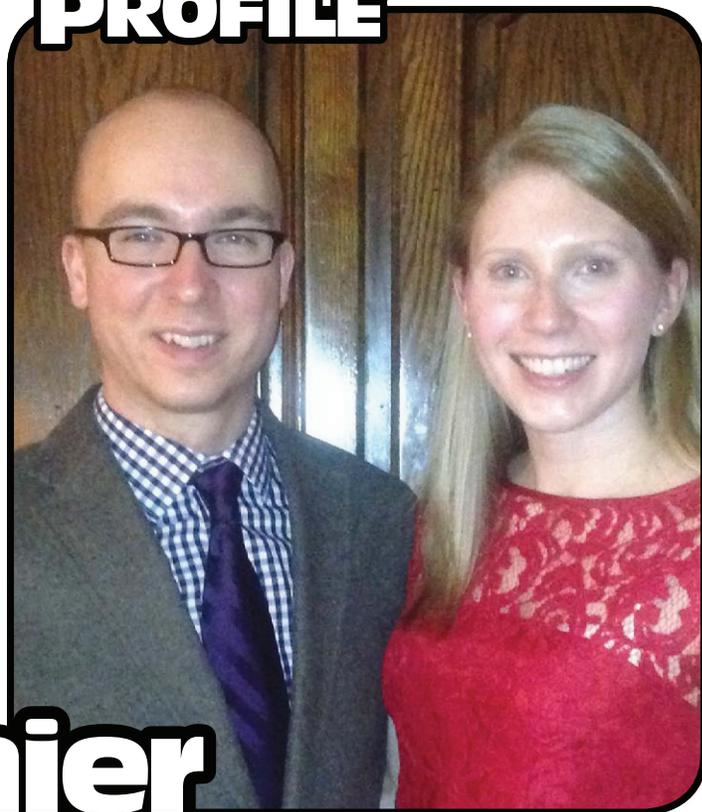


# ALUMNI PROFILE

Plymouth-Canton  
Class of 2002



**Favorite Radio Format:** NPR, then probably alternative/college rock.

**Favorite Artist:** This changes all the time, but I think Sloan, Weezer, and the Foo Fighters are my standbys.

**Favorite Song:** Right now its probably Palomino by Mates of State.

**Favorite Movie:** Unforgiven

**Favorite TV Show:** The West Wing, hands down.

**Favorite Book:** The Complete Sherlock Holmes

**Hobbies:** I play guitar, try to read as much as I can and love to travel.

## John Fournier

### Where has life taken you since you left WSDP?

After WSDP I attended Michigan State University where I got a BA in political theory. I was really interested in politics and so I took an internship in Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm's communications office. I also worked at Impact 89 FM, Michigan State's college radio station, for four years eventually becoming their station manager. After graduating from MSU I moved to Austin, Texas where I worked at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and a year later I moved to Pittsburgh with my wife, Chelsea. She is currently writing her dissertation at the University of Pittsburgh where she is studying medical anthropology. We both moved overseas in 2012 and lived in the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu for a year so she could complete her dissertation research. It was an amazing experience. In Pittsburgh I have primarily worked in politics, managing a number of local campaigns and working as the chief of staff to a member of Pittsburgh City Council. Currently I work as the deputy chief of staff to the newly elected mayor of Pittsburgh, Bill Peduto.

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

I did a lot of really fun things at WSDP, including sports broadcasting and hosting my own electronic music show. Those memories are all special, but the times I cherish the most are the hours working with my friends and fellow staffers in the studio to hit a deadline or working late to help setup one of the WSDP dances, or any of the staff meetings. It is really hard to nail down one favorite memory, WSDP was such a big part of my high school experience that reducing it to just one event or experience would really not do it justice. WSDP was a community and a great place for an awkward kid in high school to hang out and make friends.

### Why was being involved at WSDP important for you?

WSDP was really important for me for a couple of reasons. First, when you think about all of the critical skills that the WSDP experience helps a student develop it really can't be underplayed as an educational tool. Students at WSDP have to

learn how to write, they have to be professional and probing when they conduct an interview, they have to learn a great deal about technology, they have to be responsible with the airwaves, and talk about learning how to hit deadlines! WSDP and the mentorship of Bill Keith were truly important for helping me to become a productive and professional adult. But I also made many friends at WSDP who I still have today. Special shout-outs to Anna Petrovich, Monisha Bansal, and Jeff Murray, the best man at my wedding.

### **What advice would you give to our current students?**

The best advice I can give to current students is to do as much as you can at WSDP while you are there. I was the Sports Director, but I also DJ'd heavily, hosted my own electronic music show with Kevin Nothnagel, and tried to do as much as I could in the production studio as well. WSDP is such a great place, take advantage of it. Finally, take as many pictures as you can.

## **Shopping at Holiday Market, Kroger and Meijer helps WSDP**

You can help WSDP through your purchases at Holiday Market, Kroger and Meijer.

If you already shop at Kroger, go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to sign up and begin earning money for 88.1FM.

If you shop at Meijer we can receive cash rewards from your purchases. Joining Meijer Community Rewards is free and can be done online at [Meijer.com/rewards](http://Meijer.com/rewards). We also have an application we can mail you if you prefer to use snail mail. Our six-digit code for supporters to use when joining is 706339

You can also support WSDP through your purchases at Holiday Market in Canton. Get a Holiday Market Shoppers Card. Once you have a card go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) or call 1-800.931.6258. Register your card and select WSDP. Our group number is 500043900 and is listed as Canton Community Foundation since they serve as our financial fiduciary. Once you've completed the registration a portion of your total purchases will go to WSDP.

## **Celebration Marketplace - Sat. March 15, 10am - 2pm**

88.1 The Park will present Celebration Marketplace on Saturday March 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Salem High School Cafeteria.

The Celebration Marketplace is a showcase of the area's best event planning resources for weddings graduation parties, business functions, bar mitzvahs, showers, anniversaries, retirement parties, birthdays and reunions. You'll find everything from caterers and DJ's to party rentals and entertainment options. Whether you are planning a gathering at your home or at an area banquet hall, this is an event you cannot afford to miss.

The Celebration Marketplace began two years ago with a focus on graduations and has expanded for 2014. More information is at [www.thecelebration-marketplace.com](http://www.thecelebration-marketplace.com). A portion of the proceeds will benefit 88.1 The Park.



**WSDP Alum Rob Miller, Plymouth Salem 2001, providing direction for Taylor Swift for a video game**

## **88.1 The Park Sponsors**

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