

ALUMNI PROFILE

Salem 2009

Favorite Radio Format: Sports Talk

Favorite Artist: Taylor Swift (The greatest songwriter since The Beatles).

Favorite Song: Let Down (Radiohead)

Favorite Movie: The Godfather

Favorite TV Show: The West Wing

Favorite Book: The Grapes of Wrath

Hobbies: Watching Michigan Football, Detroit Pistons and playing Golf.

Jake Burnstein

Where has life taken you since you left WSDP?

I graduated from the University of Michigan in 2013. Then I moved to Los Angeles to pursue my dream of writing and directing movies with my best friend (and fellow PCEP grad, Brandon Verdi). Currently, I work on Percy Jackson for Disney+. I live with my wife, Mia (another PCEP grad!) and my dog, Betty.

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

Hosting the Friday morning show "Extra Pulp" with my best friends, Sam and Colin.

Why was being involved at WSDP important for you?

It helped provide structure to high school. It forced me to make cold calls to adults for my weekly news responsibilities, which helped me understand that the worst thing someone



can say to you is "no." Fearlessness to ask for help is tough to build, and WSDP helped me on that journey.

What advice would you give to our current students?

What do you really love talking about, reading about, learning about? Whatever that is, come up with a radio show where you can talk about it with your friends. It doesn't matter who listens. Just do it. One day you'll be in your thirties like me and wish you could go back and talk to your friends on the radio.