



Alumni Spotlight

Scott Davies '11 & Dan Giangiulio '10



Scott Davies '11 and **Dan Giangiulio '10** are friends and Millersville University alumni whose documentary film, "A Shot of Hope: The Lancaster Community Vaccination Center," was a Red Rose Film Festival 2022 selection and was nominated for the Red Rose Award. The film documents the COVID-19 pandemic in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and the Lancaster Community Vaccination Center that was established in the community.

While students at Millersville University, both Scott and Dan majored in speech communication and broadcasting, and Dan had a minor in graphic communication. Scott grew up in northern Maryland and was very

interested in the communication/broadcasting program that was available at Millersville University, and he appreciated that Millersville had a campus television station, as well as a radio station.

Both Scott and Dan mentioned multiple Millersville professors who had a positive influence on their student experiences. Dan shared that Dr. Dorman, Dr. Irwin, Dr. Spicer and Dr. Seigworth were all very strong influences. When reflecting on the positive influence of Dr. Dorman, Scott says, "He was always kind, listened, and focused on teaching valuable life skills both in the broadcasting industry and general skills needed in adulthood." Scott had many classes with Dr. Irwin, including radio, broadcast writing, and TV2, where he shot and edited his own documentaries. He shared that Dr. Irwin was excellent at explaining the intricacies of production to students and he appreciated her real-world experience as a producer and director in TV, and in radio and writing.

In terms of their campus involvement, Scott was very involved with MUTV campus cable, National Broadcasting Society (NBS, now NEMA), and WIXQ 91.7 FM radio. He served as a producer on multiple shows with MUTV and held various board positions including station manager and president during his senior year. With NBS, he participated in fundraising events, regional and national conferences, and served as vice president in 2010, when Millersville won National Chapter of the Year. With WIXQ, Scott co-hosted a weekly radio show for seven semesters. MUTV, WIXQ, and NBS allowed him to get the hands-on experience he needed to grow his skills, try new things and be creative.

At Millersville, Dan was the station manager for MUTV and the vice president of NBS, in addition to having a radio show on WIXQ. Dan says that the most important thing he learned from Millersville was how to communicate efficiently and effectively. Additionally, his Millersville University communications experience provided him with the skills to manage groups of individuals while sharing common goals and objectives. Dan attributes these beneficial professional lessons to his time spent as station manager of MUTV.

Currently, Scott is the postproduction supervisor and senior editor at Aurora Films in Lititz, Pennsylvania. He is also the social media and marketing manager for Aurora Films. Scott believes that the availability of campus organizations within his field of study was crucial in preparing him for his career in video production. Dan is currently self-employed as a director of photography and a producer. Dan states, "The job I do is deeply collaborative and requires a specialist in each role."

Scott and Dan have each worked hard in their lives, which is demonstrated by their numerous professional accomplishments. For Scott, editing the documentary "Buchanan's America: A Nation Divided" is one of his career highlights. It was his first documentary, and it won the Red Rose Award at the Red Rose Film Festival in 2019. During his time working with the Hershey Bears, he "built the show" by upgrading the Giant Center with HD videoboards and two LED rings, for which live hockey, scoring information, sponsorship advertisements, fan engagement animations and out-of-town scoring are displayed. Scott has also served as a producer, editor, cinematographer and videographer for multiple projects, including "A Shot of Hope: The Lancaster Community Vaccination Center," "Richmond Football: No Excuses," and "Bryce Begins." While a student at Millersville University, Scott met his future wife, Kim (Landis) Davies '12, who was also a speech communication major. Scott and Kim will be celebrating nine years of marriage together this year in June 2023.

For Dan, he shares that his proudest career accomplishment is being able to build a life here in Central Pennsylvania. He says, "I would have never assumed I would have made Lancaster, PA, my home, that I would be able to say I've worked with multiple Grammy award-winning artists, that I'd have worked for Major League Baseball, and that I've worked with some of the largest brands in the world. It's truly still a little bewildering." Dan notes that his proudest life accomplishment by far is the life he's been able to build with his wife, Amy, who is also a Millersville University alumna from the class of 2010.

When Scott and Dan describe their Millersville University student experiences to others, they have many positive things to say. Scott says, "I had a fantastic experience at Millersville University." He shares that the campus is beautiful and so many buildings are new and clean. Scott also states that the availability of organizations and clubs for connecting with other students is "excellent." "The college experience will allow you to open as many doors as you desire," Dan explains. He adds, "I think the experience differs from student to student, but there is no end to the level of involvement you can choose." Dan believes that the success he's had so far in his career is due, in part, to the fact that he dove deep into the student-run organizations and offerings of campus life. "It taught me how to collaborate, and how you can accomplish large tasks if you have enough like-minded and like-motivated individuals," Dan says.

Best of luck to both Scott and Dan in their successful careers!