

Joseph Bushee Current Position ESPN SportCenter Highlight Producer wrote:

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To whom it May Concern,

Hello, my name is Joseph Bushee and I am currently a Highlight Producer for SportsCenter at ESPN. I started my career at ESPN in January of 2015 as a Production Assistant, before rising through the ranks to become a Highlight Producer. I currently oversee anywhere from three to ten Production Assistants a night and work closely with them to produce various highlights and enhanced video elements for the all SportsCenter's, including SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt. Prior to starting my career, I graduated from Boston College with a degree in Communication where I also served as President of Boston College Television. I am fortunate to hold my current position at ESPN, but I in no way would be where I am today if it was not for the knowledge I gained from my time at WayCAM and by learning from Jim Mullane while I was a student at Wayland High School.

As a junior at Wayland High School, I signed up for a TV production class taught by Jim Mullane. I was curious as to what the class could offer, but what I did not realize at the time was that this would be what sparked my passion for TV production. I found myself wanting to do more than just the work in the class. I wanted to be more involved with WayCAM and get more hands-on experience. As a side project, Jim allowed me to take a camera and a microphone so that I could tape and commentate the varsity basketball games with another classmate. That would only be the beginning. During the summer, I worked with Jim, helping him with any projects and learning more about television production. My classmate and I then took over as hosts and producers of the weekly live studio show, Sports Update. Throughout my senior year, I led a team of 12 other students as we worked to produce sporting events, musicals, concerts, forums and live studio shows. We worked tirelessly to produce and broadcast as many events as possible, using multiple cameras and a remote director set up. I also spearheaded WayCAM's first remote live broadcast of a sporting event as both a producer and broadcaster. We made it possible that all home, boys varsity basketball games could be broadcasted live on WayCAM.

When I graduated from Wayland High School, I had the goal of putting WayCAM in the best possible position to succeed. I spoke at a few meetings, as I wanted to make sure that the town knew the benefits of including WayCAM in the design for the new high school. Although I had to work with outdated equipment, I wanted to make sure that the students that followed behind me were put in a better position.

I graduated from Wayland High School in 2010, and I am writing now in the spring of 2020. I have seen what the students are currently producing at WayCAM, and although superior to anything that my team and I were ever able to produce (due to lack of updated equipment), the production can always be better. It has been almost ten years since I graduated from high school, and if there is one thing that I know, it's that time and

technology do not go together. In the fast paced world in which we live, technology improves at a much more rapid pace than it once had. If the students have the ability to stay up to date with the latest tools for television and movie production, it will set them up for greater success as they move into college and then begin their careers. A wealth of knowledge and information can be gained from taking classes at WayCAM. A larger space will only increase the number of students that can benefit from what WayCAM has to offer. Students who are even remotely curious as to what a path into TV and movie production can result in will benefit tremendously. After all, I did.

Jim Mullane is an incredible resource for students and with the right equipment and space; Jim will be able to set his students up for greater success. WayCAM has come a long way since I graduated high school, but the road does not end here. I am grateful for everything that WayCAM has done for me and I look forward to seeing what it continues to do for other students.

Thank you,

Joe Bushee