

Name: Robert (Bobby) Taylor

Year of Graduation: 1991

What have you done since graduating from Port Allegany High School?

I graduated in 1991 and kicked around between Chicago, Illinois and Port Allegany until June of 1994. My parents Greg and Dee Buchanan saw me in what I can best describe as a downward spiral. We talked about my future and decided professional audio would be a good fit for me, so I attended a school for recording engineering and when I graduated from there I worked doing audio on a cruise ship.

From there I went on to do sound for 'Disney on Ice' shows. After another stint on a cruise ship in 1998, I landed a gig for one of the power house sound companies in the 'rock n roll' world called Showco. There I was able to work for some of my favorite bands from when I was a kid like Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, as well as bands that gave me credit in "the adults" eyes such as George Strait, Tim McGraw, and Carlos Santana.

In 2001, Showco was bought by a Pennsylvania company called Clair Brothers now called Clair Global. We truly are the powerhouse of live sound reinforcement. Here I have been fortunate enough to work with the biggest names in the world including The Who, The Eagles, and the Rolling Stones. In 2009, I had the opportunity to do President Obama's inauguration, and currently I'm on the Bruce Springsteen's 'The River 2016' Tour.

Where do you currently live?

I own a home in Port Allegany. But I guess I live out of a suitcase, in a tour bus, or hotel room most of the time.

Who was your favorite teacher in high school? Why were they your favorite?

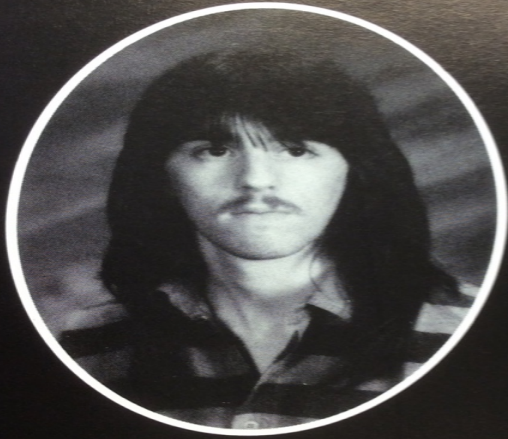
I'd have to say Ms. Risha Hall currently Mrs. Johnson. She was new at the time but I really liked her. I think we all did.

What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?

June 2, 1991 graduation day. Unfortunately I'm not one of those folks who say high school years are the best of your life. I think I'm living the best years right now.

I'd have to add that a trophy for participation is meaningless. I'm very fortunate to have a job I love and to have attained the success that I have. But I worked for it. Yes, my parents helped steer me in the right direction at the beginning. That is what parents are for. But the work, the dedication, and the sacrifices have been all me.

The world is not fair or easy. It's hard. Sometimes almost unbearable. ALMOST. You can succeed, work for it, bleed for it; hell, pray for it. But for God's sake do something for it. Don't sit there with your tools in your belt and wait for the world to do it for you.



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Judge a person by the depth of his soul, not the length of his hair.

