



*2015 Hall of Fame induction*

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# Pete Simon



While many people take WVUD's position at 91.3 FM for granted, without Pete Simon, it is highly possible that the station would have never been able to make the move to FM. Pete played a vital role, as one of a small group of people with the foresight and energy to push the University and The FCC to move UD radio to FM in 1976. It has remained there ever since.

Pete is an example of a person who was inspired BY radio, and made a conscious decision to become involved and CREATE radio that was inspiring to others. He did this at WXDR and has continued to do so at other radio stops such as his long involvement with KUVO in Colorado.

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As an early Program Director for the station, Pete left an indelible mark with the wide variety of genres that he welcomed to the air. Many of these live on in WVUD's 'Block Format'.

Pete also championed WXDR as part of UD's 'Marketplace of Ideas' and promoted diversity and inclusion. Decades later, these remain important parts of the WVUD mission and we acknowledge Pete's role in making them part of our identity.

# Mark Ellis



For close to four decades, Mark Ellis has been a part of the fabric of WVUD radio. Over that period of time, faces and names have come and gone, while Mark has remained one of the constants for the organization. Mark's time at WVUD began before professional management was brought in and Mark served in important leadership positions and helped to keep the station vibrant during this time.

In the years since, Mark has held many positions at the station (including multiple roles on the Operations Board). He has served as a DJ for many diverse genres on the air and has helped to coordinate blocks such as Java Time along the way.

# Mark Ellis



**Mark has been an advocate and ambassador for WVUD, representing the station wherever he goes. He has also been someone who is not afraid to voice an opinion if he thinks that it can benefit the station. Mark's devotion to WVUD is noteworthy and we welcome him into our Hall of Fame.**

# Brian Smith



**Brian Smith is a UD grad that truly used WVUD as a way to prepare for a successful career in broadcasting. Brian was part of the incredible influx of hockey broadcast talent that WVUD housed in the late 90s to early 2000s. During this time, Brian was a standout play by play performer, bringing countless hockey broadcasts (including the National Tournament) to WVUD listeners.**

# Brian Smith



In the years following his graduation, Brian's broadcast and media relations resume became stacked with teams and stations from around the country. Whether it was the News Journal, WDEL, WTOP, or his current position with the Philadelphia Flyers, Brian's talents have been on prominent display. This is never more evident than in Brian's occasional television/radio work for the Flyers organization.

Brian continues to support WVUD and is always willing to talk to or assist an aspiring sports announcer. Brian is one of the most successful student members ever at WVUD and we are proud to have him in our Hall of Fame.

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