



Alumni Spotlight

Nick Ferraro '83

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In 2009 Nick Ferraro '83, a South Philly native, attended a Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band concert at the Spectrum, along with 20,000 other fans. Nick himself had been performing with his own bands since 1986 throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland, but the performance this night was one that would stand out forever.

It may be helpful to note that Nick is a professional Elvis impersonator, so he does tend to stand out, and that may explain what happened next. While the Boss was doing his thing, he spotted Nick and invited him onto the stage. Nick was thrilled to perform "All Shook Up" and "Blue Suede Shoes" with Bruce and the band! On that serendipitous evening, Bruce formally dubbed Nick as "The Philly Elvis."

In 2013, "The Philly Elvis" was featured in the documentary "Springsteen & I" and was voted the #1 story of the film. Since then, Nick has had significant roles in various feature and short films, documentaries, musicals, and theatrical productions. He has also written, produced, and played in his own short film, "The Confession," which was selected for multiple film festivals and has received two awards, including the Best Shorts Competition and Award of Merit.

Nick attributes his success to the opportunities he was offered while a student at Millersville. As a transfer student, he was drawn to the 'Ville by the campus, WIXQ, and the communication department. While Nick was always outgoing and loved the entertainment industry, his acting and communication classes and the faculty helped him to sharpen his creativity, find his voice, and develop his own practice.

Doc Rock, one of Nick's communication professors, had a professionalism and passion for radio that became a standard for how Nick has conducted himself in his professional field. "Having the drive and passion to succeed is very critical in your success while maintaining professionalism and integrity."

"Millersville was a complete, well-rounded experience. The core values helped me personally and professionally. I received a high quality education from a community that allowed me to grow as a man, and prepared me for the life that was ahead."

Nick has a new feature film, "Brotherly Love," in the early stages of production and hopes it will be made available on a streaming platform so that it may reach a wider audience. He aims to give back to MU by sharing his experience with current students to better prepare them for their future in entertainment.

To learn more about Nick's current project, visit his [Facebook page](#).



Film still from "The Confession"