

Taylor and Allison Jenkins

Taylor Jenkins marched Crossmen on euphonium from 1998 through 2000, then on baritone 2001 and 2002 his age out year. He returned to the Corps as a member of the visual staff in 2005. In 2006 he served on the admin staff, and as a volunteer driver. Taylor was co-manager of souvies from 2007 thru 2011. During these years, Allison served on the admin staff in 2006, was co-manager of souvies from 2007 thru 2009, and a souvie staff member in 2010 and 2011.

Each year Allison and Taylor, along with their dog Spike, drove the souvie rig an estimated 12 to 15 thousand miles and eventually visited almost all of the 48 contiguous states. Through their consistent diligence and effort on the road each summer, they made hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Corps during their tenure. They turned souvenir sales into an art form. And since there is no category for animals in the Crossmen Hall of Fame, we can certainly give Spike an honorable mention.

While working the souvie booth, Taylor and Allison would graciously answer questions about the Crossmen history & traditions, including what to expect on tour when talking to potential rookies. They were eager to share the Crossmen spirit with all that visited. If you were a parent, they would take your messages or packages to your child without hesitation. It was never an inconvenience, but an honor, that they were able to help you, your member and the corps. The souvie booth has always been a place for alumni to gather and hang, and Allison and Taylor made it a welcoming place. They knew the value of the alumni and were always there to give an update or pass on a message.

Taylor and Allison would help everyone immediately feel welcome and part of the Crossmen family. They were always a warm, helpful, and uplifting presence on tour. Allison and Taylor would recognize people's accomplishments on and off the field, for instance, celebrating with a cake for someone's special event.

Taylor and Allison continue to support the Crossmen in any way they can, whether in a fundraiser or in Taylor's case as the co-host with Aaron Goldberg on the "CrossmenLive The Series" Staff Spotlight segment. Taylor was part of another co-creation in the winter of 2003-2004 along with Hall of Fame members Aaron Goldberg and Joe Kempf. The institution of the Dark Horse Social Tradition for Alumni.

Allison and Taylor love the Crossmen, and they showed up to work each summer wearing that love on their sleeves. The Corps, and those who were a part of it during that time, are better off for having had Taylor & Allison in their lives and in the Souvie Trailer as the face

of the Crossmen off the field.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Crossmen, the Crossmen Alumni Association, and the Crossmen Hall of Fame Committee are proud to induct into the Crossmen Hall of Fame Class of 2021... Taylor and Allison Jenkins. And Spike!