

  
**LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY**  
2024 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CIRCLE AWARD RECIPIENT



**Matthew Bulleri '06**

*(posthumously)*

**Key Grip**

Disney, Netflix, Sony, Paramount

Matthew Bulleri's 15-year career in the American filmmaking industry encompassed 75 productions, including notable projects such as "Yellowstone," "Mindhunter," "Scream 4," "Transformers" and "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," among many others. He worked with notable directors on

projects around the country as well as abroad in Korea, Japan and Morocco.

While studying film, video and media studies as an undergraduate student at La Roche University, Mr. Bulleri began his career by working on student films, short films and commercials. Having graduated Magna Cum Laude, his passion, drive and attitude quickly earned him job offers for network television and feature film projects. Mr. Bulleri found his filmmaking niche in the Grip Department, and he advanced to the head of the departments, a position called the Key Grip.

As Key Grip Mr. Bulleri had extensive experience in the American filmmaking process, particularly in the technical aspects of camera support, lighting design and specialized equipment. In his own words on an application for a work visa in South Korea, he explained, "My area of expertise includes the ability to engineer rigs that support a wide range of camera motion within the constraints of many variables that are presented on a shot-by-shot basis. These technically precise rigs maintain the highest regard for safety and time efficiency."

Mr. Bulleri loved teaching his craft to anyone who expressed interest in the Grip Department. On set he cultivated a unique brother and sisterhood atmosphere within his department. He emphasized the importance of completing tasks correctly, efficiently and with a fastidious eye for safety—all while keeping the sometimes grueling work fun.

Joe Grasso, a director of photography, described Mr. Bulleri as "the perfect spirit and contributor to have on a set, as an incredible confidant with a tireless work ethic and infectious positive energy."

Mr. Bulleri's legacy now lives on in his daughter, Stella. When she was born in 2020, Stella profoundly changed him. Stella provided unparalleled joy that served to balance his tireless work ethic.

