

Jeffrey C. Taylor

Founder and Chief Monster,

Monster Worldwide

Class of 1978



O.k., so, Jeffrey Taylor built Monster.com from just one person--himself-- to two thousand employees in twenty four countries. His company is one of the most uncorporate employee-respecting worker-empowering corporations in the world. His is perhaps the only profitable and expanding dotcom in business. Jeffrey has two patents and two more pending and he is, hands- down, the #1 innovator in online career management, a tool that has helped millions of people around the world find and change careers-- a tool that has revolutionized how people find work. Alright, that is all very impressive and distinguished career stuff, but did you know that he is also a guest deejay in several Boston clubs?

Did you also know that Jeffrey Taylor graduated in 1978 from Needham High School? When asked to reflect on his involvement at NHS, he honestly admits:

I wasn't very formally connected to the high school. I took the normal schedule of classes

...loving some teachers----and disliking others. My senior year (1978) our soccer team won the state championship without having any goals scored against us the whole season

... Don Brock rocks. ... We definitely had the jocks, the gear heads, and the flea bags and then like me ... the stuck-in-the-middles.

Given that, Jeffrey feels NHS provided a strong foundation for his college experience where he clearly was not a stuck-in-the-middle for long. After almost twenty years, Michael went back to UMass Amherst and finished the B.A. he put off to help millions of people find careers. He has also received two honorary degrees from Bloomfield College and Bentley College.

Jeffrey gives back, too. Most of the voluminous community service work he does is centered on helping those stuck-in-the-middles get a good start in their careers and their lives.. Right now he is renovating a 1954 tugboat to build a floating classroom. He is a Board and Trustee Member of the Wang Center for Performing Arts, particularly in connection with their Suskind Young at Arts organization that funds music programs for underprivileged kids in Boston. He is HUGELY involved with national and Massachusetts Chapters of Junior Achievement for which he has received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

On top of all that, Jeffrey is also a proud father of three and lives in Holliston with his wife Janet.

This is not the first time Jeffrey has come back to school with honors. He delivered his own commencement address at UMass Amherst. This is proof positive that anything is possible if, as Jeffrey advises, you show up for life!

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