

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

brought to you by



Wood-Mizer
from forest to final form®



JIMMY ROWLAND
BHS CLASS OF 2004
BATESVILLE, INDIANA



**ART CLASS
GAVE ME THE
FOUNDATION
AND
INSPIRATION
TO BECOME
WHO I AM
TODAY.**



Jimmy Rowland

Education and Training after BHS:

- I attended Ball State University for one year and realized a 4-year school was not for me.
- I learned many foundational skills through several online courses, learning photography, graphic design, and typography, and refining my art skills. Most of what I learned was self-taught or learned from online tutorials.

Career Summary:

- I worked many odd jobs from welding and construction to restaurants and customer service. None were the right fit, but all provided me with a rounded set of life skills and experiences. I started a job in Cincinnati as a vinyl installer and worked in that position for a few years. I then transferred departments and started working in the art department, designing vehicle wraps.
- Rowland Graphics started as a hobby in the spare bedroom of my home. Having a graphic design background, family, friends, and community members reached out to me for design and vinyl graphic needs. As they continued to reach out to me more and more, my hobby quickly grew into a part-time job. My wife encouraged me to take my passion to the next level, and Rowland Graphics was officially established in 2019. As we continue to grow, we remain focused on still being that small-town connection that provides graphic needs on a personal level. We may not be the biggest company out there, but we strive to always do our best.

ROWLAND (CONT.)

Community Involvement:

- BCEF Board member and sponsor
- BCEF Art on Main partner
- Batesville Area Arts Council sponsor
- BHS mentorship partner
- Artist-in-residence at BHS for the past several years.

Residence:

- I currently live in Batesville.

Family:

- Parents: Jim and Susie Rowland
- Sister: Crystal Simmons
- Wife: Cassie (East Central High School teacher)
- Children: James (Junior at BHS) and Landen and Carter (1st grade at BPS)



Activities while at BHS:

- Wrestling
- Football

Best education-related memories from BHS:

- Voted most artistic, Class of 2004
- Mrs. Focke and Mrs. McCabe were my art teachers at BHS whom I loved learning from. They were always supportive of me and encouraged me to pursue a career in art.

A personal quote about the importance of education:

- "Art education is very important in schools. For me, art class was not just as important, if not more important than the 'core classes.' It gave me the foundation and inspiration to become who I am today."

