

## MATT GILLET

Graduated from Geneseo High School: 1999.

Current position: Operations Manager touring with Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Circus – duties include advancing the show with future arenas, coordinating all the logistical aspects of moving the show from town to town, and working as the liaison between the show and the arena.

Secondary education: Graduated from Full Sail University, Winter Park, Fla., with an Associate of Science Degree in Touring.

What led you to this career: “As a freshman in high school (GHS), I was asked to run lights for the Fall Talent Show and I fell in love with live entertainment. I was directed to follow my passion and it has led me to where I am today.”

High school experience: “Started with running lights and sound for every show and event at the high school and eventually at the Richmond Hill Barn Theatre. I was involved with every play, musical, special event, and sporting events that needed any sort of technical element.”

Words of wisdom: “Never look back and regret the decisions you make. Stick to your passion and you will go as far as you want.”

Family: “Married in 2008 to a wonderful woman from Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, named Gleice Ribeiro de Souza Gillet...Gleice and I both have been traveling with Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Circus for 10 years. We both enjoy traveling together and seeing parts of the country we haven’t been to before. Parents, Chris and Carolyn Gillet, Geneseo, and one older brother, Brian Gillet, (1996 GHS graduate) lives in North Aurora.