

Trustee Bill Pullman H'11 recalls the time John Candy had his back

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Celebrating the 30th anniversary of “[Spaceballs](#),” director Mel Brooks’ spoof of “Star Wars” that has become a “cult classic,” according to the New York Times, Actor Bill Pullman who also happens to be an Alfred University trustee and recipient of an honorary degree in 2011 recalls legendary actor John Candy befriended him.

Making his movie debut, Pullman admits “I was a bit lost — maybe I had been a bit foggy since we started — consumed with a sense of panic that I had gotten in way over my head. These were comic actors who could effortlessly — and frequently — get rolling thunderclaps of laughs from the crew.”

Candy helped to put him at ease, something Pullman recalls gratefully three decades and many, many movies—later.

Pullman’s new series, “The Sinner,” had its premiere Aug. 2 on USA Network, and earned a favorable review from the [New York Times](#).