

'DWTS' Pro Mark Ballas and 'Idol' Alum Pia Toscano Split



The party is over for Mark Ballas and Pia Toscano. After a long heartfelt talk, the singer and the ballroom dancer have decided to call it quits. According to [People](#), the split was a mutual decision. "They both decided with everything going on that they couldn't give each other what would be fair," said a source close to the former couple. Though the relationship is over, Ballas and Toscano are both experiencing great career success. Ballas is rehearsing for the next season of *Dancing with the Stars* and Toscano is finishing up a successful *American Idol* tour.

How do you keep career demands from ruining your relationship?

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With the right person and the right attitude, you can be successful in both love and your career. Here's how:

1. Be understanding: Everyone wants to get ahead at work. If your partner cancels a date with you because they have to stay late at the office, don't give them a hard time about it. You will want them to do the same when you get caught up at work.

2. Be willing to say no: If you've been planning something big like an anniversary trip with your partner and something comes up at work on that date, you may need to put your foot down and kindly say that they need to pick a different date or get someone else. If you pull this off in the right way, it can also make you look more assertive and more of a leader at work, which can help your career.

3. Show your support: If you know your partner spent a long

night at work, take the initiative to get things done around the house so they can finally relax when they get home.

Would you be able to date someone who works long hours at work? Share your experiences below.