

# 'American Idol' Cast-off MK Nobilette Hopes to "Be a Good Role Model" for the LGBT Community



By Louisa

Gonzales

MK Nobilette made headlines early on during this season of *American Idol* when she became the first openly gay contestant. Of the attention on her sexual orientation instead of her singing skills, she says, "I was definitely a little taken aback at first, but I get that it plays a role. I'm a singer, and I'm also gay. I felt like it was important to address that. I'm very proud of it and open about it."

Although her time on the show has ended, she's hopeful that she can continue to be a source of inspiration for other members of the LGBT community. "I want to be a good role model for other queer people who are afraid to come out or think they can't do something as big as *American Idol*. I really hope I influence a lot of people."

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One person who she's certainly inspired is her girlfriend Casey Ellis, who is also a singer. "It was great to have her on my side for all of this. It was really great," the California native said of her partner who she calls "wife" on her Twitter profile.

For same-sex couples struggling to find their place in the world, Nobilette encourages them to talk to their loved ones. "And just be proud of yourself. Remind yourself that, no matter what happens, you still have you, and that's the most important thing."

So what's next for the singer? First, she'll be going home to San Francisco to spend time with her family and friends before heading out on the *American Idol* summer tour with the other top 10 contestants. There's no doubt she'll be taking her newfound gumption with her on the road: "Before *American Idol*, I was still a performer and a singer, but I never thought that being a musician was an achievable goal for myself as a career. I think, through this process, I realized that's the only thing that I want to do. I'm definitely going to make that happen."

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For the remaining contestants battling for that number one spot, she has this piece of advice – something that she learned from judge Harry Connick Jr. "Just really sell

yourself," she says. "Live every performance like it's your last and really make sure that you want to be there, exactly like Harry said. Prove to the judges that you deserve to be on that stage."

*You can catch Nobilette on the American Idol tour this summer. In the meantime, keep up with her on Twitter @Mknobilette.*

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## **'Bachelor' Stars and Celebrity Couple Juan Pablo Galavis and Nikki Ferrell Attend Wedding**





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*The Bachelor* stars Juan Pablo Galavis and Nikki Ferrell may not be ready to get hitched themselves, but that doesn't mean they can't celebrate their friends' big day! The celebrity couple recently attended a wedding in Dominican Republic. According to [People.com](https://www.people.com), Ferrell, 27, posted a picture of the twosome on Sunday, standing in front a spectacular view of where the wedding festivities took place. The reality TV stars were first introduced on *The Bachelor* season 18 and have been together since the former Venezuelan soccer player presented Ferrell with his final rose on the finale episode, which aired on March 10th. Sources say that the [celebrity couple](#) is happy that they don't have to hide their relationship and love anymore, even though Galavis is hesitant to commit to his new girlfriend.

**This celebrity couple loved celebrating their friends' big day.**

# What are some ways to get wedding ideas from someone else's festivities?

## Cupid's Advice:

It's no secret that planning a wedding can be stressful! There is nothing wrong with asking for help from others, whether it be from your mom, your bridesmaids, or a wedding planner. Consider this love advice and get ideas from your pals' ceremonies:

**1. Just ask:** If you attend a ceremony or reception that you really like, casually mention your feelings to the bride to ease her into revealing her wedding secrets. It never hurts to ask!

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**2. See what worked and what didn't:** Every wedding has some mishaps along the way, no matter how perfectly it's planned. Pay close attention to the details that worked as well as those that didn't. You may be able to learn a thing or two before you begin planning your own celebration!

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**3. Focus on what you want:** Remember that you don't have to like everything about someone else's special day. Attend these events with a critical eye and make note of what you would do differently. Ultimately, you want your wedding day to be memorable for you and your partner.

**Did you get wedding ideas by attending someone else's special day? Share in the comments below.**

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# 'American Idol' Contestant Ben Briley Sings to Better His Family's Future



By Liz Kim

Ben Briley quickly became a fan favorite on *American Idol* this season during rush week when the judges couldn't decide between him and Neco Starr to advance to the top 13. They put the decision in America's hands, and Briley was voted to move forward. From his southern drawl to his love for everything Tennessee, he might seem like the token country singer, but one look at the 24-year-old's YouTube channel, and you'll quickly learn that he enjoys music ranging from John Mayer to James Taylor.



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The contestant admitted that he never even intended on auditioning for the show. “The entire reason I tried out was so I could be a supportive father and husband,” he shared. “Being on the show and being married is definitely tough. I don’t know too many newlyweds that have spent their first year of marriage like this.” The bright side of getting eliminated before the top 10, though, is that he won’t have to go on the *American Idol* summer tour, which would keep him away from his wife Courtney even longer.

Before each performance on Wednesday, the contestants all did impressions of each other and almost every impression of Briley was about his two loves: Tennessee and Courtney. With a wife as supportive as she is, it isn’t surprising that he loves out loud. “The only week she wasn’t in Los Angeles was last week, but she’s been here every other week supporting me and making sure I stay focused,” he said. “She would tell me that she doesn’t want to distract me and wants to make sure I get votes. She’s definitely my biggest fan and my biggest supporter.”

This week, he sang Elton John’s “Bennie and the Jets,” a song that he picked “to show my diversity and to show that I can do something else beside country music. I also wanted to break out the piano and show that I could play because I hadn’t done that yet. It wasn’t a permanent change to who I am as an artist; it was more about showing something different.”

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The judges, however, were confused and felt he lacked a connection to it. While Briley didn’t like what they had to say after his performance, he tried not to take it personally. “Their words did sting,” he admitted. “For one contestant, they’ll say, ‘You’re consistent, but you need to change it

up.' To another person, they'll say, 'You need to stay in your lane and not venture out,' but when someone finally does take a risk and a step forward and tries to be different, it gets shot down on national television."

Briley is looking forward to returning home to his friends and family, eating some Tennessee pizza, and continuing to work on music career. "This is the definitely not the last you'll see of me, and nobody works harder than me. I'm not in it for the money or the fame. I'm in it to be a good father and provide for my family."

*You can keep up with Ben on his [www.facebook.com/ben.briley](http://www.facebook.com/ben.briley) and on Twitter @BenBriley. American Idol is on Wednesdays and Thursdays on FOX.*

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## **'The Bachelor' Star Juan Pablo Galavis Responds to Backlash By Posting Selfie with Nikki**







By Sanetra

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The leading man of *The Bachelor* season 18 Juan Pablo Galavis can't seem to catch a break! The reality TV star recently posted a photo with winner Nikki Ferrell, and the caption read, "We are FREE @nikki\_ferrell..." after the reunion show. The response to this declaration about his relationship and love wasn't kind, but Galavis isn't going to let it bother him. According to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com), the 32-year-old former soccer player later shared the quote, "Throw me to the wolves, and I'll come back leading the pack."

***The Bachelor* star Juan Pablo Galavis received some mean comments on his Instagram post. How do you keep outside influences from affecting your relationship and**

# Love Life?

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## **Cupid's Advice:**

Outsiders aren't always your best friends. They will nitpick and find every single way to taint the connection between you and your partner. Consider this relationship advice from Cupid:

**1. Maintain a sense of mystery:** Nowadays, many couples share their most intimate moments to complete strangers without even realizing it. From happy times to the occasional arguments, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram make it easy to reveal all. Instead, keep your feelings to yourself and let others think what they want about your relationship and love.

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**2. Focus on the positives:** You may feel the urge to air your dirty laundry to family and friends, but be careful. Yes, it can be pretty tempting to vent about something your partner did or didn't do, but if you continuously tell your loved ones the negatives, they'll soon forget the positives. Remember to highlight the good times as well as the bad times.

**What are some ways to keep the public out of your relationship and love life? Share your suggestions below.**

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## **Our Relationship Taglines for**

# the Ladies of 'Real Housewives of New York'



By Brittany Stubbs

Some of our favorite ladies are back in season 6 of Bravo's popular show *The Real Housewives of New York City*, which premieres tonight! Returning to the small screen are Aviva Drescher, Carole Radziwill, Ramona Singer, Sonja Morgan, and Heather Thomson, joined by the newest housewife Kristen Taekman, a model and businesswoman.

The series follows these six women as they manage their hectic social calendars, careers, children, and love lives in the Big Apple. Outside of relaxing in the Hamptons and surviving the occasional catfight, if there's one thing these women know, it's relationships. From married to widowed to divorced and

dating with kids, CupidsPulse.com thought it'd be fun to explore their diverse relationships. While the ladies each have their own witty taglines that describe their personalities in the show's intro, we couldn't help but think they deserved ones for their love lives too. If these women had relationship taglines, here's what they'd be:

**Aviva Drescher – You Can Find Love When You Least Expect It:**

The way that this housewife met The One goes to show that you never know where you're going to find your soulmate. The couple had a chance meeting at Bed Bath & Beyond. Drescher, a single mother at the time, and now-husband Reid, a Wall Street investment banker, began talking as their young children played together in the aisles.

It was only a matter of time after that shopping trip that the two got married and began growing their family together. While the blonde beauty has an impressive education, including a Bachelors of Arts from Vassar College, a Masters degree in French from New York University, and a JD from The Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, she devotes her time to her husband and taking care of their four children.

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**Carole Radziwill – Love Stories Can Be Epic, No Matter Their**

**Length:** Before Radziwill took on the titles of best-selling author, award-winning journalist, and Princess, she was just a girl from Suffern, New York, pursuing her dreams of writing. Working with ABC News, she was assigned to all kinds of stories that kept her traveling and writing around the world. One day, she was sent to work on a story that Anthony Radziwill was producing. While Anthony was as passionate about news as Carole, there was something that made them different: He had a royal lineage going back four hundred years. Lucky for her, this real-life prince soon became her Prince Charming.

The couple fell in love quickly, passionate about their careers and each other. In 1994, the two were happily married, unaware they were living anything but a fairytale. Tragically, Anthony was diagnosed with cancer and passed away on August 10, 1999. Through her pain, the reality star began to write about the devastating battle of cancer and loss of her husband, eventually leading to her first book *What Remains: A Memoir of Fate, Friendship, and Love*. The memoir spent over 20 weeks on *The New York Times* Bestseller List and was nominated for the “Books for a Better Life” award.

Radziwill split from her rocker boyfriend Russ Irwin who we met during Season 5, but she continues to date. We might even get a look at her latest love interest this season!

**Ramona Singer – Leaving is Sometimes Easier Said Than Done:** Singer, best known for her go-getter attitude and opinionated speech, is suffering from what is one of the most devastating issues in a relationship: infidelity. After being married to Mario for over two decades, she discovered that her husband was unfaithful. It was reported that he had been having an affair with a younger woman named Kasey Dexter for eight months. As if that’s not heartbreaking enough, the housewife had to witness the affair first-hand when she walked in on them in the Singer’s Hamptons home. The encounter led to Ramona calling 911 for a domestic dispute.

Although Singer has filed for divorce, it remains unclear if the couple will go through with it or not. Just weeks after separating, the couple was spotted on a date together at Bowlmor Lanes in New York City. Although the reality star has always preached the importance of being independent and able to provide for herself, completely moving on from a marriage of 25 years – despite her husband’s betrayal – might be tougher than she thinks.

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**Sonja Morgan – When It Comes to Love, Age Is Nothing But a Number:** Morgan has always been open about her love for men of all ages...and rarely are these men her own age. The housewife was married to John A. Morgan for ten years. Not only are many fans surprised to discover that he proposed after the first date but also that he was 33 years older than her.

The couple's divorce was finalized in 2008, and since then, Morgan hasn't given up on her search for true love. In the season 6 teaser, she says, "I'm going below 30 years old," in regards to some of the men she's been seeing. Fellow *RHONY* cast member Heather Thomson claims, "Sonja has as many men as she has interns...and some of them are the same age."

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**Heather Thomson – You Can Be the Wife AND the Boss:** Thomson is married to Jonathen Schindler, and unlike many women, Thomson decided to keep her own name after she got married. While the happy couple have two children together, wife and mother are only part of this housewife's description: She's also the creator of "Yummie by Heather Thomson," the popular and innovative shapewear line. Plus, she's designed for and styled some of the biggest names in entertainment, including Jennifer Lopez, Beyoncé, Tina Knowles, and Sean "Diddy" Combs. She was the founding Design Director for his Sean John line and is credited as a major force behind multiple CFDA award nominations.

Although this season reveals that some women refer to Thomson's powerful presence as bossy, her husband shows that men do like women who take charge and are not intimidated by their success.

**Kristin Taekman – Relationships Are a Balancing Act:** Taekman is the newest member of the gang. She's been married to her husband Josh for a decade, and they have two beautiful children together. The couple met and fell in love in NYC, and

Josh ended up proposing on Kristin's favorite holiday, Halloween, in Central Park. While she loves being a wife and mother, she's trying to balance her family life with her modeling career – a challenge that many married career women understand!

**Can you relate to any of these women's love lives? Share with us what your relationship tagline would be and why!**

*To see more of these ladies and their relationships, tune into The Real Housewives of New York premiere tonight at 9/8c on Bravo!*

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## **'The Bachelorette' Contestant and Hopeless Romantic Chris Bukowski Wants His "Fairytale Ending"**







Interview by

[Whitney Johnson](#). Written by Liz Kim.

*The Bachelorette* season 8 contestant Chris Bukowski might seem like he has everything – great looks, a booming restaurant, and the kind of job that allows him to travel all over the country – but he admits that there’s still something missing in his life. “I’m the most single person in America,” he laments. Hailing from Chicago, Illinois, the reality TV star boasts a pretty impressive resume, including senior sales executive for the New York Islanders, V.I.P. Concierge at the Wynn Las Vegas, and currently owner of The Bracket Room in Arlington, Virginia (with plans to open future locations). But at the end of the day, he misses the magic of a *real* first date with someone special.

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**Reality TV Star Talks About**

# Experiences on *The Bachelorette* and *Bachelor Pad*

Fans first got to know Bukowski when he was cast on Emily Maynard's season of [The Bachelorette](#). He initially didn't have any interest in the show. "One of my friends I grew up with in Chicago wrote a letter to ABC about why I should be the next *Bachelor*. And you know how it works – you pretty much have to be on *The Bachelorette* in order to be the star of *The Bachelor*," he explains. He got some emails from ABC casting but brushed it off as a prank.

A change of jobs brought him back to Chicago, and he decided to take a chance and audition at a casting call by his condo. Ultimately, it was Maynard's photo that convinced him to give it a shot. "I never watched the show before, so I didn't really know what I was getting myself into. Once they showed me who the girl might be, though, I thought she was right up my alley," the reality TV star says. "Physically, Emily was really hot! I decided then that, if they cast me, I would do it."

Bukowski didn't expect to fall for Maynard as hard as he did, but as their relationship and love progressed from week to week, he quickly became a fan favorite. After making it to the final four, fans were shocked when Maynard let him go, especially because she couldn't give him a reason as to why he wasn't getting a rose. "After *The Bachelorette*, I left my job. I was alone in my thoughts, and I was a little heartbroken," he candidly shares.

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Instead of wallowing for too long, he agreed to compete on *Bachelor Pad*, a show that featured contestants from *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* who play for a cash prize.

“It was an outlet where I could go to escape, just have some fun, and maybe win some money,” he reveals. “I did it for the experience, and I’m glad I did.”

While he didn’t win the big prize, the handsome Chicago native left quite a different impression on fans than he did during his time on *The Bachelorette*. Previously, viewers knew him as a hopeless romantic who just wanted to find a relationship and love, but on *The Bachelor Pad*, he hooked up with multiple castmates (he attributes this to crafty editing), lied, and exuded a cockiness that turned off a lot of people. Bukowski defends his behavior as a necessary tactic to win the game. “They are two completely different shows,” he explains. “One is a show where you’re putting yourself out there to potentially fall in love and find a wife. The other is a game show. It’s funny because they made me seem so terrible, and I really wasn’t that bad.”

He also shares that his motivations were different than those of his competitors. “I’m very competitive, and no one else on the show had that mindset,” he admits. “I wasn’t sure what they were concerned about. I wasn’t into falling in love with anybody, and I just wanted to have fun.” No matter how he was portrayed, he says that he had the most fun out of anyone in the house and felt that he left a winner.

## **Chris Bukowski on Finding a Relationship and Love in the Real World**

While the restaurant owner is thankful for his time on reality TV, he also believes that this exposure is keeping him from meeting the right person. “I would say I’m definitely looking to settle down,” he divulges. “It’s just tough. People learned a lot about me really quickly because I was on the shows. So when I go out with a girl, they already know about me, and it

kind of takes away from the whole first date experience and getting to know somebody.”

Simply put, “it really does suck. To be honest, I would say my dating life is almost zero right now.”

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He also admits that the hopeless romantic who fans met on *The Bachelorette* is his true self. He dreams of meeting his future wife by chance at the airport and admits that this desire is fueled by his love for chick flicks. He adds, “I love the fairytale endings. Sure, these things only happen in the movies, but you still get that little hope that it can happen in real life too.”

Ever the foodie, it’s no surprise that Bukowski’s perfect date idea is a nice lunch, an even better dinner, and fine wine. “I may not seem like it, but I’m a really laid-back person,” he says. “I’m happy with enjoying great food, catching a movie, or just hanging out at my place.”

While it remains to be seen if Bukowski will be a future *Bachelor*, he has some opinions about the current leading man, Juan Pablo Galavis. Although he’s picking Nikki Ferrell as his favorite to win, “it seems like Juan Pablo is definitely having fun, but I’m not convinced that any of those girls are going to be his future wife,” he shares. “I think he’s using the show as a way to enjoy himself and probably get himself out in the public eye.”

*You can keep up with Bracket Room on the website <http://www.bracketroom.com/>. You can also keep up with Chris on Twitter @chrisjbukowski. Be sure to tune in to The Bachelor finale tonight on ABC at 8/7c.*

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# 'American Idol' Contestant Emily Piriz Says, "I Couldn't Ask for a Better Boyfriend"



By Liz Kim.

Emily Piriz may be done on the *American Idol* stage, but she believes this is only the beginning of her music career. The 18-year-old is no stranger to reality television, having auditioned for *The X-Factor*, *America's Got Talent*, and *The Voice* before finally making it through on *Idol*. She made the brave decision to sing Jennifer Lopez's "Let's Get Loud" this week, a song that she used "to sing along to, hairbrush in

hand." Of her final performance, she says, "I don't regret doing it. That song is home to me."

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While Lopez and Keith Urban applauded her energy, Harry Connick Jr. felt her vocals were overpowered by the band and that she lost a little bit of control. Although harsh, she appreciates the criticism. "I like when people tell me what I need to work on. You don't improve if you only get positive feedback." The judges also told her to be confident and this piece of advice, the singer believes, is what will stay with her long after the show ends.

Piriz and her fans were moved by a surprise video message from her boyfriend Matthew Walesch of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines Fox Company. She admits she was a little shaken. "I had no idea they were going to show that video," she shares. "It was kind of hard to sing afterwards. It was hard to see him because I missed him and hadn't seen him in a long time. But I sucked it up and tried to use that emotion in my performance."

When asked about her relationship, the contestant thanked Walesch for always standing by her side. "Before *American Idol*, he would go to shows and open mics with me. And likewise, I supported him joining the Marines. He's been with me since day one, and I couldn't ask for a better boyfriend."

Their relationship may be long-distance, but she believes that love is possible even if you aren't physically near each other. Her advice for other couples in similar situations is "just trust each other and keep it free. Don't suffocate each other." She adds, "Matt and I have a great relationship because we love each other and trust each other and don't constantly keep up on the other person. We support each other. You just have to be happy with each other, no matter what

you're doing."

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Moving forward, the performer plans on finishing high school and then moving to California to continue her music career. She already has plans for her first album too: "I definitely see a pop/rock kind of vibe; I want some funky songs on there that have a little edge to them. I also want to be behind the piano and do some softer songs."

For others hoping to make it the music industry, Piriz thinks that dedication is the key to pursuing your dreams. She's been auditioning since the age of 13 and dealt with years of rejection. "Don't take no for an answer," she says. "I was told no a lot, but I never gave up, and look at me now! It's going to be hard at first, but you have to keep practicing and keep going and just believe in yourself."

*Keep up with Piriz on [www.facebook.com/emilypirizmusic](http://www.facebook.com/emilypirizmusic). American Idol is on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8/7 c on FOX.*

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## **JWoww Says Her Baby is 'So Dramatic' Already**







By Sanetra

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JWoww could possibly be carrying a little drama princess in the making. The former *Jersey Shore* star Jenni 'JWoww' Farley and her fiancé Roger Mathews are expecting their first child. Farley posted a sonogram picture of their baby girl on Monday, with the title "My Baby Is So Dramatic Already." In the caption, she said "OMG! How adorable is this new ultrasound picture of my baby with her hand on her head being overdramatic!??? OBSESSED with her!!!" According to an [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) interview, Farley shared her feeling of finding out the baby's gender, saying she was "super excited and super emotional." She went along to say, "She will be my best friend and daddy's little girl." "I can't wait for everything from her first steps to her first dance class."

**What are some ways to prepare your relationship for a child?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

You are at that point in your relationship where having a child is or will be the next step. However, it is vital you and your partner know what is tied to a baby. Here are ways to

brace your relationship for this life changing event:

**1. Acknowledge:** You must come to terms with knowing nothing will ever be the same. You must take on the full-time role as a provider and nurturer. Those spontaneous dates or something as simple as having bed space might even disappear for a little while. Also, take into mind that you and your partner are forever joined by the child, not just for 18 years.

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**2. Finances:** As we know, taking care of baby is far from inexpensive. Limit your nonessential spending habits. You and your partner may find that minimizing certain activities will reduce the headache as you all begin to baby shop.

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**3. Mental preparation:** There will be some definite changes made in your lifestyle, especially in the first months. Expect to suffer from lack of sleep and idle time – it is all a part of parenthood! Be sure to thoroughly communicate with your partner and maintain affection, this could lead to fewer disputes.

**How would you prepare your relationship for a child? Share your thoughts below.**

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# 'American Idol' Contestant

# Kristen O'Connor: My Boyfriend "Never Held Me Back from Pursuing My Dream"



Interview by [Whitney Johnson](#). Written by Liz Kim.

This week, *American Idol* decided to let the audience get a better sense of the thirteen finalists by giving the singers free rein in terms of song choice. Kristen O'Connor, a 24-year old nurse tech, chose Kelly Clarkson's "Beautiful Disaster." On Wednesday night's show, she explained, "This song is typically about a boy, but I interpreted this song to be about me." Judges Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban, and Harry Connick Jr. gave generally positive – but slightly underwhelmed – feedback.

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O'Connor, along with M.K. Nobilette and Malaya Watson, was in the bottom three, and she admits that, while she was disappointed to be eliminated, she wasn't shocked. Competing against highly talented singers requires that each and every performance be the best that it can be. "It's unpredictable at this point – who America loves will change from week to week. It was important for me to go out with my head held high and on a good note. I wanted to leave in a way that I could be proud of."

Although she may not have gotten rave reviews for her last performance, O'Connor remains upbeat and confident. "One of my strengths, I think, is that I have a really strong voice. Chris Daughtry said my voice was his favorite, and Randy Jackson said I gave him chills. I've gotten a lot of really awesome compliments."

It's this confidence that has driven the Florida native to sing ever since she was a child. "My experiences growing up definitely prepared me for the competition. I learned everything I know about music from singing in church. I was a music major during my first year of college too."

She's also lucky enough to have unwavering love from her family, friends, and longtime boyfriend Renny Whidden. Speaking about Whidden, she thanked him for supporting her throughout her journey. "He never held me back from pursuing my dreams. He is so understanding and gets how important this is to me." She credits trust with being the major quality that helps them maintain a long distance relationship.

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She may not have won the competition, but O'Connor is leaving *American Idol* with new friends. "Before the show even started, Malaya and I were talking, and we thought it would be the two

of us in the bottom. We both struggled with the song choices we made. We were just kind of holding on to each other, saying, 'No matter what happens, we're going to stay friends'."

The aspiring singer has no plans to give up her dreams of having a career in music – but she does have a practical backup plan for her future. She recently graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in nursing. "I'm very self-sufficient and have worked very hard for everything I have. I knew that I had to get a degree in something that would give me security," she shared.

She also said that one of the perks of nursing, besides helping others, is that it gives her enough time to keep singing. As for what sort of album she hopes to make, "I see myself as an R&B/pop/soulful singer. I love sultry music."

*You can follow O'Connor on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram. American Idol is on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8/7 c on FOX.*

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## **'Bachelor Pad' Stars Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke Are Back Together**





By Louisa

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Looks like former *Bachelor Pad* stars, Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke have reunited and couldn't be happier. The couple first met and got together on the show after being runner-ups on *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*, respectively, but broke up last year. Now fast-forward to now the reality stars have rekindled their flames, and according to [People](#), have been back on "for several months now". What helped the two stars reconnect? Reportedly being out of the public eye has benefited their relationship and allowed the lovers to focus on the future. The pair's latest romantic outing was on Valentine's Day, out of the spotlight at Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego, where Locke surprised Molzahn with a gondola ride and together they oversaw the sunrise and rising of the moon. The T.V. sweethearts are excited for their second chance and Molzahn confesses marriage could be on the horizon for the two lovebirds.

**What are some things to consider before getting back together with an ex?**

**Cupid's Advice:**



Relationship don't always work out, sometimes it's for the best and other times things get in the way. Being alone can be hard and make you wish you were in a relationship, but it's not always easy finding someone right for you. What if you think you already met the person you want to be with, but it didn't work out the first time? Cupid has advice on things to consider before reuniting with your ex:

**1. It's more than just loneliness:** Do you really miss your ex, or are you just scared of being alone? If the only reason you want to reunite is because your lonely, that is not a good enough reason to get back together and build a chance at a long-lasting relationship. Don't make the mistake of getting back together with someone for the wrong reasons, it will only hurt your relationship with that person, especially if the two of you are still friends or close.

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**2. There's a bright future:** You need to ask yourself if you see a future with your old flame. Falling in love all over again is nice, deciding you just one last hook up is not, unless it is what you both want. Remember, no matter what you decide there's a chance one or both of you will get hurt. If there is potential for you and your ex to build a long and happy future together, by all means dive in, but make sure it's clear on both sides and that you're on the same page.

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**3. It's not just a rebound:** If you just got out of a relationship and are feeling sad about it, you might need more time to heal before jumping back into a relationship with someone, especially if it's with your ex. Diving right into another relationship after a break up is not always healthy, however if the reason you broke up is because you still have a strong connection with your ex lover, it could be good to give



it another shot. Ask yourself is it more than just your ex being a good friend to you, by giving you a shoulder to cry on. Don't rekindle something that's not all the way there.

What do you think are good things to consider before getting back together with an ex? Share in the comments below.

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## 'Bachelorette' Alum DeAnna Pappas Welcomes a Baby Girl



By Louisa

Gonzales

Congratulations to the happy couple, 'Bachelorette' alum DeAnna Pappas and her hubby, Stephen Stagliano for the birth

of their first child together! According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the news of their baby girl being brought into the world was announced to the world via Twitter on Saturday, February 8th. Proud papa, Stagliano, was delighted in the welcoming of their daughter to the world, expressing in his tweet how he now has “two loves in his life!”. He also thanked all his fans for all the support and love. Pappas, 32, showed her gratitude also and retweeted the message.

**What are some ways you can support your partner through pregnancy?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Pregnancy is one of the many wonders of this world and is a special time for a couple to experience. Finding out you're pregnant can be exciting, exhilarating, and nerve-wracking. For a lot of couples, it's the start of a new chapter. Cupid has advice on ways you can support your partner through pregnancy:

**1. Go with your partner to prenatal doctor appointments:** Both you and your partner are soon to be parents, even though only the mother is carrying the child. Show your support and let them know you are in it together, by going with your lover to their prenatal doctor visits and check ups. Experiencing pregnancy things such as finding out the baby's gender, listening to their heartbeat can be a great memory to share as a couple as well as a family. Going to the doctor's can be scary and stressful, being able to hold your lover's hand and show your love is helpful to both the mother's and the baby's health as it can help keep her calm, happy and stress-free.

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**2. Attend birthing classes and do research together:** Signing up and going to pregnancy related classes together shows your

lovebird you care and that you'll be there throughout the entire process. Many changes come with being pregnant and being prepared can help with transitioning into this new chapter of your lives. This means reading and researching on what being pregnant means, what you should do to be ready and how to make it as smooth sailings as possible. It's good to do things as a couple still because it shows the other you love them and they're not alone.

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**3. Make sure the mother to be is as healthy as she can be:** This means eating right, exercising, and keeping her away from anything that can be harmful to both her and the baby. This includes things like stress, which can weaken the immune system. Keeping the mother happy can keep her healthy and the baby. Help her stay healthy by doing it together. For example, both of you can change your diets and exercise together, you doing it too will make it easier for the expectant mother. Also, make sure your honey gets enough sleep and stays away from harmful substances such as alcohol. If you want your baby to be born healthy you both have to put in the effort.

**What do you think are good ways to show support towards your lover during pregnancy? Share your tips below.**

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**Celebrity Video Interview:  
‘Millionaire Matchmaker’ Star  
Patti Stanger on How a**

# Relationship and Love Changed Her: “I’m Much More Relaxed”



Interview by [Lori Bizzoco](#). Video by Damian Kolodiy.  
This past Saturday, CupidsPulse.com Executive Editor Lori Bizzoco and *Millionaire Matchmaker* reality TV star Patti Stanger caught up at Match.com’s Singles in America 2014 event where Stanger moderated a panel discussion with four sex and dating experts, including Celebrity Blogger Perez Hilton, Leading Sex Expert Dr. Emily Morse, *Cosmopolitan’s* Sex and Relationship Editor Anna Breslaw, and Chief Scientific Advisor for Match.com Dr. Helen Fisher. Prior to the event, we had the opportunity to sit down with the matchmaker, and in our celebrity video interview, we chat with her about online dating, her own personal love story, and her best dating advice for meeting The One.

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## **Celebrity Video Interview with Patti Stanger**

“I love Match.com! I’m the girl who dates online,” the reality TV star candidly shares. “This is the way to meet singles. 18 or 80, it doesn’t matter. We just need the tools and the ammunition to do it.”

As for how finding love with fiancé David Krause has changed her? “I’m much more relaxed. I love nesting; I love staying home.”

Watch our celebrity video interview above for more information.

*Tune in for The Millionaire Matchmaker on Bravo on Thursdays at 9/8c, and check out Stanger’s line of jewelry at Shop by Bravo!*

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## **Exclusive Celebrity Interview: ‘The Bachelorette’ Star Desiree Hartsock Says**

# Confidence is Key to Finding Mr. Right



Interview by

[Whitney Johnson](#). Written by Elizabeth Kim.

Fans were overjoyed when Desiree Hartsock, who finished as fourth runner-up on Sean Lowe's season of *The Bachelor*, was named the next *Bachelorette*. The bubbly brunette captured our hearts even more as we watched her search for true love. It was a gift from Chris Siegfried – a journal filled with a heartfelt message to her and poetry he had written – that ultimately convinced her that she had found Mr. Right. Following his moving proposal in Antigua, the couple moved in together in Seattle, Washington, and are enjoying life since their celebrity engagement.

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## Reality TV Star Discusses Life Since *The Bachelorette*

In our exclusive celebrity interview, the reality TV star happily admits that there haven't been any rude awakenings and attributes their success so far to good communication. "From our time getting to know each other on the show as well as seeing each other while the show was airing, we had a great idea of what it would be like living together," she explains. "We work well together because we already disclosed all of our little quirks."

They're also lucky enough to live close to *Bachelor* alums Jason and Molly Mesnick. "They have been so great to us, and it's nice to share a common bond," she says of the celebrity couple. "We'll get together with them whenever possible for dinner or even just to hang at their house with Riley, their adorable baby girl."

Although Hartsock may be best known for her role on *The Bachelorette*, she's also an accomplished designer. While working toward a degree in fashion design, she fell in love with the bridal industry and eventually worked as a stylist in various bridal salons. She also worked for a plus-size women's contemporary brand that gave her the experience and appreciation of designing clothes that flattered all shapes. She even designed and created the dress she wore to fellow *Bachelor* stars Lowe and Catherine Giudici's wedding.

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After devoting so much of her life to the bridal industry, some may think that Hartsock feels pressured to have the ultimate celebrity wedding. But true to her easygoing nature, she isn't stressing over every detail. With an engagement



party coming up in a few weeks, the famous couple are in the beginning stages of planning their nuptials. “We are working on setting a date,” she shares in our exclusive celebrity interview. And lucky for fans, she adds, “We’re open to having it televised and still planning for the fall.” As if the prospect of a televised wedding wasn’t daunting enough, she also plans to design both her wedding *and* reception dresses.

The former *Bachelorette* is working with award-winning designer Maggie Sottero to help her visions come to life. “I have worked with many designers in the past and found that Maggie Sottero is the most sought-after designer because of the company’s commitment to ensuring a bride’s happiness as well as providing the best fit possible.” She coyly adds that, while she doesn’t want to give too many details away, one thing is for sure: “Both dresses will reflect my personality in different ways. I love to dance and be comfortable, so my reception gown will cater to that, while the ceremony gown will be more romantic.”

## Desiree Hartsock Gives Love Advice

Given her reality TV past, she knows what Juan Pablo Galavis, who competed for Hartsock’s heart, and the current season’s *Bachelor* hopefuls are experiencing. Of the remaining ladies, she says, “There is definitely chemistry with Nikki, Andi, and Renee as well as with Clare. I don’t like to choose favorites, but I do like Renee’s demeanor and personality.” No matter who Galavis picks, Hartsock advises the women to focus on their potential future with Galavis rather than worry about the other girls.

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It certainly takes a level of self-assurance to be vulnerable in front of millions of viewers, but Hartsock believes that confidence is key to finding love on *or* off the screen. “My love advice is to know your self-worth and what you deserve,

to be confident in who you are, to let him pursue you, to be independent and not desperate, and to be yourself.”

With such a dismal track record, past stars of *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* may also want to heed the designer’s advice for dealing with broken hearts. “The way that I have always gotten over break-ups is knowing that things happen for a reason, and no matter the circumstance, there is always something more or better to come,” she says. “Although it can be really tough to do, it’s important to hold on to the hope that there is someone out there who will be everything you deserve and more and to not dwell in the hurt or past, but keep pushing forward with each new day.”

*To learn more about Desiree visit her website, [www.desireehartsock.com/](http://www.desireehartsock.com/). The Bachelor airs on Monday nights on ABC at 8 p.m. ET!*

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## Can You Really Find Love on ‘The Bachelor’?





By [Marni Battista](#)

The reason for our culture's collective obsession with *The Bachelor* franchise is obvious. What single, soul mate-seeking dater wouldn't dream of being presented with 25 gorgeous single men or women and a period of 6 weeks to strategically whittle down that group to a proposal at the end? The all-expenses-paid fairytale dates, exotic destinations, and expensive sports cars probably don't hurt either.

**The conducive environment of 'The Bachelor' makes finding relationships and love seem like a breeze. But the real question is, are the happy celebrity couples really as in love as they look?**

But underneath the fluffy fanfare that leaves us hopeless romantics watching at home with hearts a-fluttering, at the show's core is a promise of two people finding everlasting

relationships and love. After all, the show has resulted in a few happy marriages, with last month's nuptials of happy celebrity couple Sean Lowe and Catherine Giudici from *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* Season 1 couple Trista and Ryan Sutter's ten-year vow renewal.

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However, in an environment so unrealistic and clouded with so many distracting factors, I can't be convinced *The Bachelor* process is conducive to building the foundation for lasting relationships and love. Do I think it's possible to fall in love on the show? Taking into account the myriad of other ways couples meet these days, sure. Still, I think the success stories are the exception rather than the rule, and here's why:

**1. The Isolation:** Before they even meet the star of the season, the 25 contestants who make it through the arduous casting process are then sequestered in a Los Angeles mansion for the remainder of the process. At the beginning of any relationship, I advise daters to make space in their schedule to reflect and allow true feelings to come to the surface. With no escape from this microcosm and no contact with anyone other than the bachelor, crew, and other contestants to distract you, it's easy for the show to become your world, distorting your judgment and emotions.

**2. The Game:** As much as the creators would like you to think that the show allows one lucky man or woman to naturally select a lifelong partner, it's simply impossible for one person to get an accurate impression of 25 different people's personalities in one night. From the get-go, the show becomes a strategic game where the more extroverted contestants come out on top and those who take a little bit longer to open up often get shafted without a fair shot. Even the contestants who make it past the first couple of rounds of elimination

still have to be pretty brazen to stay on the guy's (and camera's) radar, and as a result, many of them get caught up in the competition while losing sight of their true purpose.

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**3. The Entertainment:** Ultimately, the show's creators prioritize entertainment value over all else. That means there's a whole other slew of factors that make this dating game less natural and more complicated. The over-the-top dates to exotic locales with private performances by the latest up-and-coming country artist may be fun for the viewer to watch, but it distracts the two people from truly getting to know one another. I mean, who wouldn't fall in love with someone in a rose petal-dotted hot tub overlooking the mountains of Thailand while Josh Groban serenades them softly in the background?

The show's creator, Mike Fleiss, has also openly admitted that they make sure to stock at least half the cast with potential villains or loose screws because they know their audience wants to see drama more than they want to see a proposal. So before the show even begins, cattier girls are selected over more compatible mates, and those stroking the drama are kept around longer than they should be.

To put it simply, any situation that brings people together that normally wouldn't meet carries with it the possibility of true love. But considering the numerous reality-distorting factors involved in *The Bachelor*, I'd steer you toward taking your chances in the real world.

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# 'The Bachelor' Celebrity Wedding: Sean Lowe & Catherine Giudici



By April

Littleton

According to [People](#), *The Bachelor* reality TV stars Sean Lowe and Catherine exchanged celebrity wedding vows on live TV on Sunday. Lowe's father officiated the ceremony. The couple got engaged in Thailand in November of 2012.

# 'The Bachelor' celebrity couple Sean and Catherine Lowe were able to add some personal flare to their celebrity wedding. What are some unique ways to incorporate your personal style into your big day?

## Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding day is fast approaching, but you still haven't found that special "thing" that will make your wedding a one-of-a-kind experience. Don't worry, Cupid has your back:

**1. The decorations:** Don't pick the same old boring decor every other couple has picked before you. Think outside of the box. Try different color schemes, different flower arrangements. Better yet, create some of your own decorations for the ceremony and reception so that they are truly unique. If you have a creative eye, you can come up with something nobody has ever seen before.

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**2. Plan it yourself:** This option might be a little tough to do. When it comes to your special day, plan the whole event yourself. This will allow you to have more freedom of thought and ideas as you go. It can be extremely stressful so we do not recommend this for just anyone. Obviously, you can ask for help whenever you need it, but for the most part, doing it by yourself can feel like a huge accomplishment.

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**3. The little things:** The music. The food. The guest list. Think long and hard about ways you can make the small details creative and fun. Ask your partner to help out. Maybe he/she joked about having chicken nuggets at the reception? You don't have to order fancy filet mignon just because that's considered to be a "normal" entree. Do your own thing. If you want a personal friend to DJ at your wedding, let them. After all, this is YOUR wedding day.

**What are some other unique ways to incorporate personal style into a wedding? Comment below.**

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## **Former 'Bachelorette' Trista Sutter Says Struggles Made Her Grateful**





By Brittany

Stubbs

It has been ten years and two kids since we watched Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter fall in love on *The Bachelorette*. Although the wife and mother is living her happy ending, she has been through hard times that changed her life and ultimately made her a more grateful person. After struggling with infertility, and later, a difficult pregnancy and scary delivery, Trista began to embrace gratitude in a whole new way, [People](#) shares. She has not only opened up about how thankful she is for her struggles, her children, and little moments in her everyday life, but she is especially thankful for meeting Ryan. “It’s an understatement to say I hit the jackpot,” she says. “I want to be a better person because he is such a good person. He is the top of my list of things I’m grateful for.”

**How do disagreements and arguments make your relationship stronger?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

It’s hard to see the benefits of hard times while you’re in

the middle of them, but it's important to remember that these are the moments that allow us to grow and ultimately benefit in the end:

**1. They show a relationship's strength:** Nobody likes to fight with their partner, but when you overcome conflicts, big or small, you show what your relationship is made of and prove you can get through anything.

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**2. They result in communication:** Although it may be through yelling or snide comments in the case of an argument, communication is communication. Arguments are hard, but they often force you and your partner to express how you truly feel, and in the end, that communication is key to making your relationship stronger.

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**3. They prove you have something worth keeping:** If you've been through difficult times as a couple, by sticking around and continuing to work on your relationship, you're proving that you both believe you have something worth the struggle. When disagreements or arguments arise in the future, you can look back on what you've already overcome and remind yourself there's a reason you haven't let go.

**How has a disagreement or argument made a relationship in your life stronger? Share your experiences below.**

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# Find Out Details About 'The Bachelor' Winner Catherine Giudici's Celebrity Wedding Gown!



By Louisa

Gonzales

The final countdown to the celebrity wedding of celebrity couple Sean Lowe and Catherine Giudici from *The Bachelor* is on! The event will be shown live on ABC in a series first from 8-10 p.m. ET on Sunday, January 26th. The happy celebrity couple first got engaged in Thailand in the 17th season of *The Bachelor*. The gorgeous duo are only days away from tying the knot and in the meantime have been making their way around New York, sharing their engagement experiences and wedding details with the media and their fans.

**The big day is coming up quick for this happy celebrity couple and 'The Bachelor' fans are dying to know more about this celebrity wedding.**

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The famous couple was on *Good Morning America* on Wednesday morning, and the major topic of discussion was, of course, Giudici's celebrity wedding gown. Every bride-to-be knows the dress is one of the most important elements on a girl's big day. Lowe's fiancée gushed about her gown and shared that she can't wait for everyone to see it. She described it as "perfect" and "sexy," saying she has always felt like the "cute girl" but is finally ready to show the world her more womanly side.

The reality television starlet didn't reveal too much about her dress, as she wants it to be a surprise, but says it goes with the "grown sexy" theme of the wedding. Some fans of *The Bachelor* are tuning in to see the lovers say their vows, but for many of the viewers, it's all about finally getting a glimpse at the wedding gown! Lowe even revealed that, come the big day, he'll only be focused on his bride in her dress.

The happy celebrity couple also told anchor Lara Spencer that they're "anxious" and "ready" to say their I do's in front of family, friends, and, of course, fans. By just watching the lovebirds in this exclusive interview, one can see how their eyes light up when they talk about each other and how happy they make one another. Interestingly enough, we learned that the one most likely to cry first during the ceremony will be *The Bachelor* stud, confirmed by Lowe himself.

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The excitement won't stop after the ceremony; the reception is sure to be a blast as well. Given the fact that Lowe is a former *Dancing with the Stars* contestant, lots of boogieing will definitely occur. The Hollywood couple will share their first dance to "One Woman" by the Randy Rogers Band, a song picked by the future groom.

The couple stated that, while they want their wedding to be traditional in the sense they're getting married in a Christian ceremony officiated by Lowe's father, the wedding reception is going to be more modern and festive. The soulmates want their special day to be full of laughter, smiles, and love for themselves and all who witness it – us included!

*Be sure to watch The Bachelor wedding special on Sunday, January 26th at 8 p.m. ET on ABC.*

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## The LOWEdown on ‘The Bachelor’ Celebrity Wedding of Sean Lowe & Catherine Giudici





By Louisa

Gonzales

We're invited to view arguably one of the biggest celebrity weddings of the year between reality TV stars Sean Lowe and Catherine Giudici, who we all watched fall in love on the ABC reality television series, *The Bachelor*. Come join us as we tune in to see the lovebirds say their wedding vows and tie the knot. Didn't you get the invite? Even though the two are celebrating their commitment in a live, televised wedding ceremony on Sunday, January 26th, they still sent out invites like any other couple.

**'The Bachelor' celebrity couple Sean Lowe and Catherine Giudici are tying the knot! Were you invited to their celebrity wedding?**





Photo courtesy of ABC.

The wedding invitation is a reflection of the beaming celebrity couple's personality, and when reading it, you really get a sense of the type of wedding you're about to witness. The invitation has a goofy description of how they'll be spending the evening: "The LOWEdown: marrying, eating, boogie-ing."

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The RSVP card is also quite witty. For those attending, it says "can't wait," but for those with regrets, the box to check is "something more important to attend than celebrating the union of Sean & Catherine."

The former *Bachelor* stars, who reside in Texas and plan to move in together after they're wed, first announced the date of their big day on *Good Morning America* in October. The wedding ceremony will be held in Santa Barbara, California. It's no surprise that friends, family, and fellow *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* reality TV contestants all seem happy for the pair's pending wedding nuptials. They've certainly captured our hearts too!

Leading up to their wedding vows, the TV sweethearts have had a blast attending wedding-related events, such as their celebrity engagement party, bachelor and bachelorette parties, and two wedding showers. The latest shower was held at the Lowe house on Saturday, January 4th – three weeks before their big "I do's." Lowe posted a picture of him and Giudici on Instagram (above) looking partied out and in bliss after a

long day of celebration. They received gifts from their registries at Crate & Barrel and Macy's. Guests can also make donations to the organization Micheala's Army, which helps children with pediatric cancer. Isn't it nice to see a celebrity couple use their special day to support a good cause?

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The happy celebrity couple want to make sure that their wedding is unforgettable. They seem to be on the right path, having hired celebrity wedding planner Mindy Weiss to give them a "grown-up sexy" day. The duo have been posting tweets and pictures to share how pleased they are with the progress Weiss has made on their wedding plans.

In preparation for their church wedding, Giudici was recently baptized by Lowe's father Jay at Plymouth Park Baptist Church. Her fiancé is a born-again Christian and has never been shy about expressing his beliefs, but the bride-to-be's decision to be baptized as Christian was reportedly her own. Jay will also be marrying the future spouses.

*Be sure to watch The Bachelor wedding special on Sunday, January 26th at 8 p.m. ET. Stay tuned for more exciting details about their big day!*

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## **'Bachelorette' Alum Emily Maynard is Engaged to Tyler**

# Johnson



By Brittany

Stubbs

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again! This expression seems to be the mindset to getting married for Emily Maynard, who got engaged to her boyfriend Tyler Johnson on Jan. 4th. Although the reality TV star has previously been engaged to the late Ricky Hendrick, Bachelor Brad Womack, and Bachelorette winner Jef Holm, she believes she's finally found the one. "We're really excited!!" Maynard tells [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), explaining how her husband-to-be included her daughter, Ricki, in the proposal. "He proposed to me at home and gave both Ricki and me rings. It was so sweet! Ricki loves him more than she likes me!"

**What are some compelling reasons to pop the question at home?**

## Cupid's Advice:

You don't need a five-star restaurant, horse and carriage, or private beach to create a magical proposal. Sure, those options are nice, but there are advantages to having the special moment right in your home:

**1. Privacy:** Getting engaged is both special and intimate. Where better to experience a moment like this than the privacy of your own home? This allows you to react and celebrate however you want, without worrying about disturbing or being watched by people around you.

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**2. Surprise factor:** If you're hoping to surprise your partner when you propose, do it where she least expects it: at home. Women are always suspecting when you make plans for fancy dinners or weekend getaways, so this will catch her off guard and make the moment all the more exciting!

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**3. More freedom:** Maybe you want to decorate the entire room with flowers, have the ring box tied to her dog's collar, or play her a special song before you get down on one knee. Being in the privacy of your own home allows you the freedom to do the kind of proposal you might not be able to in a restaurant or public place.

**What are advantages to getting engaged in your own home? Share your thoughts below.**

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# JWoww and Fiance Roger Matthews are Expecting First Child



By Brittany

Stubbs

Another Jersey Shore alum is pregnant! Jenni “JWoww” Farley is expecting her first child with fiance Roger Mathews, [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) confirms. Farley, now in her second trimester, revealed her pregnancy news to family and friends in a Christmas card that showed off a sonogram image. “We couldn’t have wished for a better gift this Christmas! Happy Holidays from our growing family to yours! Love, Jenni, Roger and arriving July, 2014 Baby Mathews.” Farley also shared the big news on her website. “We wanted to share this exciting news with you all first because you have been a part of our lives

these past few years and seen the love between Roger and me develop and blossom,” she told fans.

## **What are ways to prepare your relationship for a child?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Whether you're newly engaged or have been with your partner for several years, having a child is a huge step in any relationship. Though beautiful creatures, a child will challenge and push you to your limits. The best thing you can do for your relationship when expecting a child is knowing what's ahead and preparing yourself for the future:

**1. Expect change:** It's no longer just you and your significant other; you have a new family member to take care of and think about. And this member doesn't care how much sleep you got before, how you gave up your home office for a nursery, or the weekend getaways you can no longer go on. Accepting early on that there will be changes in your lifestyle will make the transition easier.

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**2. Prepare yourself for the worst:** Being a parent is difficult, especially in the beginning. You'll often feel over-worked, sleep deprived, and helpless at times. This can lead to fighting and even feeling disconnected from your partner. Knowing that this is normal and just a phase, can keep you from over-analyzing it, adding to your stress.

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**3. Budget for your baby:** Setting financial boundaries ahead of time can prepare you for the costly reality of a child. Discussing specific sacrifices you each will make – whether it be giving up trips to the nail salon or a membership at the golf club – can reduce financial worries for both of you.



What are ways you've prepared your relationship for a child?  
Share your experiences below.

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## Rumor Alert: Are Kris Jenner and 'The Bachelor' Ben Flajnik Dating?



By April

Littleton

Since Kris Jenner's celebrity divorce from Bruce Jenner, there's a celebrity dating rumor that she is now dating a former reality star of *The Bachelor*, Ben Flajnik. However, Flajnik spoke to [People](#) to get the record straight. "Kris is a



very, very dear friend of mine,” said Flajnik, who lunched with Jenner at Barney’s in Beverly Hills on Friday. “We are not dating, we’re just working on a couple of projects together, so that’s why we’ve been seen out a lot as of late,” he said.

## **This celebrity dating rumor spread like wildfire. What are some ways to keep rumors from affecting your relationship and love life?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Rumors can be the demise of a relationship and love if the things being said aren’t addressed right away. It’s up to you and your partner to have a clear line of communication and to let the truth be known when it’s necessary. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Talk about it:** Don’t let untrue information get the best of your relationship and love life. If you’re unsure about something you’ve been hearing regarding your significant other, ask them about it. Sometimes, choosing to ignore a situation will only make matters worse. Make sure you continue to communicate with your partner in order to avoid any surprises when it comes to neighborhood gossip and news.

**2. Dispel it:** Whenever you hear a rumor going on about you and your honey, take initiative by making sure you set the record straight. If any of your loved ones ask you about something that happens to be misinterpreted or downright false, let them know the truth right away.

**3. Don’t think about it:** No matter what you do, people are always going to talk about situations that have nothing to do with them – it’s part of life. Rather than get yourself and

your partner all worked up over nothing, simply choose to worry about things that really matter. Addressing rumors only adds fuel to the fire. If you brush off the problem, people will do the same and turn their attention to something else.

How do you keep rumors from affecting your relationship and love life? Comment below.

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# 'Jersey Shore' Star Pauly D Welcomes Baby Daughter with Ex



By Kristyn

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'Jersey Shore' star Pauly D is now a father to a baby girl with an ex fling. The two hooked up in Las Vegas and according to [UsWeekly](#), the ex fling is living with their daughter in New Jersey. Pauly D told TMZ that he is a proud father and excited to start a new chapter of his life.

**What are some ways to stay involved in your child's life after a breakup?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Breaking up is always a difficult time in any relationship, but breaking up when a child is involved is even tougher. So what are some ways that you can stay involved in your child's life after the break up? Cupid has some advice for you:

**1. Call:** If it's hard to see your child every day make sure you call or Skype with them as often as you can. Taking the time to talk to your child keeps you updated on what he or she is doing or how they are doing.

**2. Take them out:** Make time to spend time with your child. Make sure you take them out to dinner, the movies or the park so you get to spend some quality time with each other. It doesn't matter what you are doing as long as you are spending more than once a month with them.

**3. Holidays:** You and your ex should take turns spending time with your child on different holidays. One should get to spend Christmas with your child and the other gets to spend Thanksgiving together. You and your ex can plan a schedule of what holiday's you each get and try and switch off every year.

**How have you stayed in your child's life after a breakup? Share your stories below.**

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# Snooki: Motherhood Made Me “Grow The Hell Up”



By Jenny Schafer

for Celebrity Baby Scoop

New mom Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi is debuting her Snooki Couture by Nicole Polizzi line of headphones and electronic accessories in the “Fashion You Can Hear” line by iHip, available at Walgreens.

The *Jersey Shore* star opens up to [Celebrity Baby Scoop](#) about her “little nugget” 1-year-old son Lorenzo who “loves music” and has just started to dance. Snooki goes on to say her life has been “completely” transformed by motherhood – and she “wouldn’t have it any other way.”

**Related Link:** [Deena Cortese Says Snooki Will Be a 'Great Mom'](#)

**CBS: Tell us all about the Snooki Couture by Nicole Polizzi line of headphones and electronic accessories. What's the inspiration behind it?**

Snooki: "I've always wanted to have headphones that had style to it. So I decided to come up with my own and add a detachable headband on them. I also made my earbuds like earrings so were always ready to look good. Fashion that you can hear!"

**CBS: Did you listen to music when you were pregnant with Lorenzo? If so, what kind? Does he enjoy music now?**

Snooki: "I played Lorenzo lots of music when I was pregnant, usually anything that played on the radio. And now, he loves music and is starting to dance. He's so cool."

**Related Link:** [Snooki's Pregnancy: Can You Salvage Your Image?](#)

**CBS: In our Readers' Choice Awards, you were voted the celebrity mom most transformed by motherhood. How has motherhood changed you?**

Snooki: "Motherhood has completely changed my life – from the way I view things to the way I live my life. Becoming a mom has just made me realize, 'Grow the hell up.' And just looking at my son everyday made me realize he's my life now and I wouldn't have it any other way.

The best thing about being a mom is knowing that my little nugget is mine and will always be my baby. He's my sunshine."

*For the rest of the interview, visit [www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2013/10/02/snooki-motherhood-hell](http://www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2013/10/02/snooki-motherhood-hell).*

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# 'The Bachelor' Winner Courtney Robertson Lands Tell-All Book Deal



By April

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*The Bachelor* Season 16 winner is once again making headlines. Courtney Robertson, now a celebrity author, has landed a book deal with the title *I Didn't Come Here to Make Friends: Confessions of a Reality Show Villian*. "Going on *The Bachelor* was the most amazing opportunity I've ever had but I did not have a fairy tale ending!" Robertson told [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). The 30-year-old ended her celebrity relationship with Ben Flajnik October 2012.

**Courtney Robertson decided to do something positive when it came to dealing with her celebrity break-up from 'The Bachelor' Ben Flajnik What are some creative ways you can get over a break-up without being revengeful?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Break-ups are tough, especially if you ended things with someone you really cared about. Getting over a celebrity ex without lashing out publicly can be even harder. Cupid is here to help those girls going through a break-up:

**1: Have a girl day:** When you begin to feel down, call some of your girlfriends and spend the day going out with them. Go to the spa, a movie or just sit around your house and talk about how you're feeling. Relationships and love will come and go, but your friendships will be something you can cherish forever.

**2. Hobbies:** Keep your mind off your ex by staying busy. What are some of the activities you thought about trying but never got the chance to do? Start going to the gym more often, take piano lessons, and fly in that helicopter over the city! Do something you've always had an interest in and have some of your friends join you as well.

**3. Keep a journal:** Instead of verbally blaming everyone around you for what happened between you and your boyfriend, write down all of your feelings and emotions in a journal. Finding a healthy way to express yourself is good for the mind and will help you move on faster.

**What are some other ways to deal with a break-up without getting revenge? Comment below.**