

# Celebrity Interview: Ashley Iaconetti and Jared Haibon Talk Wedding Plans and Dating Tips



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Known for her tears on season 19 of *The Bachelor*, seasons two and three of *Bachelor In Paradise*, and season one of *Bachelor Winter Games*, Ashley Iaconetti never gave up hope for her happy ending. Jared Haibon was known for being on season 11 of *The Bachelorette*, and seasons two and three of *Bachelor in Paradise*. The two originally met on season two of *Bachelor in*

*Paradise* back in 2015, and three years later are happily engaged.

In our exclusive [celebrity interview](#), we chat with Iaconetti and Haibon about their relationship, their partnership with NET10 Wireless, and what their future holds for their [celebrity wedding](#), kids, and careers.

## **Celebrity Interview with Ashley Iaconetti & Jared Haibon: Wedding Plans, NET10 Wireless, and Dating Advice**

Iaconetti, star of the *Ben and Ashley I Almost Famous* podcast, is known for wearing her emotions on her sleeve; it's one of the many traits that makes her so lovable! When asked about her ability to share emotions so easily, Iaconetti confesses, "I have so much confidence that I don't care about being vulnerable and tearful. I embrace it." That confidence is what motivated her to pursue Haibon relentlessly. "The connection between us was super special, and I didn't think it was worth giving up on." Iaconetti says of Haibon's original rejection, "There were times I thought we were just going to be friends, but we had such a strong friendship that the relationship just came naturally."

Haibon, who was hesitant about pursuing a relationship with Iaconetti at first, shares that the couple were just friends after their brief stint in paradise; they didn't actually start dating until 2018. "I think that's the one thing that is misunderstood about Ashley and I," Haibon says. "We never dated before this year. People say to us that they are happy we got back together, but there was no getting back together. We were never together until now." When asked how he came to realize that he wanted a relationship with Iaconetti, Haibon

says, “There was a reason why Ashley and I were best friends. We had this wonderful friendship that I was so unwilling to let go of.” When asked, “Why now?” Haibon admits that when you lose something it sometimes makes you realize that you can’t live without somebody, referring of course to Iaconetti’s relationship with Kevin Wendt, her ex-boyfriend from *Bachelor Winter Games*.

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Before the two lovebirds dated, they kept in touch with the help of technology. “When Ashley and I were just friends, we kept the communication open. I know that I used a lot of data during this time,” he laughs. It’s a good thing, because Iaconetti was in L.A. and Haibon was in Rhode Island. Haibon reflects on the beginning of their relationship saying, “We talked almost every day and that was only because we have these phones at our disposal.” That’s why the [celebrity couple](#) partnered with NET10 Wireless this season to make digital-age dating easier in the hopes everyone will find love likes theirs. Iaconetti explains, “[NET10 Wireless is] now giving customers, for a limited time, double data and the unlimited plan is starting at \$35, which is great, especially if you’re in a budding relationship that needs the help of face time or texting.” Haibon adds, “The promotional deal is only running until the end of the year, so you have until December 31st.”

Speaking of Rhode Island, we couldn’t end the conversation without talking about this pair’s upcoming wedding plans. “I got lucky when Ashley and I got engaged,” Haibon notes. “[Ashley] didn’t really have any sentimental feelings to anywhere in the world that she wanted to get married.” So, it was an easy decision that the couple will be tying the knot in the state where Haibon grew up. “I’m from there, my family and friends are there, so we were able to go wedding venue shopping a couple of months ago.” The

couple confirmed that they found a venue. "I think it's safe to say that it will be in Newport," Ashley slips while Haibon says, "Or Westerly," trying not to give too much away.

Many fans from *Bachelor* Nation are curious to know whether the wedding will be televised, but the couple says it is highly unlikely. "We may share it with *Bachelor* Nation in our own way and our own control, but right now we aren't televising it."

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Speaking of *Bachelor* Nation, we had to know if longtime fans Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis would be coming to the wedding. Haibon and Iaconetti previously met Kutcher and Kunis at a Dodgers Charity event this past summer, and Iaconetti said, "They are going to be invited," while Haibon chimed in, "Whether they come or not is out of our hands."

The pair is eager for their future together. We played a little game with them, asking how many kids they each want. They both answered simultaneously, "Two or three." It seems like we'll have another *Bachelor* family in our midst! The *Bachelor in Paradise* alumni also discussed how they're quite content in L.A. right now and will continue living there for their foreseeable future.

Jared and Ashley have such a great love story, and it is filled with hope for other singles. "There are a lot of guys out there like myself who have insecurities and doubts, and are afraid of commitment, but also afraid of disappointing the person they are with," Haibon says. "I think Ashley does give a lot of hope to women, but personally I think our story as a couple gives a lot of hope to not only women but men as well."

You can keep up with [Ashley Iaconetti](#) and [Jared Haibon](#) by following them on Instagram. You can also check out the [Ben and Ashley I Almost Famous](#) and [Help! I Suck At Dating](#) podcasts.

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# Celebrity News: 'Bachelor' Nation Alums Ashley Iaconetti & Jared Haibon Respond to Kevin Wendt's Cheating Claims

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By Jessica DeRubbo

In recent [celebrity news](#), [Bachelor](#) Nation alums and [celebrity](#)

[couple](#) Ashley Iaconetti and fiancé Jared Haibon spoke out as a response to fellow alum Kevin Wendt's cheating claims. According to *UsMagazine.com*, Iaconetti and Wendt dated briefly after meeting on *Bachelor Winter Games*. After the show, Haibon realized his love for Iaconetti and so Iaconetti broke up with Wendt. "I was just a little confused by [his claims]," Iaconetti said. "I definitely told him directly that Jared and I were together before it was a public thing. He made it sound like he was clueless to it." Iaconetti and Haibon, who met on reality TV show *Bachelor in Paradise*, wish Wendt only the best despite his claims.

## **In celebrity news, drama is never far from the *Bachelor* mansion. What are some ways to keep false claims from affecting your current relationship?**

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

It's never easy to deal with rumors that affect your relationship, especially when they aren't true. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Always be open and honest:** Regardless of whether the truth makes you look bad, always be open and honest about the things you've done in your past with your current significant other. There's nothing worse than a rumor coming out that paints you in a bad light when it ends up being true. Getting out ahead of the drama is always the best plan.

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**2. Stand as a united front:** Remember that you're with your

partner for a reason, so you should both fully trust each other. Stand as a united front against any claims that are false, and don't waiver.

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**3. Get to the bottom of it:** The best way to keep a false claim from affecting your relationship is to get the bottom of it and let the truth be heard. If you know the rumor came from a friend, confront that friend and make him/her tell your partner the truth. This option is a little more drama-ridden, but it'll squash the issue forever.

**What are some other ways to handle false claims when it comes to your partner? Share your advice below.**

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## **Celebrity Wedding: 'Bachelor' Nation's Ashely Iaconetti & Jared Haibon Are Engaged**





By Rhodesia Williams

In [celebrity news](#), it looks like there will be a *Bachelor* [celebrity wedding](#). According to *UsMagazine.com*, this past weekend Jared Haibon proposed to fellow *Bachelor* Nation star Ashely Iaconetti. The [celebrity couple](#) met in 2015 on *Bachelor in Paradise* and eventually became close friends. Iaconetti, 30, very openly admitted to having a major crush on Haibon, 29, however, he didn't exactly feel the same way. Haibon admitted that he did not feel their relationship was over after the show. "It was a slow build for me" he said.

**This celebrity wedding proposal has been a very long time coming, and Bachelor Nation is ecstatic! What are some ways to get a long-time**



# friend to recognize his feelings for you?

## Cupid's Advice:

It can be frustrating when you have feelings for a close friend. How do you tell them? What happens if they don't feel the same way? More importantly, how do you end up staying friends? Talk about anxiety! Cupid has some advice on ways to get a long-time friend to recognize their feelings for you:

**1. It's the little things:** In this case, it's the little things that can take you a long way. Pointing out these things the two of you do for each other may make your friend think. Maybe, you are stuck doing a double shift and your friend brings food without you asking. While that is being a good friend, it is also thoughtful and shows that your friend went out of their way to make sure you were okay. Reminding each other of the little things could help the lightbulb go off.

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**2. What if?:** The easiest thing you can do is the "what if" game. There are so many questions to ask but the obvious one would be, "What if we dated?" Remember, this question could go either way so be prepared. This casual, fun way to bring up a relationship will get you an indication on how your friend feels.

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**3. Say it!:** Flat out asking your friend is a sure way of getting an answer. Sometimes beating around the bush not only can make you even more anxious but can be frustrating if your friend isn't catching on. As scared as you are, telling your friend how you feel will relieve all the built up feelings you have. No matter what, you will always have your friend so just

relax and speak your mind.

**Do you have ideas on how to get a long-time friend to realize their feelings for you? Share below.**

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# **Celebrity Couple News: 'Bachelor' Alums Ashley Iaconetti & Jared Haibon Are Dating – Finally!**



By [Haley Lerner](#)

In [celebrity dating news](#), *Bachelor in Paradise* stars Ashley Iaconetti and Jared Haibon are dating after three years of friendship. According to *UsMagazine.com*, the couple has been secretly dating since March. Iaconetti first fell for Haibon on *BIP* in 2015, but the feelings were not reciprocated, causing Iaconetti a lot of heartbreak and tears. But, on a January trip to St. Lucia with fellow *BIP* alums Jade Roper and Tanner Tolbert, Haibon realized he had feelings for his long-time friend. At the time, Iaconetti was in a relationship with Kevin Wendt who she met on *Bachelor Winter Games*. Haibon admitted on Iaconetti's show *The Story of Us* that seeing Iaconetti with Wendt was "a big kick in the ass." So, on the St. Lucia trip, Haibon confessed his feelings and kissed her at the airport, but Iaconetti decided she wanted to keep dating Wendt. Luckily, Iaconetti soon realized her heart was with her long-time crush, so she ended things with her boyfriend and got together with Haibon. On Instagram, Haibon captioned a photo of the new [celebrity couple](#), "I came here tonight because when you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible." Iaconetti posted a pic of her and Haibon in a field of flowers captioned "I love my boyfriend."

**In [celebrity couple news](#), *Bachelor* fans are flipping out about this couple coming together after being friends for three years! What are some ways to let a long-time friend know you**

# have feelings for them?

## Cupid's Advice:

Ashley and Jared went from friends to lovers. Cupid has some tips on how to get there:

**1. Get a friend involved:** Before deciding to try to take your relationship with the friend you have feelings for to the next level, consult a friend the both of you have in common. A mutual friend can tell you if the person you're crushing on reciprocates the feelings and whether or not you should go for it.

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**2. Be prepared for the outcome:** To protect yourself from getting too hurt, it's important you recognize the risk in telling your friend you have feelings for them. Your affection could be shared, which would be great! But, you should be ready for potential disappointment if they are not. You also should remember that whatever the outcome is of revealing your love, your relationship with your friend is bound to change because of it.

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**3. Talk to them:** If you want to confess your feelings, you really just have to have a frank conversation with the object of your affections. Set a time and sit down and talk to your long-time friend about how you feel. If you're honest and understanding, your friend will be too. Who knows, it could lead to something special!

**Have any more tips on how to take your friendship to the next level? Comment them below!**

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# Is 'Bachelor in Paradise' Star Ashley I. Still a Virgin?



By Kyanah Murphy

It's rare these days for girls to save their virginity for the right partner or marriage. But [Bachelor in Paradise](#) star Ashley Iaconetti is doing just that – holding onto her virginity for the right guy who she believed may be Jared Haibon (who seemed pretty lukewarm about their relationship

and love life throughout their stay in Paradise)! According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) the answer to whether or not Ashley lost her virginity to Jared is “no,” according to him. Jared ended up leaving the show the next day in an effort not to lead his admirer on.

## ***Bachelor in Paradise* is officially over, and the drama was out of control! What are some ways to know if you're ready to be intimate with someone?**

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

Everyone is different, which means there isn't a set guide for knowing when you are ready to be intimate with someone. However, Cupid has some relationship advice:

**1. Know yourself:** How do you feel with your partner? How do you feel with the idea of being intimate with them? Do you trust your partner? Are you comfortable with them? These are questions to keep in mind. If you're unsure how to answer them, you're not ready.

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**2. Consider what you want out of your intimacy:** Do you want to be intimate because you feel like you need to, or do you feel like your partner may be “the one”? If you feel like you need to be intimate and need to get it done and over with, it may leave you feeling regretful afterward.

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**3. Consider how you feel about sex:** Are you comfortable talking about sex in general? Are you comfortable talking about sex with your partner? Are you comfortable thinking about sex? If there's any sort of discomfort, you're not ready.

**When did you know you were ready to be intimate? Comment below!**