

# Celebrity Interview: 'DWTS' Contestant Candace Cameron Bure Says "Dance Parties" Have Always Been Her Favorite Family Activity!



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Earlier this month, when *Good Morning America* announced the line-up for season 18 of *Dancing with the Stars*, *Full House* fans were excited to see Candace Cameron Bure back in the spotlight. And she's just as thrilled to be a part of the cast: "I've always been a fan of the show. Plus, this is probably the most excited I've seen my family get over

something that I'm doing!" she shares in our celebrity interview.

## Candace Cameron Bure Opens Up About Her Family and New Book in Celebrity Interview

Daughter Natasha was particularly happy about her mom's new role. "She was just freaking out," the star says with a laugh. "She wanted to know all about the other celebrities on the show. She's been coming with me to my weekend rehearsals too."

Once her sons Maksim and Lev met her partner, two-time champion Mark Ballas, they got into it too. "They just thought he was so cool," she reveals. Viewers can expect to see her kids as well as her husband Valeri in the audience cheering her on each week.

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Cameron Bure has certainly been keeping busy, both on and off the small screen. Most recently, the *New York Times* best-selling author published her second book, *Balancing It All: My Story of Juggling Priorities and Purpose*. As for how she manages the never-ending juggling act of being a wife, celebrity mom, actress, and writer, "it's about big picture prioritizing and realizing what's most important in your life. You have to make sure that your top three priorities really stay in place."

She adds, "For me, it's God and family and then my work and social life and all of the rest of the stuff in between. But if God and family aren't in that first and second position, everything else in my life really does become unbalanced."

# DWTS Star on Her Celebrity Marriage

Of course, her husband plays a significant role in helping her hold everything together. "He's an incredibly-involved father to our children and a supportive partner to me. Our lives are really stressful, yet our family is our priority," she shares about her [celebrity marriage](#). "He's just a wonderful man, and I feel really blessed to have him."

The famous couple, who married when they were only 20 years old, first connected over their similar backgrounds. "I lived a very full life before then, as had my husband. We both had been working children: He was playing hockey, and I had been acting since I was five," she explains in our celebrity interview. "We were both very ready to get married and start a family."

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As for what keeps their 17-year celebrity marriage so strong, the blonde simply states, "Common values and love for one another are the main two things. "

For other couples trying to make the most of their union, she stresses the importance of building up your partner to become who they're meant to be. "When you take the focus off of yourself and focus on how you can help your spouse be better, that's when your marriage will become better," the *DWTS* contestant explains.

With her three kids getting older, it's no surprise that her relationship with them is always changing. "It's really fun to see the adults they're becoming. We're having more mature conversations, and I love the stage that we're in," she shares. "I have an open relationship with them, and nothing is off limits."

That includes everything from conversations about "awkward,

adult topics” to family dance parties. “It’s one of our favorite things to do together. We turn off the lights, put the strobe lights on, and just crank the electronic music,” she divulges. “We have a blast!” While she has no professional dance experience, she loves being the first one on the dance floor at weddings and parties.

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Cameron Bure and Ballas have been working on a contemporary dance for tonight’s *Dancing with the Stars* premiere. “I have a lot of bruises all over my body, so I’m falling down a lot,” the author shares about their routine. “I’m a fairly athletic person, so I asked Mark to incorporate that into our dance. We have some lifts, which will be fun.”

Of her future on the show, she reveals that she really wants to do the Viennese Waltz. “It’s just so classical and beautiful.” She’s dreading those “dances that have a ton of footwork” but adds that “Mark actually thinks I’ll be pretty good at it. It’s such complicated choreography. Those are the ones that make me nervous.”

When it comes to her competition, she’s seen *Big Time Rush* star James Maslow rehearse and says he’s fabulous. Tonight, though, she’s most looking forward to seeing Paralympic snowboarder Amy Purdy dance. “I think a lot of people are excited to watch her. We’re just curious to see how she’s going to move to all of those steps,” she says. “When I’m feeling slightly challenged, I immediately think of her and think, ‘What am I complaining about? I have two feet.’”

*Follow Cameron Bure on Twitter @candacecbure and tweet your support with #DJCandyBall. Be sure to tune in for tonight’s premiere of Dancing with the Stars on ABC at 8/7c.*

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# Mark Ballas and Ex-Girlfriend Pia Toscano Reunite at Show



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Although Pia Toscano was the one to end their relationship, neither she nor ex Mark Ballas had any hard feelings about it. Ballas, 26, was recently reunited with Toscano, 24, at the annual Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times Halloween carnival in L.A., where both performed separately, according to [People](#). The professional ballroom dancer even uploaded Instagram photos of the two after the event. Even before meeting up at the event, Ballas told L.A.'s 104.3 radio station that the two have ran into each other before. "She lives down the street,

so we ran into each other the other day at Starbucks. It's cool. We're still friends. It's all good."

**What are some ways to get your relationship to a civil place after a breakup?**

### **Cupids Advice:**

Once a relationship is broken, it may take some time for your ex to completely exit your life, if it is even possible. If you and your ex still work together, run in the same social circles or share custody of any children, you will need to speak to him eventually. Even if you don't want to have meaningful conversations with your [ex](#), you still will need to at least be cordial. In this situation, here are a few pointers on how to keep the peace with your ex:

**1. No fighting:** To begin the civility, you and your ex must be civil with each other. That means no fighting or pushing each other's buttons simply because you can. The way to have a nice platonic relationship is to get over him and remove any strong hostile emotions.

**2. Avoid nicknames:** As with any negative emotions, it is best to also remove the intimate ones as well. Any loving nicknames, inside jokes or other mementos of your intimate relationship should be left in the past. This will help in allowing you two to form a different relationship moving forward.

**3. Time:** Before all else, the only way your previous relationship will get to a civil place is with time. You need time to cool down; time to heal any heartaches and regroup yourself back to the wonderful single person you always were.

**Were you and your partner able to be civil with each other after a breakup? How did you do it? Tell us below.**



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# Lauren Conrad and Derek Hough Are Caught Kissing in Public



Lauren Conrad and Derek Hough are further fueling circulating relationship rumors. The duo was seen kissing in the back room of LA's Trousdale Lounge, reports [People](#). Though Conrad brought pal Lo Bosworth and Hough brought friend Mark Ballas, the two spent most of their time together. "It was obvious there was a lot of chemistry between the two," said an onlooker. "[Conrad] was very smitten. Neither seemed embarrassed about kissing in public."

**How do you show your affection in public without being obvious?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Subtlety is key when it comes to public displays of affection. Here are a few ways to keep your PDAs under the radar:

**1. Hold hands:** Holding hands is a way to show your affection without drawing attention from others. It's a simple gesture that means little to the people around you, but can mean plenty to you and your partner.

**2. Stay close:** Standing closer together or sitting near each other at a table is an easy way to show your partner your affection without being obvious.

**3. Keep it short:** If you do want to kiss or hug your partner in public, keep it short. People passing by will not notice a quick smooch, but they will notice a prolonged kiss.

**How do you keep your public displays of affection unnoticed? Feel free to share your thoughts in a comment below!**

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## '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?**

### **Cupid’s Pulse:**

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.**

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## **Mark Ballas and 'Idol' Contestant Pia Toscano: Dating?**





Looks like love may be in the air for *Dancing With the Stars* pro Mark Ballas and *American Idol* contestant Pia Toscano. The two were spotted at the Gulfstream restaurant in Century City, according to [TMZ](#), and were reportedly on their first date. Despite being kicked off of *American Idol* last week, Toscano has been able to pick herself up in search for love. Supposedly the crooner has had a crush on Ballas for quite some time, and their trailers were next to each other on the same studio lot. *DWTS* pro Chris Jericho, who is credited with helping to facilitate the hook up, said that the two had a “great” first date and plan to go out again soon.

**Is it important to have the same talents as your partner?**

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

Both Pia Toscano and Mark Ballas are very talented with music, but it's not necessarily a requirement to have the same talents as your partner. Cupid has some things to consider:

**1. Common values:** As long as you live by the same morals and values in life, it's not necessarily to have exactly the same interests and talents as your partner. The key is to support

each other.

**2. Bond:** The benefit of having common interests, hobbies and/or talents is that you can spend quality time doing things you both enjoy. It can lead to a better understand of each other.

**3. Independence:** Having different interests and career goals helps you each evolve as independent people. Although it would be great for Toscano and Ballas to sing duets together, it would be an issue if they didn't have anything else in common. One common talent doesn't a relationship make.

**Do you and your partner have common talents? Share your story below.**