
RYAN + BLAYNE



“LOVE LIFE. ENGAGE IN IT. GIVE IT ALL YOU’VE GOT. LOVE IT WITH A PASSION BECAUSE LIFE TRULY DOES GIVE BACK, MANY TIMES OVER, WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT.”

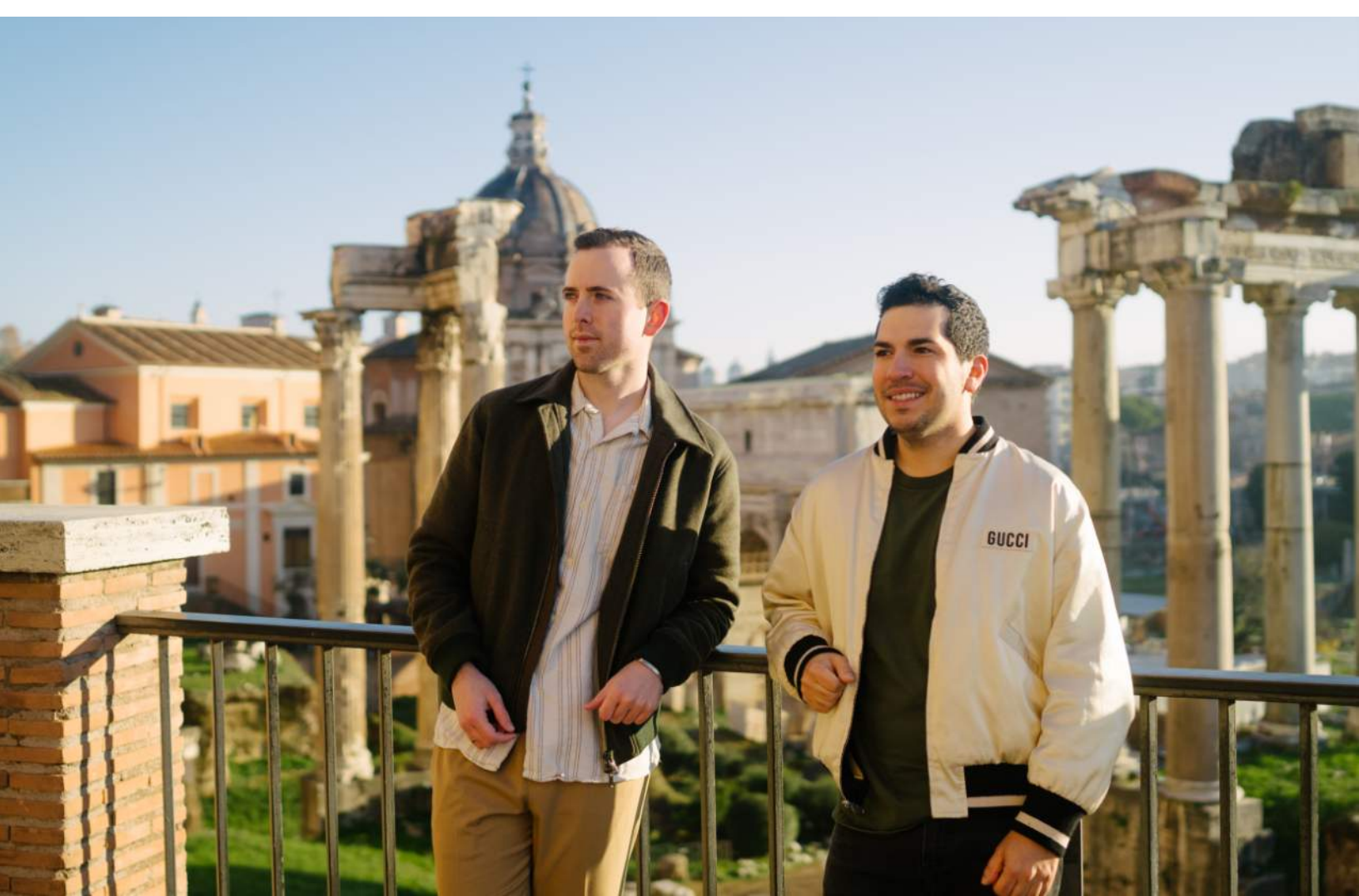
- Maya Angelou



H E L L O

Thank you for taking the time to take a glimpse into our lives and who we are. We know that this is a monumental decision and we hope to be able to support you through this journey and show you the love that we have to share with your child. No matter the circumstances bringing you to this decision, please know that we have so much appreciation for the chance to be in your life and to be able to share our life and love with your child. We hope that you are able to learn more about us, our family, friends, and experiences. We have a truly incredible family that is so excited to join us and welcome a new member to our family. Thank you again, we appreciate your consideration.

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MEET RYAN

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Business Owner, 33 years old

I was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas along with one younger brother and one younger sister. I grew up in a very tight knit family and have 4 uncles and one aunt along with LOTS of cousins all close by that we spend quite a bit of time with. I started my first business when I was 21 and have since opened three restaurants. I am a major foodie and went to Culinary School to become a Chef. I am curious about the world and a learner at heart, and am always researching and reaching to stay on top of innovation, technology, and travel. Any chance we get, I love to explore new places and cultures and want to share that with your child as well. I have been to almost 40 countries and love to experience different foods, cultures, ways of living and seeing all of the beauty the world has to offer. Blayne and I have been able to create so many amazing memories in so many special places and we want to share all of the wonderful things that we've seen and experienced with your child, opening their eyes to all of the beautiful people and things in the world, and showing them that the world is theirs.

WHAT BLAYNE SAYS

Ryan is the most driven, intelligent, and compassionate person I have ever met. One thing I have always admired about Ryan is the time he takes to understand people and learn from them as well as help them in any way he can. I have had the privilege to walk by him and watch him grow as he has opened new restaurants and continues to push himself to learn and achieve more. No matter what challenges are thrown his way, he perseveres and works hard and smart to learn and do better. He is such a loving person and values his family more than anything else. I am so excited to see him as a parent because I know that he has so much love to share and will do everything in his power to provide an amazing life for our family and to create a fun, joyful, loving, and safe place for your child.





MEET BLAYNE

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Designer, 28 years old

I am originally from North-West Texas, but have lived in Corpus Christi for almost 10 years now! I moved to Corpus for college and met Ryan in my first year of living down here. We have had an amazing nine years together, and I am so excited to keep going through this journey with Ryan and expand our family. I work at the first business that Ryan opened, which is a kitchen and bath design showroom. I now oversee the daily operations of the business and work as the design lead for all of our projects. I love to run and read - those are probably my two favorite hobbies of all time, besides watching movies which I could also do full time. I grew up in a small family, with one brother and one sister that are quite a bit older than me, and although there is quite some distance between us, we are all still very close and look forward to seeing each other as often as we can. I had never traveled before meeting Ryan, and thanks to him I have the travel bug as well. Any time we are able to, we love to explore and experience new and exciting places together.

WHAT RYAN SAYS

Not only is Blayne my partner in life, but he is truly my best friend. Later in 2024, we will have been together for 10 years. We were much younger when we first met and at very different stages in life than where we are now. Growing up with Blayne has truly been so special, like watching him finish school, us navigate through the openings and ups and downs of being small business owners, getting a dog and then later a second one, watching him advance professionally, and going through life with each other and our families, just to name a few. Some characteristics I love about him is how kind, soft spoken, reasonable, level headed, fair and respectable he is. Whether it's to family, friends, clients, strangers or just in different situations, he is a good person to his core and I just have a strong love and appreciation for him. We have a great time together going on adventures, or just enjoying the peace and quiet in our home. I really enjoy being around him and I know he is going to be a wonderful father. I look forward to continuing the journey we are on together and all of the different experiences as we continue to grow together.



MEET OUR PUPS

While we do not have any children yet, we do have two Golden Retrievers, Fitzgerald and Douglas, and love our little life with them. Fitz was lost and made his way to Ryan's parents front yard. After spending a short time trying to find his previous owners, we knew that we had to give him a loving home. He is so gentle and so sweet, and we have really enjoyed the wonderful time we have had with him over the years. At the time, it was just the two of us, but shortly after taking him in, we learned he was the missing piece of our little family at that time.

Douglas was a surprise for Blayne and came from a family in Dallas. We had talked for months about getting a puppy, but never pursued anything. We were worried that Fitz was lonely and needed a brother to spend his days with. One evening, when Ryan got home from work, he walked in the house and immediately asked Blayne to get something out of the car that he left. To Blayne's surprise, there was an adorable puppy in the front seat. Almost four years later, Douglas keeps us on our toes and makes our days fun.

While Fitz is like Blayne, very gentle, loving, calm, sweet, with a "go with the flow" attitude, Douglas is definitely like Ryan - a busy body, into everything, ready for adventure and full of energy! Just like us, they balance each other out. We prioritize going on daily walks together, and playing with them, keeping them active, stimulated and loved! They enjoy taking road trips with us, whether it's across town or when we drive across the state to New Mexico to visit Blayne's family. We love our little life together!







OUR HOME

We live in a beautiful, established neighborhood in a home that we purchased in 2022 and soon after renovated. Our home sits in a beautiful loop with large trees, plenty of yard space and great families all around us. Several of our immediate neighbors have younger children, from a toddler to middle school aged, and they are often playing outside, enjoying their childhoods just as we did growing up. The parents of them, and the surrounding neighbors are great too - a few doctors, financial advisers, a lawyer, small business owners - professionals that not only inspire us, but that without a doubt would support us or each other if need be. They have a neighborhood text group that they invited us to, and everyone is so supportive of each other when it comes to fundraisers, holiday events or even just driveway gatherings. When we purchased the house, we didn't know that we would also gain such wonderful neighbors. That has been more than we could have ever imagined and we are so lucky to be around them. Our home is just under 4,800 square feet with five bedrooms, four full bathrooms, and one half bath. Fortunately, there is an upstairs and downstairs master bedroom, so that we can be close to a growing baby in the early years. We love walking our dogs and going for runs in the neighborhood and it is perfect for playing outside because the neighborhood is so private, there is hardly any traffic and people are always outside to talk to and spend time with. Our home is centrally located in our community, so we are able to get everywhere within 15 minutes or so, no matter the time of day.



OUR COMMUNITY

We live in a perfectly sized coastal community that is not too big and not too small. There are so many opportunities here and love that we are near larger cities if we ever need something that isn't available here, or just wanted a quick trip to somewhere new. There are plenty of public parks, beaches, events, and great schools all within close proximity to where we live. We love to travel and experience other places, especially different restaurants, to find inspiration and to share great conversations with others. Our community is comfortable and a great place to raise a family. It's home.



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Travel is one of our biggest passions. We try to look for new and exciting places to experience every year. Last year we had the amazing opportunity to travel to Antarctica! Taking the Polar Plunge in Antarctic waters is a memory neither of us will forget.

Ryan credits a lot of his success to his time at McDonald's. He spent many years working at local stores, working his way up to being a manager by the time he was 18. The restaurants are able to function and work efficiently because of what he learned there!

We are foodies! Not only do we love a good meal, but we love a good experience. We find inspiration for our own restaurants by visiting all kinds of restaurants, everywhere we go. Blayne is always a great sport and tries funky foods first.

Blayne loves to read and could spend hours or days diving into books. It has to be a good series though - so standalone books won't make the cut!

Blayne LOVES to run and has run two half-marathons and one full marathon. Ryan has recently caught the runner's high - but swears no marathons are in his sight lol. Just prepping for 30,000 daily step goals when exploring a new city.

We both love projects and have worked on three home renovations together. One of the businesses we have is a kitchen and bath design showroom so we get to have a lot of fun using the pretty materials we have access to in our own spaces.





RYAN'S FAMILY

I came from two parents that love each other, come from good families, and were very consistent in their efforts to raise us the way that they did. As an adult and in the position I am in wanting to become a parent, I appreciate their efforts even more and understand their sacrifices, hard work and love even more. Every holiday was special, every special occasion was special, they rewarded us when we were great, and knew when to give tough love when growing up. We grew up in a structured household, with parents that were very involved and engaged.

I couldn't have asked for a better childhood. My father, Carlos, is a retired Police Lieutenant, where he spent the last 36 years protecting the city after graduating from college. He is so fair, level headed, reasonable, and is a man of great integrity. Growing up, his family and him were migrant farm workers and lived a very different life than what he worked so hard to give us. To see his life come full circle through hard work and consistency has been a beautiful thing to see. My mother, Laura, is my best friend, my confidant, and my biggest supporter. I love her so much. Like my father, she started working with her company when she was young and spent 31 years as a District Supervisor for a large national company. My mother was close to her angel mother, and I am very close to mine. My parents have given my siblings and I so much love and support, and I want to pass that on to a child, and have them experience the beautiful life we've had.

My younger brother and I are close in age, so not only was he my friend and confidant, but we had the best time being kids and growing up together. He is such a kind hearted, patient, and fair person. He gets along with everyone, makes friends with everyone, and is just a very selfless person. I couldn't think of a better person with wonderful personality traits and a good heart, to be my brother than David. Him and his fiancée are expecting their first child together in June and we are all so excited to have a baby in the family.

I was 10 when my sister was born and have truly loved watching her grow into the young lady she is today. She is currently living in Tennessee while she is attending Veterinary Medical School. She graduated from high school in 2018, and right after moved away to Texas A & M University College Station. She did well in her studies and was accepted into medical school before she was even able to graduate. She is very intelligent, emotionally and academically, and we are all so proud of her and look forward to each time we get to see her.

BLAYNE'S FAMILY

My parents, Curtis and Kelli, are wonderful parents and grandparents. My dad is the general manager of a hardware store and my Mom works for the city they live in, managing an accounting department. Both of my parents are very hard working, loving people. They always understood the importance of compassion, but also taught each of us the importance of being strong and not letting challenges wear you down. They have worked all their lives, and I am so proud of them because they like to do things themselves, and they are currently building a new house all on their own!

I have one brother and one sister, both of whom are older than me. They live about 30 minutes away from each other in West Texas. My brother is an Oil, Gas, and Land Lawyer. He is married and has three young daughters.

My sister has her Masters in Science and Nursing. She is a Pediatric Nurse and works on their transport team, traveling via ambulance, helicopter, and airplane to pick up babies from other cities and hospitals that do not have the capabilities to care for newborn children with more intensive needs. She is also an Adjunct Professor of Nursing and, as her schedule allows, works at my niece's school as the School Nurse. She loves them so much and they just think she's the coolest person for being their School Nurse. While my sister does not have her own children, seeing how close she is with our nieces is so amazing.

It is so special to see how our sibling relationship has changed over the years as we have grown up, and now have children in our lives. My sister has already said once we hopefully have a "birth date" or know of something moving forward she wants to take an extended time off to come down and help us! I know that my brother, sister, and sister-in-law will all be so supportive and helpful in whatever way they can provide during and throughout this process and raising a child.











OUR PROMISE

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us and our lives. Thank you for considering us to be in yours and your child's lives. Thank you for considering us to love your child, protect your child, and provide them with the best possible life. We promise to give the best of ourselves to this journey and to being a parent. We promise to teach this child love, compassion, empathy and to create an environment for them to thrive and become anything and everything they want to be. We are so grateful to have both had parents and grandparents that loved us and supported us in all that we do. Because of that, we have so much love to give. This is what we need and want most in our life and in our journey together, and we are so grateful for this opportunity. We know how immense of a decision this will be and we are excited to hopefully welcome this child home with open arms and a wonderful support system that will always stand by their side.

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