

our beautiful *life*



Megan and Kevin



hello

We are Kevin and Megan. After over two decades of marriage, we are eager to expand our family and fulfill our lifelong dream of becoming parents through open adoption.

"To the world you may be one person,
but to one person you may be the world."



We first met at a college party through mutual friends during our freshman year. After only three dates, we moved in together, recognizing that we had found something special in each other. A year and a half later, we exchanged vows and became husband and wife, despite still being below the legal drinking age for the champagne at our own wedding. It's amazing to reflect on those memories after all these years.

good times

Some of our favorite shared activities include:

Travel: Even though we have very different vacation styles (he is go-go-go, she likes leisure time), we love experiencing different environments and cultures. The top of our wishlist is to visit Italy.

Broadway Shows: We were fortunate enough to see an authentic NYC Broadway production of *Wicked* last summer. We also love to pop up to Seattle and take in a show.

Nature Walks: One of the reasons we love living in the Olympia area is all the greenery and amazing adventures you can have in the nature right outside your door.

Kayaking: One day we'll upgrade our inflatable kayaks, but we love gliding through the water and seeing special sights only seen from the water.

Television: Cozying up on the couch, we like to watch all kinds of shows. Our current binges are *The Great British Bake Off*, *Ghosts*, and *The Last of Us*.

Home Tours: We enjoy virtually walking through homes for sale. It also helps us get to know our community better.



Kevin

Coastal Economist



Cape Flattery



Getting my PhD



Brunch in Seattle

Ziplining in Costa Rica

Hiking Mount Rainier



fun facts

I am double jointed in my shoulders

My first concert was Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles -- Go ninja, go ninja, go!

My first job, at age 15, was as a telemarketer for a carpet cleaning company.

I am the only person in my family to earn a PhD and have four college degrees.

I was pooped (guano'd) on by a bat while camping. I was told that's good luck.

I am scuba certified.

I once wrangled a shark.

I can only whistle by breathing in through my mouth.

I prefer sweet over salty.

I prefer physical money to digital because I love what



Kevin's sister, brother, Kevin



Kevin rappelling



Kevin's nephew and nieces, Kevin and Megan, Kevin's parents, Kevin's sister, her husband, and her sons



At a pub in Victoria, British Columbia

I grew up in a small bedroom community of Boise, ID. I was raised in a two-parent household with a brother and a sister, and we were all born three years apart in March. My family is originally from the midwest, but moved to Idaho when I was still an infant. I did not grow up in a very strict household as I was a latchkey kid with minimal supervision. When I was younger, my dad traveled frequently and later owned a business which required long working hours and my mom returned to work and school to help support the household finances. I started working part-time jobs in high school to help support myself. My childhood upbringing taught me self-reliance, hard work, and perseverance. These values have stayed with me into adulthood and have helped me achieve goals in both my personal and professional life.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WIZARD?

My mother instilled in me the importance of reading from an early age, and I couldn't ever find enough books to read. I was always one of the top readers in the class and had more free pizzas from the Book It program than I could possibly use. I played lots of sports as a kid including baseball, football, and bowling, but soccer was my favorite.

Growing up, we had a cabin in a small mountain town and we'd go there almost every weekend to ride ATVs and snowmobiles, swim in the river, explore the woods, take the boat out on the lake, and go snowboarding. These experiences instilled in me the love of nature and the outdoors. A fond memory from this time is that one summer I sold a bunch of pine cones for \$1 each in the neighborhood. However, I collected the money first with the intention to deliver the pine cones later, but couldn't remember who bought them.

Wizarding World: We love Harry Potter!



Megan

Elementary Teacher



Exploring Mimna Mounds



In my classroom



Getting my undergraduate degree

Hiking Mount Rainier



Family cruise to Mexico: formal night



fun facts

I was born in Panama.

My parents got my name from soap opera credits. If I had been a boy, my parents would have named me Garrett.

I prefer salty over sweet.

I can't wiggle my toes.

I love cooking, but hate baking.

I have an unexplainable obsession and collection of pine cones.

I was chosen from my elementary P.E. class to perform a dance in a mall set to the theme song from Ghostbusters.

I played violin in elementary school and junior high (and was almost always last chair).

A stingray tried to eat my finger.

I once met an actor/SNL celebrity in a doctor's office.

I am very uncoordinated, but somehow have excellent balance.

I am not great with heights, but have been ziplining in the mountains of Idaho and Costa Rica.



2nd grade



Megan's sister-in-law and brother



Megan's parents

I categorize myself as introverted, but I'm not antisocial. I was shy as a kid and having moved around a lot made that really tough for me. My dad was in the Air Force, but ironically, we moved around most AFTER he left the military.

I grew up in Texas and Idaho. Kevin says that he hears my Texan accent at times. I have one older brother who recently moved to Oregon and my parents still live in Idaho. We're not super close as a family, but I try to see them at least once a year, and I talk with my mom every Sunday afternoon.

As a kid, I had lots of freedom to explore the world around me and would spend hours chasing horny toads, catching tadpoles, building forts, and playing games like kickball with the neighborhood kids. I envision our child doing similar things around the trails near our house and playing with the neighborhood kids in our cul-de-sac.



Megan at the Hoh Rainforest



Megan at Atlantis

I'm definitely a homebody, but getting out in nature recharges me.

One of my favorite places in nature is the Hoh Rainforest.

After college, I worked as a graphic designer, but felt it wasn't a good fit for me. I have always loved being creative and thrive with routines, so teaching has been a perfect career choice. It is a tough job, and it was hard to make a career change a bit later in life, but I enjoy making connections with kids and seeing how much they grow. I pride myself in my ability to nurture independence while maintaining a sense of community with my students.

A search of my computer will show that I follow many Instagram teachers, watch lots of decorating, organizing, and DIY videos, and endlessly scroll through cute and silly animal pictures (particularly Pugs, Frenchies, and English Bulldogs).



Ruby Beach



Snorkling in the Gulf of Mexico



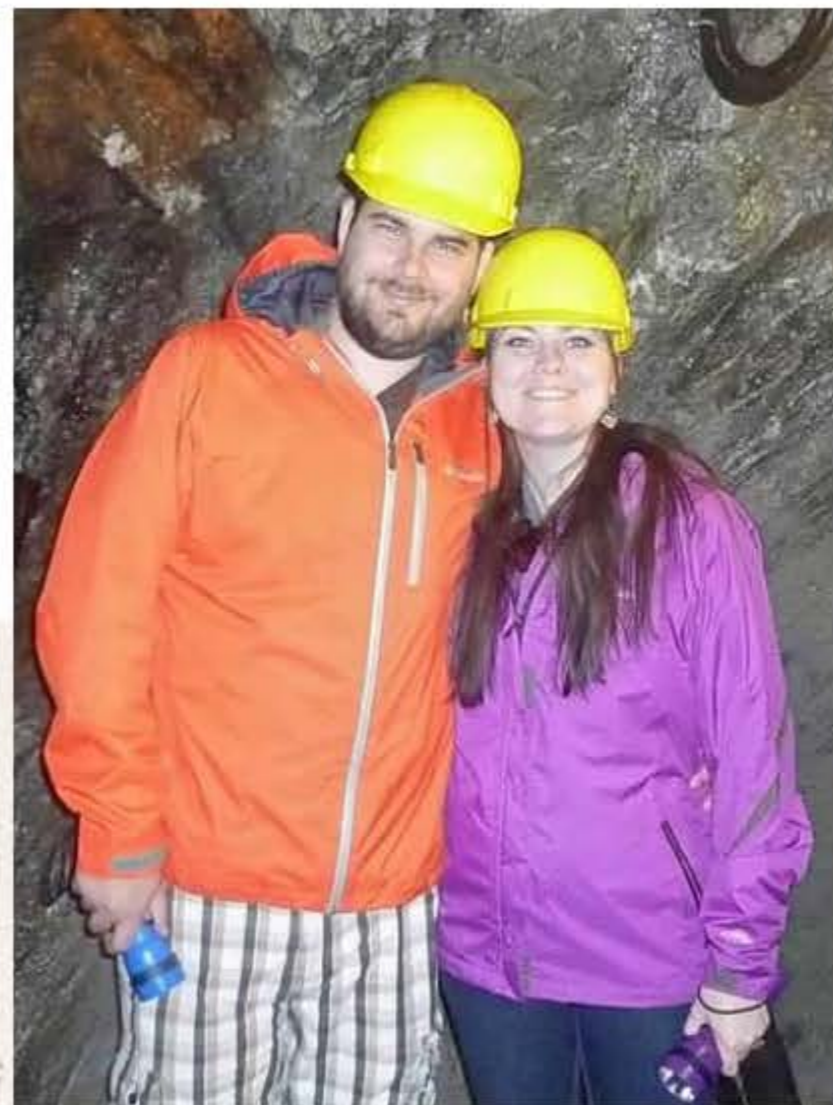
Silverwood in Coeur d'Alene, ID



Seeing Hamilton in Seattle



ATVing in Mexico



Cave exploring in Silver Mountain



Backyard

home

Kevin has worked to transform our yard to be more natural and sustainable. We often sit outside to listen to the fountains and watch all the bees, birds, butterflies, frogs, rabbits, and the occasional snake.



We love our house and community. We often get together with the people on our street for dinners and BBQs. We've spent many hours in our driveway chatting with folks in the neighborhood. Our best friends live just up the street which is incredibly convenient for game night. Their daughter and our next door neighbor's daughter would love to help out with any babysitting needs!



traditions

Halloween at our house is frightful! Watch out for ghouls that jump out at you. Each year we set up a spooky graveyard scene with drifting fog, scary noises, and synchronized lighting effects that greet around 200 trick-or-treaters.

Christmas includes a 6000 LED light extravaganza set to festive music.

We also decorate with holiday flags for Pride month, Juneteenth, and Fourth of July.





Our past dogs: Oreo and Gromit: We love dogs!



Celebrating on our honeymoon.



Celebrating our 20th anniversary.



Mexican cruise our 2nd year of marriage.



Costa Rica



Hawaii ATVing



Hiking at Mount Rainier



Dinner in NYC

love grows

Dreams and Aspirations: We plan to raise our child in a loving and supportive home. It is important for us to help our child stay connected to all parts of who they are. We plan to talk openly with our child about their adoption story and hope to cultivate a meaningful relationship with our child's birth family. We want our child to be proud of their culture and heritage and to have rich experiences, embracing all parts of themselves. It is important to us to raise our child to be kind, well-rounded, independent, and a critical thinker. We will instill values such as honesty, kindness, and responsibility. We will prioritize spending quality time as a family and regularly engaging in activities together such as reading books together, going on nature walks, and exploring the world around us. We value family, and hope our child's birth family will be a part of our extended family. As our child grows and evolves as a person, we hope for our child to feel safe, valued, and accepted for exactly who they are--as they are.



Bahamas

come as you are