



Drew & Ashton



Our Story

The first time Ashton saw Drew was over top of a bookshelf at the BYU bookstore. As an athlete, she thought that she knew all of the tall people on campus, but she had never seen this tall, dark, and handsome manly man! She was too nervous to say or do anything so she left and couldn't get this "Bookstore Boy," as he became known to her roommates, off of her mind. She saw him at a social function two days later and this time she basically chased him down when he turned to leave. Haha. It worked! He got her info and their first date was ice skating. We hit it off and connected deeply early on. Ashton had a year left in her program and was now a starter on the volleyball team living her dream. Drew had just been accepted to Stanford, the top mechanical engineering program in the nation, his dream. What were we to do? We decided to pray about next steps. We came together and both ended up sharing that we would give up our own dreams to support the other in pursuing their dream. That is when we knew that this was going to work!



We were married and continued the adventure of life together. Drew ended up deferring his start date for school for a year and supported Ashton while she finished her program and last year playing volleyball. We moved out to California for seven years and had many amazing life experiences. Drew did several startups and Ashton managed apartments. We enjoyed rubbing shoulders with many diverse and incredible people. We moved to Idaho to be close to family and purchased our first home. We have four beautiful children and we love partnering together as a team to raise them in a good, loving, supportive, Christ-centered home. We now live in the beautiful Ogden, UT area where we are beginning to write the next chapter of our story.

We are humbled and grateful to be on this adoption journey, as we feel there is a baby in our hearts whom we are excitedly anticipating and ready to love and accept into our family with open arms.

Meet Ashton

I grew up in Idaho, and yes I do love potatoes! :) Usually, the first question people ask me when they meet me is how tall I am. I am 6'3" tall, which makes me even taller than my dad!! It's a party! I learned from a young age to stand tall, shine my light, and be confident in who I am. Drew is 6'6", which I love, and I have been known to still rock high heels because, why not!?! I loved growing up in a big family and my siblings to this day are some of my dearest friends. I played many sports all growing up and my parents were my biggest super fans. My parents encouraged me to dream big and taught me the importance of working hard to achieve my dreams. Getting a full-ride scholarship to play volleyball at BYU was one of many dreams that I have worked to accomplish. I got my undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and just recently graduated with my master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.



I adore Drew and feel so blessed to be married to my best friend. I love being a mom and having opportunities to teach, love, and adventure with my amazing kiddos daily. I am now in the role of being the proud #1 super fan of all my kids' activities! It is a ton of fun! I enjoy coaching my daughter's volleyball teams. I find it fun and thrilling to run races and do triathlons, and I love to ballroom dance with my sweetheart (especially in the kitchen). I also enjoy painting, decorating our home, traveling the world, adventuring, mountain biking, hiking, and hosting dinner and game nights with family and friends. I am passionate about bettering myself through learning and seeking healing, wholeness, and truth. I love to connect with, help, inspire, uplift, coach, and love people in meaningful ways. I love Jesus so much. He is my how and my why.



Drew said

Ashton is amazing! And I LOVE her dearly. On our wedding day, I felt like the luckiest man on earth, and I still feel that way! She is passionate, loving, caring, empathetic, adventurous, and athletic. She is a joy to be with and uplifts everyone around her. She loves children. She loves teaching, searching, and helping people and she strives to uplift everyone around her. I love her and feel like the luckiest man to be able to be with her forever.

Meet Drew



I grew up in South Carolina as the second oldest child in a family of five children. Some of my favorite childhood memories include climbing trees, building forts, and adventuring in the woods behind my home. I was teased a lot throughout school but worked to overcome it and instead put my focus in my studies. I picked up the trumpet and I competed on our high school science teams. We even got to go to the national science team competition a few times! I decided to be a missionary for my church for two years and loved it! I loved serving people and teaching people about Jesus Christ. I also learned and became fluent in Spanish and now try to use or speak it everyday.

I attended BYU and earned an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering, which is a perfect fit for my love of building things. I truly love building things. Legos, TinkerToys, wood, robots...you name it I probably love building it! At first I worked in aerospace and help design military jet engines, and I had fun! And it was a dream of mine to attend Stanford and I was so thrilled I got the opportunity to attend. I graduated with a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering and transitioned from aerospace to instead inventing and building medical devices. Few things are more satisfying than making something that will improve or save someone's life. In the process, I have founded several companies and helped build several more. I enjoy holding positions where I can mentor people. I make time for family. I love spending time with Ashton and dating her for life. I love making up fantasy stories for our kids and taking them on imaginary adventures with their stuffed animals. I love baking fun treats for them, reading books, talking, playing board games, card games, logic games, answering science questions, and supporting them in their interests. Really anything they want to do.

Ashton said

Drew is a man of his word, he is fiercely loyal, and he prioritizes God and family above all else. He is organized, a born leader, and an excellent teacher. He approaches parenting as a partnership and we both share family and household responsibilities as equals. He is such a patient man and that strength blesses our marriage and our children immensely. He is a wonderful provider and protector of our family. He is slow to anger and works diligently and intentionally each day to better himself. I admire his strength, his determination, and his consistency. He is reliable and trustworthy.



Meet Our Kids

BROOKLYN, HARRISON, ISAAC, AND ALYSSA

Brooklyn (12 years) is determined, responsible, adventurous, friendly, and fun. She is the best babysitter and supports us when we go on our date nights. She has a burning desire to be a NICU nurse one day and if there is one thing that I know about Brooklyn it is that when she sets her mind to something she accomplishes it. She loves pandas, adores being in musicals, and rocks a messy bun.

Harrison (10 years) is one of the funniest and also smartest people I know. He is charming, witty, helpful, thoughtful, and fun. He has been memorizing the chemistry periodic table and working diligently to master pull-ups. He loves manta rays, soft blankets, and wants to be an engineer when he grows up.



Isaac (8 years) is one of the happiest, most cheerful, light, tender, and fun people you will ever meet. He loves to use his imagination and gift of ideas to build incredibly creative things out of any type of building material he can get his hands on. He loves dragons, back scratches, and making people smile and laugh.

Alyssa (3 years) is a very sweet and yet sassy thriving three-year-old. She loves horses and it was her birthday wish to ride real horses for the first time! She also enjoys playing with princess figurines, dressing up, and playing with cousins. She knows almost all the lyrics to Andy Grammer songs and she belts them out along with mom. Her favorite things on earth: her uncle Jake and her stuffed Lambie.

All of our children are super excited at the thought of bringing home a new baby and they pray for the baby each night.



Our Home

OGDEN, UT

The Ogden area has magnificent mountain views, breathtaking sunsets, and beautiful hiking trails in plenty. We love our spacious home and have felt so blessed to be a part of such a welcoming and warm neighborhood and community. We have a gorgeous mountain view from our back deck. We have been thrilled to find a wonderful family gym, where the kids ask to go frequently. We have loved going to nearby lakes, exploring new hikes,



discovering fun parks, riding bikes and scooters through the neighborhood, and frequenting the nearby dinosaur museum, discovery museum, and library. One of our favorite things about living here is having grandma and grandpa, my brother and his wife, and six cousins so close by! The cousins all have so much fun making memories together. My kids love playing games, having movie nights, eating Grammy's amazing baking and milkshakes, and having sleepovers at Grandma and Grandpa's.

Our Hobbies



