

Wesleyan Wednesday

Brianna (Outland) '14 & Joey Kramer '13

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, we thought we'd feature some of our #WesleyanSweethearts for the remainder of our February #WesleyanWednesday stories! First up is Joey '13 and Brianna (Outland) Kramer '14!

Joey is the son of Wesleyan staple, Scott '87, and Penny (Mills) Kramer '86. He decided to come to Wesleyan to play football and because he liked the small campus size. Bri, who was also a student-athlete, arrived at Wesleyan on a volleyball scholarship. She liked the campus atmosphere and how Wesleyan's location wasn't too far from her Hopkinsville, Ky. roots.

It took just a little over a semester for the pair to really cross paths. "We met almost 9 years ago to the day, while I was a work-study student with the football team filming their practices," said Bri.

"We first crossed paths during a spring football practice in 2011... which wasn't the most magical encounter. Joey was a little on the shy side, but he finally worked up the courage to contact me on Facebook. After a week of chatting over social media, I put the idea in his head that texting might be easier – sometimes boys just don't get it. From there, our relationship continued to blossom, and here we are nine years later still going strong."

Both Bri and Joey continued their education after graduating from Wesleyan and, while living in separate cities, their love continued to grow. After completing her BS in psychology at Wesleyan, Bri went onto get her MS in industrial-organizational psychology from Northern Kentucky University; Joey went onto get his JD in law from the University of Kentucky after receiving his BS in business from Wesleyan. After being engaged for a couple of years, the couple got married in Owensboro, Ky. in September of 2019.

Nowadays, Bri and Joey reside in northern Kentucky and are happily married.



Bri works as a senior consultant at TiER1 Performance Solutions in Cincinnati, Oh. and focuses on helping organizations solve what she describes as 'big, hairy problems,' adopt new systems and processes, improve employee performance and transform cultures through strategic change management and learning practices. Joey works as an attorney at Dressman, Benzinger and LaVelle PSC in Crestview Hills, Ky. and focuses primarily in the areas of commercial and civic litigation.

The couple looks back at their time at Wesleyan fondly and makes a point to stay connected to their alma mater. We love watching them grow in their careers and as a couple and are delighted to recognize them as some of our most recent Wesleyan Sweethearts!