

# AUDREY + BRANDON



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# hello!

We're Audrey and Brandon, and we're so glad you're taking the time to get to know us. We understand that this is a significant and deeply personal decision, and we want you to know that we approach this journey with **respect, compassion, and gratitude**.

Through these pages, we'll share our story—**who we are, what we love, and the kind of parents we hope to be**. We're an active and adventurous couple who love exploring new places, trying new things, and making memories along the way. But at the core of it, what matters most to us is **family, friends, and the community** we've built.

We can't wait to give a child a home filled with **love, joy, and opportunity**. We believe in raising children to be **confident, curious, and kind**, and we're excited to share our adventures, our values, and our hearts as parents.

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# Our Story

Our journey together began in the **summer of 2004** when we met **wrestling**. Training together, we formed a lifelong friendship; bonding over similar passions, experiences, and taste in pickles. Over the years, our **shared values, mutual respect, and deep friendship** quietly built the foundation for something more.

A decade later, a **trip to Costa Rica** changed everything and we finally saw what had been there all along. From that moment, we built a life side by side, creating a home filled with love, laughter, and our dogs. Brandon proposed during a hike in Hawaii, cementing our commitment to being **forever adventure buddies**.

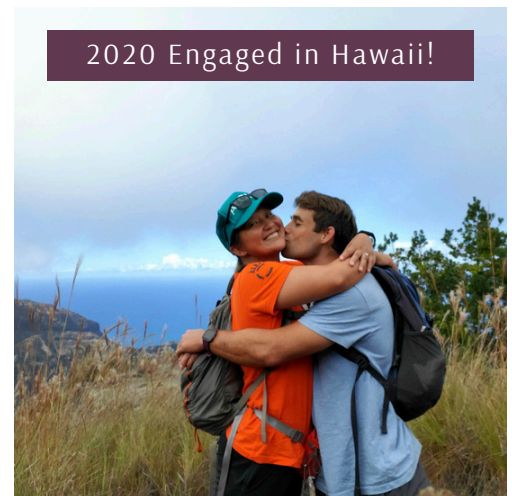
Now, as we enter this next chapter, we are ready to grow our family and look forward to sharing our love, adventures, and dreams as a family.



2008 Beijing Olympics



2015 Costa Rica



2020 Engaged in Hawaii!



Christmas 2024



2022 Austin Celebration



2021 Married in Toronto



# MEET Audrey

Audrey grew up in **Canada** and came to the U.S. for college, where she wrestled on a D1 men's varsity team, mostly because it never occurred to her that girls *weren't* supposed to. She's equal parts **tomboy** and **girly-girl**, just as happy on an annual girls' trip as she is hanging out with the guys.

She studied economics at Princeton and later earned her MBA at the University of Chicago. Now, she works remotely in finance, giving her the freedom to build her career while being fully present for the people and moments that matter most.

Audrey cares deeply about helping others, especially creating opportunities for kids and advocating for rescue animals. She loves great food, board games, and any excuse to be outdoors.

Bachelorette in Asheville



NCAA Wrestling



Coaching Girls' Wrestling



Princeton Womens Wrestling  
Coach Julia Salata-Vargas  
Coach Audrey Pang  
Tommy Torres  
New York - New Jersey  
26 MAY 24

## fun facts

- Stays young **coaching** boys and girls wrestling
- Relaxes by **crocheting** and making cute stuffed animals, as well as hats for her dogs
- Favorite movie that's not a Disney movie is **The Princess Bride**
- In addition to wrestling, she also grew up playing the **violin** and singing in **choir**
- If she could only eat one thing for the rest of her life it would be her **mom's homemade dumplings**



# MEET Brandon

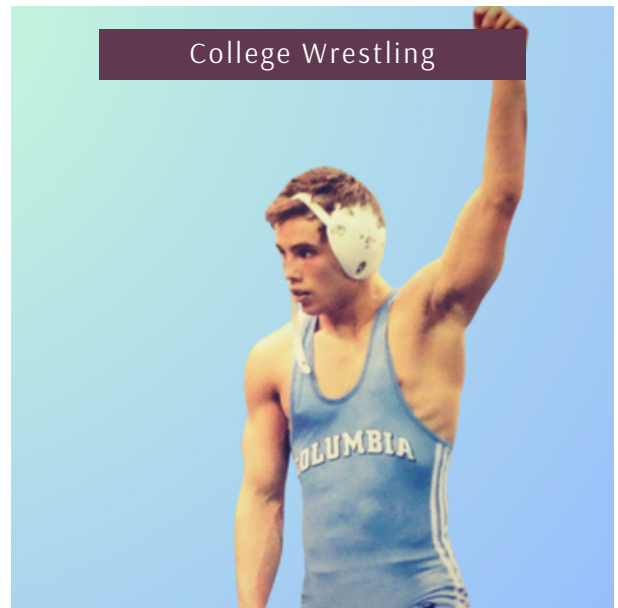
Brandon grew up in **rural Michigan**, where his first year of wrestling ended with a perfect record...of losses. But instead of quitting, he worked harder and fell in love with the sport, eventually earning his way onto Columbia University's Division 1 team.

His adventurous spirit has taken him from Michigan to New York City, a year in Costa Rica, and finally to Austin, Texas where he and Audrey have lived for the last 8+ years. Today, he runs a company that helps families with autistic children.

Brandon brings **passion** and **purpose** to everything he does. Whether he's practicing yoga, training jiu- jitsu, or fostering dogs, he approaches life with the same dedication that turned that **small-town kid** into a **Division 1 athlete**.



Hiking in Hawaii



College Wrestling



Roadtrips with Meeko

## fun facts

- Has done nearly **80,000 pull-ups** in the last 5 years (yes, he brings a pull-up bar on every trip!)
- Rocked a pandemic **mohawk** (courtesy of Audrey)
- Can **juggle** almost anything
- Always **squints** in photos
- Fluent in **Spanish**
- Eats way too much **ice cream**

What I love about...

AUDREY

Brandon loves Audrey's **passion for exploration** and her unwavering **moral compass**. She challenges him to grow while staying true to what matters most.

Audrey inspires Brandon to **dream bigger** and be a better version of himself.



What I love about...

BRANDON

Brandon is fearless and fun, but more than that, he is incredibly **kind** and **loving**. He puts his whole heart into caring for those he loves. As the **rock** of our family, he makes sure we feel safe and cherished.

I know he will be a **devoted** and **supportive** father, ready to share his love, curiosity, and zest for life with our future child.

Hawaii Beaches



Costa Rica Beaches







Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu



Mexico City

## MORE ABOUT *Us*

- We stay active (and have fun!) by training **Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu** together.
- We love **exploring new places**, especially when it means trying new and delicious **local foods**. We've even tried scorpion! (It wasn't so delicious.)
- For Halloween, we do **Trunk or Treat** with one of our favorite organizations, **Friends of the Children Austin**
- We go **hiking with our dogs**, Cyrus gets carried in his own backpack!
- Family means everything to us, and we take frequent trips to **Michigan** and **Canada**, especially in the summer



Volunteering with Friends of the Children



Hiking with Dogs



Cyrus' backpack



BJJ in Costa Rica



Kayaking with Family





## OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

We live in a welcoming cul-de-sac with a **close-knit community** where neighbors look out for each other and kids ride bikes up and down the block. Our dogs are neighborhood favorites, always excited to greet the kids who stop by to play with them or sneak them a treat.

Our home is a comfortable **four-bedroom, two-bathroom** house with plenty of space to grow and play. We love **hosting** friends and family. Our biggest gathering is Camerican (Canadian-American) **Friendsgiving**, a 20-year tradition where we bring loved ones together to share family recipes. Our **large backyard** is perfect for bonfires, playing with our dogs, and pool parties. Inside, we've got plenty of space for building forts and playing games.

More than anything, our home is a place of **warmth, connection, and community**. Whether it's afternoon pack walks through the neighborhood or unwinding in the backyard, it's a space filled with laughter, gathering, and plenty of room for new traditions and memories.

Halloween Pack Walk



Backyard Relaxing



Movie Night



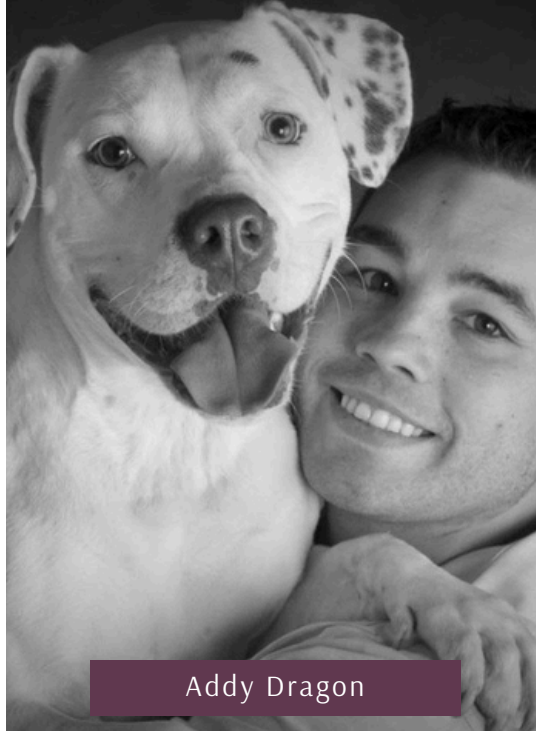
Friendsgiving







Christmas Meeko



Addy Dragon



Cyrus the Pirate

# Our Dogs

We've fostered many (over 15!) dogs over the years and have **three forever dogs** in our family. **Meeko** is a goofy Old English Sheepdog who'll do anything for food. **Addy Dragon** is our athlete who can swim and run forever. **Cyrus the Pirate** is our lovable, easy-going tripod. He only has 3 legs, but also has the biggest heart. You'll find them sunbathing in the backyard and going on pack walks around the neighborhood. They are all great with kids and can't wait to welcome another family member.



Backyard Sunbathing



Neighborhood Pack Walks



Peter Pan Halloween





# Family + Friends

We're lucky to have a **global community** of friends and family, with loved ones spread across Austin, New York, Chicago, Michigan, Costa Rica, Canada, Hong Kong, and beyond! No matter the distance, we make it a priority to stay connected through:

- **Annual trips** with friends and family - spring scuba diving in Mexico, summers on Michigan lakes, Christmas in Canada, and ski trips wherever there are mountains and snow
- **Celebrating life** - meeting up for milestones like weddings, baby showers, and reunions.
- **Virtual connections** - regular video chats, whatsapp groups, and online board game nights keep us close



In Austin, we can be found with friends:

- Doing **Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu**
- **Two Stepping** in old dance halls
- Relaxing on a **boat**



**Home is where the heart is.** Some of our most cherished times are quieter moments that happen right at home:

- **Shared meals**
- **Game nights**
- **Creative time**

Life is richest when shared with the people (and pets) we love. Whether catching up over coffee or celebrating traditions together, these connections form the foundation of our lives.





Audrey's Family - Mom, Dad, and Sister



# Audrey's Family

Audrey was born and raised in **Toronto, Canada**, to **Chinese immigrant** parents who worked tirelessly to build their **North American dream**. Their sacrifices gave her and her **sister, Levana**, the opportunity for a better life. They taught her the importance of **family, working hard**, and **being kind** to others. Audrey grew up surrounded by love, strong traditions, and a deep appreciation for building and growing community. Levana has been her lifelong partner in fun and mischief. **Best friends since birth**, Levana can't wait to be a fun aunty.

**Family is everything** to Audrey. Her parents' home is a gathering place filled with warmth, laughter, and plenty of food. Most of Audrey's extended family—including aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews—live in Toronto, making visits home extra special with big meals and celebrations. As her generation has grown, many have married into **different backgrounds** and **cultures**, creating a beautiful mosaic of traditions, languages, and perspectives within the family.

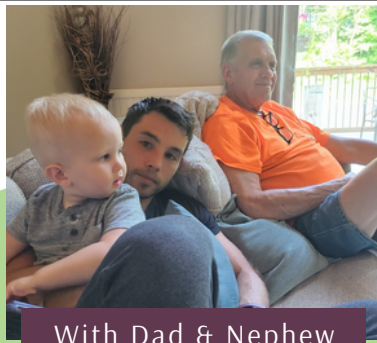
Wedding Reception - Audrey's Dad's Side







With Grandma



With Dad & Nephew



Dad & Baby Meeko



With Sister

# Brandon's Family

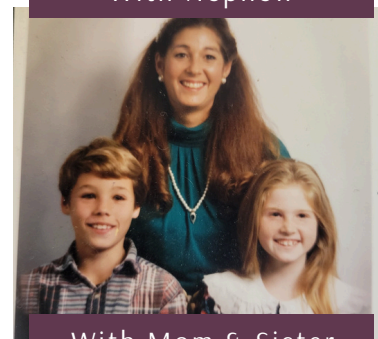
Brandon grew up in **rural Michigan**, where his dad showed him what **dedication** and **perseverance** really look like. When he was twelve, his mom passed away, and from that moment on, his dad poured everything into raising him and his younger sister, Brianna. Through those years, Brandon saw firsthand what it means to **show up** for the people you love... and those lessons have stuck with him ever since.

Today he is the **proud uncle** to **3 nephews** and **1 niece**. Summers in Michigan are often spent at little league games and princess birthday parties with the kids, in addition to church with grandma and trivia with dad.

Brandon's family history runs deep in Michigan's Upper Peninsula... where **generations of lumberjacks** lived and worked. His family's old log cabin, built in 1927, is still standing and every summer Brandon and Audrey go back (with the dogs!) for bbqs and bonfires by the lake. These simple traditions and strong family bonds have shaped who Brandon is, and he's excited to share these special places and memories with a child.



With Nephew



With Mom & Sister

Pancake Breakfasts in the Log Cabin





# Traditions

- One of our favorite traditions is taking family photos for **Christmas** and **Halloween**. Every year, we pick a fun theme and capture special moments together. Audrey has a lot of fun assembling costumes.
- We love our **annual mystery trip** where one of us picks a surprise destination, and the other doesn't find out until we get there! Past trips have taken us everywhere from Mexico City to Santa Fe to the San Juan Islands, and we can't wait to see where the next one takes us!
- Since we work remotely, we spend summers with family at the lake in **Michigan**. We swim, hike, and have bonfires under the stars. It's our favorite time to slow down and just be together.
- We make **homemade dumplings** from scratch with Audrey's mom and sister for every family gathering.
- We also love getting together with friends for **birthdays**, **sporting events**, and **reunions**, including:
  - Chinese New Year celebration dinner
  - Watching the NCAA wrestling tournament
  - Princeton Reunions every year!



Santa Photos



Superhero Halloween



Mystery Trip: Seattle!



Michigan Summers



July 4th with Friends



Princeton Reunions

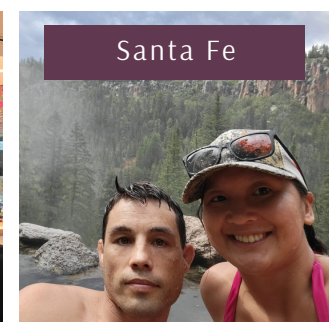
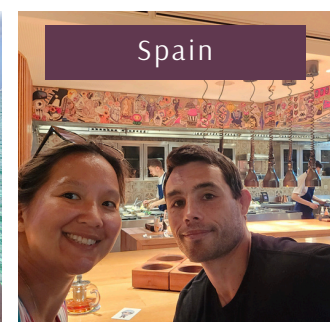
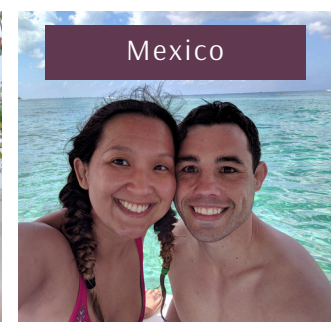


## OUR ADVENTURES

**We love adventure!** We've explored all over the world, from watching the Olympics in person (Paris, Rio, London, and Beijing!) to swimming with turtles in Hawaii. One of our favorite ways to experience new places is through food, there's no better way to learn about a culture than through tasting it.

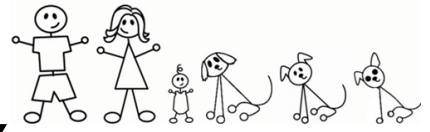
Spending time outdoors is a big part of our lives. Give us a trail to hike or water to kayak, and we're happy. We love getting outside, whether it's trekking or skiing through the mountains, paddling along the coast, or simply soaking in the beauty of nature.

We are excited to add a child to our future adventures in an age-appropriate way and explore the world and see it through their fresh eyes.





# US AS A FAMILY



- **Family Traditions We'll Share**

- Making Grandma's dumplings for Chinese New Year
- Pancake breakfasts at Grandpa's log cabin
- Trick-or-treating and Halloween family costumes
- Letting our child help choose our annual mystery trip destination

- **Family Connections**

- Playdates with cousins in Michigan and Canada
- Board game championships with the whole family
- Summer lake swims with Grandpa
- Building sandcastles with Grandma at the beach

- **Honoring Birth Heritage**

- Celebrating your family's traditions and holidays
- Cooking special meals that connect to your child's roots
- Creating memory books that honor their complete story
- Maintaining connections in whatever way feels right

- **Everyday Joys We're Excited For**

- Bedtime stories and morning cuddles
- Helping with homework
- Backyard camping adventures under the stars
- Discovering our child's unique talents and passions
- Disney movie nights and sing-a-longs

Chinese New Year



Log Cabin with Grandpa



Summers at the Lake



Backyard Camping







Our Village!











# THANK YOU...

**Thank you for spending time getting to know us.** We know this is a big decision, and we deeply admire your courage, strength, and love in considering adoption. We've been incredibly lucky in life, and our greatest hope is to share that with a child. We promise to create a home full of **love, laughter, adventure, and support**. If you choose us, we are committed to an **open adoption** and will **honor** that connection in whatever way feels right, through updates, calls, and visits in a way that is meaningful and comfortable for all. No matter what you decide, we are **grateful** you took this time to learn about our family and we wish you and your child nothing but the best moving forward.

WITH LOVE,  
*Audrey & Brandon*



THANK YOU!

