



Colors: Royal blue and silver
Ceremony: Sacred Heart Church, 125 Guests
Reception: Texas State Aquarium
Rehearsal dinner: Fajitaville, 25 guests
Photographer: Heidi Rae Photography
Wedding invitations: Mail Center USA
Dress: Parvani Vida in Houston, Enzoani
Tuxes: Men's Wearhouse
Wedding rings: His: Zales, hers: repurposed grandmother's ring - melted ring into new design and used the same diamonds at Pharaoh's Jewelers

Jewelry and accessories: Cherry blossom Mikimoto necklace from Japan during my mom's and my trip there, pearl bracelet from Etsy, diamond earring studs from father after graduating college

Bridesmaid dresses: David's Bridal

Hair and makeup: Malorie Jones

Flowers: H-E-B Blooms

Decorations:

Bride and Texas State Aquarium

Caterer: Water's Edge Catering from the Texas State Aquarium

Cake: Fillingood Bakery

Entertainment: Dance till Dawn (Dexter Miranda)

First dance song: "Eyes on Me" then "Love & Joy"

Father-daughter dance song: "You've got a Friend" by James Taylor

Getaway vehicle:

Adam's Jeep Wrangler

Wedding night lodging:

Suite at Omni Corpus Christi Hotel

Favors: Personalized chocolate bars

Bridal party gifts: Pearl stud earrings, pearl chunky necklaces, minimergency kit

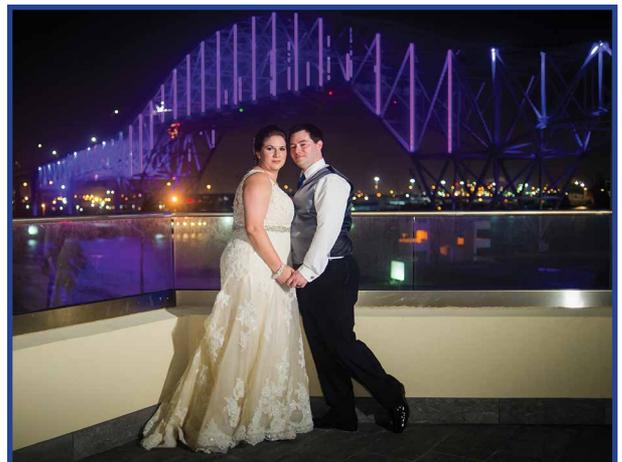
Registry: Bed, Bath and Beyond and Dillard's

Honeymoon: Originally was supposed to be the Virgin Islands, but hurricane Maria/Irma completely wrecked the location so we had to fall back on a trip to San Antonio

Lindsey Apanowicz & George Adam Dreyer

November 4, 2017 • Corpus Christi, TX • Engaged for 15 months

Photos by Heidi Rae Photography



How we met:

Dressed in costumes at an anime convention.

The proposal:

We were dressed as our favorite Pokemon for a photo shoot at an anime convention. Adam had 3D printed a Pokeball that had the Pokeball engagement ring inside.

Favorite detail:

Bride: Our wedding was unique with being in the aquarium and having animal interactions during cocktail hour and part of the aquarium for people to look at in between the ceremony and reception. I liked incorporating small things that Adam and I both like but the overall feel was still traditional; the cherry blossoms in the centerpieces, on the cake, in graphics I made for the giffygram, the graphic of our names projected on the floor, etc. We also had a slideshow on a continuous loop, so that was a talking point for many because we had pictures of us growing up and in different costumes and with people who were at the wedding. Groom: Two things: the animal encounters, and the slideshow displaying all of our cosplay history in the background for the entire wedding. It gave the audience something interesting and different to look at while also a unique look into our hobbies and lifestyle.

Favorite moment:

Bride: Surprising everyone with a fast song (after the slow song) for the first dance. I instruct Zumba, and Adam doesn't dance often... so having him dance a faster dance choreographed was fun and entertaining. Groom: Watching the bouquet touchdown! Two single females lined up to catch the bouquet and together, one lifted the other up to snatch the bouquet out of the air... just like a football play! Touchdown!

Biggest challenge:

Bride: Making sure everything is done by the time it should be. From getting contracts signed to getting your marriage license only so many days before your wedding... It is a bit intimidating! I found the time line in The One to be very helpful for that, though. Groom: Getting the entire family there. No matter what days you pick, there's always people who aren't able to make it who are important to you.



Funniest moment:

Bride: Our priest went out of order on how a usual marriage ceremony goes... We kissed, then did communion, then had the rings blessed, then he signed the marriage license... etc. I think it kept everyone on their toes and made them pay attention. Groom: That stupid choreographed anime dance in front of all my unsuspecting friends and family.

If you could do one thing over:

Bride: Take a few more breathers during the reception. It felt like it was only 2 hours but it was from 7:30 till 10:30. Groom: The entire reception. It was one giant party with two families coming together. Can't get more fun than that.

One piece of advice:

Bride: Make sure to eat something before everything starts happening, because you will not have time to eat at the event. I barely ate, only because the team at the aquarium brought me a plate of food, and kept me on time of when the toast should happen, first dance, etc. So eat and make sure you have someone who will keep you on track of the schedule! Groom: Don't stress over the little details. It's the mishaps and funny things that make for a lasting story. Nobody talks about how perfect it went. Enjoy the errors and make some memories.

What marriage means to you:

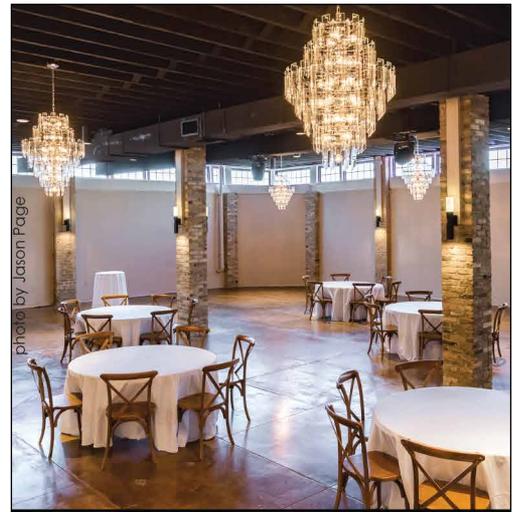
Bride: Being there for each other, looking out for each other. Groom: Marriage means picking someone to share your entire life with: the good, the bad, and the ugly. And together you can build a future.

How to make your spouse happy:

Bride: Be myself and play video games with him or create new costumes for us or the dog. Groom: Pizza and wine.

What you look forward to most:

Bride: People have been asking me what it's like now that I'm married, and really, all I say is now we live together (I'm not very romantic haha). Nothing really changes, since you've built a lasting relationship already... It's just like hanging out with your friend all the time. Groom: All the long hours of co-op gaming!



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