



**Colors:** Quartz, dusty rose, burgundy, champagne

**Ceremony and reception:** Art Center of Corpus Christi, 190 Guests

**Rehearsal dinner:** Hoegemeyer's Barbeque, 40 Guests

**Wedding planner:** Amy Canterbury

**Photographer:** Heidi Rae Photography

**Wedding invitations:** Mail Center USA Invitations, Gifts, and More

**Dress:** All About the Dress, Stella York

**Tuxes:** Men's Wearhouse

**Wedding rings:** Hers: Diamond's Direct; his: Reed's

**Jewelry and accessories:** Dillards

**Bridesmaid dresses:** Bella Bridesmaids, Monique Lhuillier

**Hair and makeup:** Hair: Chatty's Chair, make up: Laney Morin

**Flowers:** Razzle Dazzle

**Decoration and rentals:** Razzle Dazzle

**Cake:** Simply Elegant by Raymond

**Entertainment:** Mystic Entertainment

**First dance song:** "I Do" by Paul Brandt

**Father-daughter dance song:** "Dance with My Daughter" by Jason Blaine

**Mother-groom dance song:** "Don't Blink" by Kenny Chesney

**Getaway vehicle:** Town Car

**Wedding night lodging:** Omni Corpus Christi Hotel

**Favors:** Koozies

**Bridal Party Gifts:** Floral robes, monogrammed totes, flip flops and hair and makeup

**Registry:** Crate & Barrel, Bed Bath and Beyond

**Honeymoon:** Ocho Rios, Jamaica - Sandals Resort

## Ashley Nicole Vanecek & Adam Garrett Houchin

November 3, 2018 • Corpus Christi, TX • Engaged 14 months

Photos by Heidi Rae Photography





**How we met:**

Oddly enough... on Valentine's Day through mutual friends during a night out.

**The proposal:**

We both enjoy spending time in Concan, Texas. In August of 2017, we rented a house with a bunch of our closest friends. Adam knew how special our favorite vacation spot was and decided it would be the perfect place to ask me to spend forever with him, surrounded by a few of our favorite people. We headed down to meet everyone at the water, and they had signs spelling out "Will you marry me?" Next thing I know, I turned around and Adam was on one knee. On the banks of the Frio River, I gladly said yes!

**Favorite detail:**

Bride: My favorite detail was the beautiful staircase and courtyard at the Art Center. That staircase is what sold us on picking the Art Center as our venue! The ambiance is romantic and the whole area is gorgeous. Groom: I really enjoyed the staircase at the Art Center. It was breathtaking to see Ashley walk down the stairs. It also made for a great entrance for the wedding party.

**Favorite moment:**

Bride: We did a first look so that we could get most of the pictures out of the way at the beginning. At first, I was completely against it, but it made sense so that we could move quickly into the reception and spend time with our guests. I am so glad that we did it. Walking down the aisle, and tapping him on the shoulder (with it just being the two of us) was so special, and much more intimate. Groom: My favorite moment was after saying "I do." We turned around and saw all of the smiling faces and began walking back down the aisle and at that moment it hit me what had just happened. It was very exciting, stress relieving, and memorable.

**Biggest challenge:**

Bride: Being able to have conversations with all of the guests. Time flies too quickly. When we got back to the hotel, I remember telling Adam that I felt guilty because I didn't get to talk and spend time with everyone that I wanted to.

Groom: The wind was our biggest challenge. Having the wedding outside, right by the water was our goal, but with that we knew it would be windy. The morning of the wedding, we had to go buy tarps and windproof the Art Center so that it would be tolerable during our ceremony.

**Funniest moment:**

Bride: There was a slight mix-up and the Aggie War Hymn was played while we were in the middle of cutting the cake! Funny enough, there were quite a few pictures taken with our jaws dropped! Groom: Marrying an Aggie, a very large part of the wedding is the Aggie War Hymn. The DJ started playing it while we were cutting the cake and both of our jaws dropped. Luckily, they quickly stopped and we did it later in the night, when it was supposed to be done.

**One piece of advice:**

Bride: Communication is key! Your spouse is not going to be exactly like you, and that is a good thing, but because of that, you will have different opinions and different styles of doing things. This requires adjustment and team work. Life is no longer about just "YOU", but about "US" - it is a balancing act, a little give and a little take. Groom: As perfect as you want the big day to be, something will go wrong. Don't sweat it. Most people probably won't even notice. At the end of the day, it is about everyone having fun and celebrating with you and your new life partner.

**What you look forward to most:**

Bride: Having a partner in this journey we call life... We are going to be growing up together, raising a family together, and relying on each other. I know that no matter what is going on, that I can confide in him, and it is a really comforting feeling knowing that we are in this together. Groom: I'm ready to make more memories... traveling, kids, homes, and experiences in general. I have the absolute best person to experience life with, and luckily we have the same taste on just about everything, so it will be quite the journey.

**All About The Dress**



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