

LADY LIONS SOCCER ALUMNI

Class of 2008: Captain Justine Duncan (Porterfield)

EST. 2006

Catching up with...

What I love about coaching girls is that they can be so silly. I have so many memories of us laughing and having so much fun! What I remember most about Justine was her smile, laughter and ability to lead her team mates! Justine played three years with the Lady Lions and was part of the Inaugural Team in 2006. In her career she was a First Team All-Leaguer and Captain in 2008. Since graduating Justine is married and lives here in the Modesto Area where she teaches P.E. at Cornerstone Christian School. Enough said! I'll let you catch up with Justine!



When did you graduate Big Valley? I graduated in 2008



Where did you attend College? Degree? I attended MJC for a few years and did the online program for Liberty University, but I have had to put school on hold.



Tell us about your family. Husband? Children?

I am married to my husband Keith and we have been married for about 2 and a half years. He is my best friend and I love doing life with him. We don't have kids yet, but we have a super sweet Border Colie named Piper.

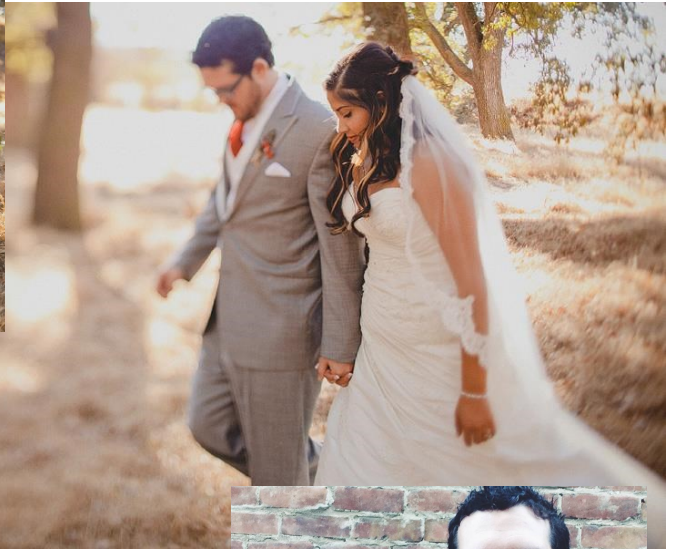


What is your 9-5 job?

I work at a Christian school called Cornerstone. I am an aid in the Kindergarten class, the P.E. teacher for K-3rd, and I do recess and lunch with them. I also nanny part time for a family. I never thought that I would be working in such a young age group, but I truly love it. It's so fun watching kids grow and learn.



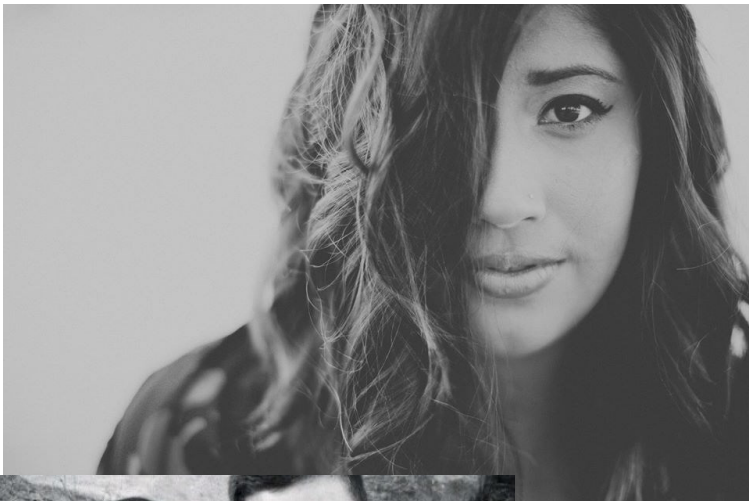
In the last ten years what has been your proudest moment?



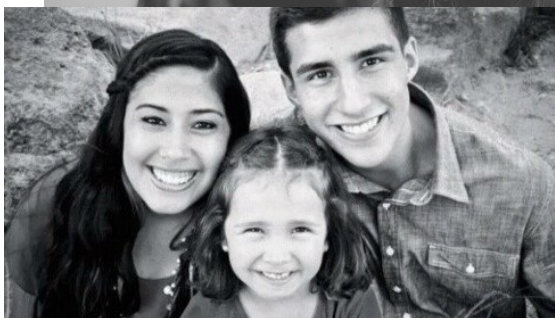
My proudest moment has probably been getting married. Yes, it is fun and awesome, but it is also a lot of hard work to learn how to put someone else's needs above your needs. I've experienced God's grace over and over and have been reminded regularly of how much I am loved by Christ through my marriage.



What are the most important lessons you've learned since graduating from high school?



The most important thing I've learned since high school has probably been that my worth and value don't come from other people and what they think about me.



What is your favorite memory with the Lady Lions?

Hands down, every time we got to play World Cupies was my favorite. I loved our games and road trips, but we always had such fun practices. We became a tight-knit team through the bonds we shared in practice.



How has your involvement with the Lady Lions helped you?

It helped me learn how to work on a team. At our jobs and in any relationship, there are going to be people who are different than you or do things differently and it was so important for me to experience how to work through things with people and learn to communicate well.



In what ways do you believe your involvement with the Lady Lions changed you?

It helped me develop so much of my character. We had so many great times, yet some people experienced some difficult times during the three years that I was a

Lady Lion. Through those situations, I learned how to lead, encourage, pray for people, be prayed for and to find joy in hard times. Mr. Limon did such a great job of reminding us that what we were doing was bigger than just soccer.

