

Jessica Simanek & Andrew Anaruk

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Jessica and Andrew met through work in early 2004. They quickly developed a friendship that would blossom into so much more. Over the years, the couple got to know one another and began dating. Despite having to date long-distance at certain points, Jessica and Andrew's relationship flourished. In August 2008, Andrew proposed to Jessica on a warm summer night while overlooking Camelback Mountain in Scottsdale, Arizona. A surprised and enamored Jessica said 'yes.' >>



The proposal is quite fitting for this adventurous, outdoorsy couple. Jessica and Andrew enjoy hiking, snowboarding, competitive running and other athletic activities. Both are involved in adult kickball leagues and also love “toobing” down Texas rivers. Jessica and Andrew are also avid football fans, which creates as they call it, A House Divided. Jessica is an Aggie fan while Andrew roots for the Red Raiders. This friendly rivalry brings them together.

The couple met in San Antonio and decided to settle down there. They felt that having their wedding and reception in San Antonio would bring them back to the roots of their relationship. Jessica and Andrew also wanted their friends and family to experience the place they call home. The outdoor ceremony and reception was held at The Gunter Hotel in San Antonio, which overlooks the Riverwalk. The day of their wedding, April 4, 2009, turned out to be a warm, gorgeous day. Tropical, colorful flowers surrounded the couple as they exchanged vows in front of friends and family who had flown in from a wide variety of cities. Andrew said of the ceremony, “One of the neatest things about the ceremony was looking out into the crowd and seeing all of the faces. Jessica



and I have a lot of friends and family who live in different parts of the country. We get to see them individually at different times, but to see all the people who are so important to you at one time put the biggest smile on my face.” During the toasts at their reception, Jessica’s dad presented each of them with personalized game day t-shirts: a Red Raider shirt for Jessica and an A&M shirt for Andrew. This beautiful symbol of their future as a united couple brought laughs and touched the hearts of wedding guests.

Their honeymoon was spent in Mexico at the Moon Palace Resort and Spa. They lounged on the beach, but also made time for zip lining, mountain biking and swimming. The Extreme Jungle Excursion was only time they left the hotel, where they visited the resort’s restaurants and enjoyed wine amidst a cool breeze and paradisiacal setting. They commented, “Basically when the weather is nice, we will find any excuse to get outdoors.”

Now that the couple is settled in San Antonio, they spend their time outdoors and also enjoying their favorite restaurants. Jessica and Andrew are looking forward to the upcoming college football season. In this sports-minded couple, the saying rings true: “The goal in marriage is not to think alike, but to think together.” On that note, Jessica and Andrew continue their friendly football rivalry, because when the clock stops, they’re on the same team. ♦

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