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40 Under 40 class of 2023 honoree



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Family: Wife: Brittinie Stewart, Son: Tripp Stewart, Daughter: Elliana Stewart

Hometown: Wichita Falls, TX

What is/are your proudest professional achievements? Almost two years ago, I was asked to lead a team of amazingly talented bankers to focus our efforts on business growth, superior client service, unmatched culture, and a community impact that is second to none. I am extremely proud to say that my team embodies those

virtues each and every day.

What gives you the most career

What gives you the most career satisfaction on a daily basis? A substantial portion of my day is spent collaborating with members of my team to develop specific skills, solve problems, and think outside the box. One of the best moments I experience is when those actions lead to amazing results. I enjoy celebrating my team's success, including their personal significant life events.

How do you choose to give back to the community?

There are a number of charities in our community that my wife and I donate to, but the focus of my direct impact is through board service for Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Tarrant County. I have been serving as a board member for the organization since 2018. I have also been involved with the Bigs Outdoors program through the organization that focuses on introducing "Bigs" and "Littles" to the outdoors through firearm safety classes, nature days, fishing events, and hunts. This program through BBBS highlights the importance of experiencing the outdoors and conserving wildlife for generations to come.

What advice would you give to yourself at age 15? Whatever the situation, seek the counsel of those who have walked the path ahead of you.

Where did your first paycheck come from? Hamilton Park Tennis Center- Wichita Falls

What other profession would you like to try? Meteorologist/Broadcast Journalist/Landscaper

Tell us about an influential person in your life. How did they influence you and why are they important?

I would say it's a tie between my father and my wife. My father is as tough as nails and has sacrificed everything for his family. My father is the first to help anyone who may need him whether they ask or not and he is the last person to act selfish in any situation. My father and his father before him started out as proud farmers and as such I learned from an early age what it meant to be a hard worker, a family man, and a good human. My wife continues to influence me every single day. She always finds ways to balance the world and is consistently focused on addressing the challenges around good mental health within our community. I have watched her fight to bring children into this world, continuously focus on seeing the best in people, and, at the same, time volunteer her time to help those who are struggling with real world challenges. I have to say I am a better person because of these two people and am beyond thankful for what they have given me.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

Once I was old enough to understand that "professional baseball player" required real talent and skill...I landed on doctor or attorney as a desired profession.

What movie, TV show, book, stage play or video game influenced you growing up? When I first watched the movie *Rudy*, I was inspired by the notion of never giving up on your dreams, no matter what society or others may force upon you.

Tell us one thing about yourself that most people would be surprised to find out? I have played in multiple professional disc golf tournaments alongside my father since I was 13 years old.

What is your ideal vacation? A trip to somewhere cold with great hiking, streams full of fish, and amazing views.

Favorite food or restaurant? In 2023 I had my first Perry's Pork Chop and it may have changed my life.

Favorite drink? Arnold Palmer

Favorite movie: The Sandlot

Favorite Netflix or Prime binge: Given that I have now watched the entirety of "Seinfeld" over 20 times in my life, I would have to say my only real Netflix indulgence I have is that of Jerry, George, Elaine, and Kramer.

Favorite sports team: Dallas Cowboys

Favorite song: "I Cross My Heart" by King George

Favorite quote or motivational saying: "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game" – Babe Ruth.

Tell us about your prop? I have spent much of my career studying for different license exams and certifications to better serve my firm and my clientele. In my industry, it is also crucial to be well read on current economic conditions as well as the many different expert opinions. With all of that, my prop is compiled of a few

examples of books and literature I have spent my career focused upon. The one piece that is most important to me is the picture of my family. The picture is a symbol for myself, and my team, that family will always come first as a top priority.

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