

MEMBER PROFILE

VANTAGE POINT

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WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AND HOW HAS IT SHAPED YOU?

My son. From the day I found out I was pregnant it made me more aware of my surroundings, my everyday actions, and instilled a responsibility that extended well beyond my own being. And of course the unconditional love that came with it. Corey is now 31 and I'm proud to say he reflects many of those same traits.

IN FIVE WORDS, DESCRIBE THE LIBRARY OF YOUR YOUTH.

Grand, magical, awe-inspiring, warm, fun.

WORDS TO LIVE BY?

"Chalk it up to experience."
No matter what you do or what happens—good or bad—you always learn something.

LAST PHOTO YOU TOOK WITH YOUR PHONE?

The giant snowflakes falling outside my house on April 9, 2016.

FAVORITE FILM ADAPTATION OF A BOOK?

Dr. Zhivago—I saw the movie when it came out because Omar Sharif was in it. Then I read the book—or rather started and then restarted it—a number of times until I finally finished. The film added a level of complexity to the book mainly because of the cinematography—it brought everything to life.