

Honoring the community's up-and-coming generation

2021 BRAZORIA COUNTY

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MEAGHAN ALEXA MARI ARCENEAUX

Title: Business Owner/ Real Estate Agent/Investor
Company name: Mega Realty

Birthdate: Aug. 12, 1992
Family information: Chandy Standard, fiancé; Mom: Noeme Arceneaux (Know-Me Knows) Dad, Ross Arceneaux (Big Ross); and my sister, Madison Arceneaux, hairstylist.

What path led you to your chosen profession? Was it well-planned or a happy accident?: Real estate is no mystery to me; from international to local residential real estate, all of the women in my family are involved in the industry. I have always enjoyed working with people and providing help to those who need it. While this career started as a happy accident, there's no doubt in my mind — this is what I am meant to do. In a business that can be from selling to designing homes, it is a passion like no other, and I cannot imagine doing anything else!

What trade, professional and civic organizations do you belong to?: Rotary, Brazoria County Board of Realtors, Houston Association of Realtors, Brazosport



Chamber of Commerce, Angleton Chamber of Commerce.

What volunteer or civic achievement is most important to you?: One of my proudest volunteer achievements would have to be our efforts to the local SPCA and Warrior Refuge. This past year, Mega Realty was able to host and facilitate the adoption of over 52 animals during our Mega Adoption event for the local SPCA. Mega Realty also participated in the Warrior Refuge and raised over \$5,000 to be donated for the reconstruction of new housing in efforts to support homeless Veterans in Brazoria County.

Being part of such an incredible community that allows me to

continue my passion everyday makes it an easy yes any chance we get to give back. We participate heavily in youth sport sponsorships, local schools and the Natalie Woolsley Foundation yearly.

What career achievement are you most proud of?: The past seven years have been filled with goals and success, but one of my proudest moments to date was being voted favorite Realtor by readers of The Facts in 2019. I was caught by complete surprise and had no idea there was a contest being held until I received a phone call telling me I had won! I work with such talented and amazing people everyday and to win a title with such magnitude as a 26-year-old agent is a gratifying experience I will never forget and continues to motivate me daily.

What are your career aspirations?: Ultimately, I want to expand Mega Realty. Not only the brand itself, but the experience that comes with it. I have a few ideas up my sleeve, and while I can say with certainty that the future is bright for us, I believe in growth in silence. Stay

tuned!

What leader has inspired you and how?: I've been fortunate enough to come across a multitude of leaders throughout my life, all of which have made an impact on my life in one way or another, starting with my parents. From youth to now, they've motivated and encouraged me to strive for success and kept me on the right path to do so. My brokers, John Cotten and Samantha Mitchell, you both saw something in me and gave me the tools and resources to keep my focus and grow this business to be the success it is today.

What is a quote or motto that you live by in your professional or personal life?: I've got several that come across my mind, such as "If you're living in comfort you are not growing" and "We have the power to create our future." But ultimately my favorite would have been from my Mimi. She told me, "No matter what, there will always be an opportunity around the corner. Make sure to keep your head up and always dress for success so it doesn't pass you by." I treasure those words, and do my best to live by them.

What are your hobbies?:

I enjoy tending to my plants, visiting with friends and family, and experiencing new restaurants. I tend to always be brainstorming and creating new ideas that will not only better myself, but my career and community.

Any other information you would like to include?: For starters, I graduated from Brazosport High School in December 2009. My parents told me once I graduated I was free to move to Austin, and that's exactly what I did! While in Austin I met great people and stumbled across some pretty amazing opportunities, one of which being my encounter with John and Samantha, my brokers. They saw something in me that most people didn't and decided to roll the dice and take a chance on me and started my real estate career.

After a little time in Austin, I decided it was time to come home to Brazoria County, and lucky for me John and Samantha decided they would follow — thus the beginning of TCP Real Estate in Brazoria County. After a successful five-year run, we regrouped

and decided it was time to shake it up, and make a Mega Move. We rebranded and in April 2020, Mega Realty was born.

Starting a business can be nerve-wracking in itself, but try adding in the COVID crisis and the world shutting down! However, with a strong team at hand, we held it together and pulled through and in one short year, Mega Realty not only made it to the other side of a pandemic, but we are now one of the top-producing agencies in Brazoria County. To say I am humbled would be an understatement. I am surrounded by a team of dedicated, innovative, hard-working professionals who pulled together in a time of uncertainty and made this company the success that it is today. When the world grew grim, we all grew closer and never gave up.

The trust this team puts in my leadership is what makes it all a success. We have to risk to gain, and be willing to try and potentially fail. This is what keeps us ahead of the curve and will continue to keep us striving for the top.



LORENZO AND JULIANN MARTINEZ

Title: Owners
Company name: Chill Spot
Birthdate: Dec. 17, 1982, and Dec. 1, 1982

Family information: Junior high sweethearts together for 27 years, married for 17 years. Blessed with three babies (ages 8, 4 and 2).

What path led you to your chosen profession? Was it well-planned or a happy accident?: After both working for major companies, Lorenzo in management and Juliann licensed to sell insurance for State Farm, we decided to open a family small business.

What trade, professional and civic organizations do you belong to?: Members of St. Michael Church in LJ, committed to helping organizations like Vow22, Kidz Unlimited and youth sports leagues.

What volunteer or civic achievement is most important to you?: Helping families, organizations as well as donating to and volunteering at Brazosport ISD.

What career achievement are you most proud of?: Opening our business at 27. Pre-business achievement getting insurance license at 18 and Lorenzo being in management.

What personal achievement are you most proud of?: Being committed to our family business for 10 years, even through starting a family.
What are your career

aspirations?: To continue to stay in business and have multiple locations so one day our children can continue what we have started.

What leader has inspired you and how?: Our parents, ex-bosses and other family members — starting a small business and running a small business.

What are three attributes that leader has that you admire?: Dedication, patience and strength to run.

What is a quote or motto that you live by in your professional or personal life?: "Never take anything for granted" and "Never give up."

What are your hobbies?: Lorenzo, writing and recording music; Juliann, dancing; and we both enjoy our family time as well.

What is a guilty pleasure others might be surprised to learn that you enjoy?: Sleeping in and binge-watching shows.

What are your favorites?: **Book:** Children's books-reading to our kids
Movie: "Everybody's Fine"

TV show: "This Is Us"
Music genre/performer: A little of everything — tejano, rock, R&B, hip-hop, rap, country
Sports team: Dallas Cowboys, Houston Astros, San Antonio Spurs (any Texas team)

FARHAN SHARIF

Title: Project Engineer
Company name: MEGlobal Americas Inc.

Birthdate: Sept. 8, 1985
Family information: I am Kenyan, Canadian and now American citizen; have a very diverse background.

What path led you to your chosen profession? Was it well-planned or a happy accident?: My uncle inspired me to become an engineer but MEGlobal really made me love my profession.

What trade, professional and civic organizations do you belong to?: Currently part of APEGA (Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta).

What volunteer or civic achievement is most important to you?: Coming from nothing in Kenya, giving back is always very important to me. I was the 2020 United Way Campaign Chair and will also be the 2021 Campaign Chair.



What career achievement are you most proud of?: I moved to Texas six years ago to design, build, commission and start up the new MEGlobal Oyster Creek Plant ... which is now running record rates.

What personal achievement are you most proud of?: I am a proud uncle to three nieces that I absolutely spoil rotten every chance I get.

What are your career aspirations?: To continuously keep learning and becoming an inspirational leader

at work and in the community.

What leader has inspired you and how?: My previous leader, Cam Kriel, who was a tireless workhorse who led by setting a high level. He truly inspired the best work out of me.

What are three attributes that leader has that you admire?: Leader that leads by example, has the ability to influence and inspire and empathetic leader who has excellent communication.

What is a quote or motto that you live by in your professional or personal life?: "In life, everyone is going through something. So always be empathetic — be it at work or in your personal life."

What are your hobbies?: Sports (watching and playing), going to the gym, traveling, eating and simply just spending time with family and friends.

What is a guilty pleasure others might be surprised to learn that you enjoy?: I am

a curling (sport) fanatic! I love playing as well as watching it.

What are your favorites?: **Movie:** "Becoming Serena Williams" and "Bridesmaids"

TV show: "RuPaul's Drag Race," "Game of Thrones" and "Arrested Development."

Music genre/performer: Little Mix, Fifth Harmony and all of K-Pop

Sports team: All Canadian teams, but especially the women's soccer and curling teams; Serena Williams.

Any other information you would like to include?: I am honored to receive this award. It affirms I have been able to make a positive impact in my workplace and the neighboring communities.

Do you have a postsecondary education?: Bachelors of Engineering in Chemical Engineering, University of Alberta, 2007.

JASON BRITTAIN

Title: Athletic Director/ Head Football Coach
Company name: Angleton ISD

Birthdate: Feb. 7, 1984
Family information: Wife, Lauren Brittain, married 15 years, is also a teacher for Angleton ISD, Jake (12) and John David (10).

What path led you to your chosen profession? Was it well-planned or a happy accident?: I have always loved sports and helping others achieve their goals so it was a natural fit.

What trade, professional and civic organizations do you belong to?: I am on the Board of Directors for the Greater Houston Football Coaches Association (GHFCA), member of the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) and member of



Second Baptist Church of Angleton.

What volunteer or civic achievement is most important to you?: Anything that will help the youth of our community in a positive manner.

What career achievement are you most proud of?: Recipient of The Touchdown Club of Houston 5A Sportsmanship Team of

the Year award (2018).

What personal achievement are you most proud of?: Participating in the state championship football game and running in the state track meet in high school. My wife reminds me I may have participated in two state championships in high school but she WON two state championships (volleyball) when she was in high school.

What are your career aspirations?: To continue to build the Angleton ISD athletic program into one of the top programs in the state.

What leader has inspired you and how?: Pastor Chris Moore inspires me because of his passion and servant example.

What are three attributes that leader has that you admire?: Passion, servitude and integrity.

What is a quote or motto that you live by in your professional or personal life?: "How you do anything is how you do everything."

What are your hobbies?: Camping with my family.

What is a guilty pleasure others might be surprised to learn that you enjoy?: I enjoy cooking.

What are your favorites?: **Book:** "Lone Survivor"
Movie: "8 Seconds"
TV show: "Texas Bucket List"

Music genre/performer: Country/George Strait
Sports team: In professional sports, I root for certain coaches and players but do not have a favorite team.

Do you have a postsecondary education?: Angelo State University, Bachelors (2005), major in kinesiology and minor in history.