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**Age:** 31

**Business:** Istation

**High School:** Highland Park High School

**College:** SMU

**Faith:** C3 Trinity Church

**Community Involvement:** SMU Athletic Forum Board, served on the Doak Walker Awards Selection Committee, Board of Directors for Istation. My great Aunt, Ruth Altshuler recommended I join the DCAC when I first moved back to Dallas in 2009. Our family has a passion for taking care of kids and giving both a voice and hope to those who are in need of an advocate. I have loved being a part of bringing hope and healing to so many children in

Dallas. Another philanthropic area I am passionate about is the military. I have served on the host committee multiple years for the SEAL Legacy Foundation providing assistance to families of former and fallen Navy SEALs.

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**What is the best advice you received when beginning your career?** Patience and persistence produce profits; When starting out, it's good to have quick wins but in life and your career if you can play the long-game and weather the ups and downs of a career; you will find you're not only more strategic and successful but also happy.

**What is your business philosophy?** Never give up: on your team, self, principles, integrity and doing the right thing...especially when people aren't looking.

**What inspires you?** Two unrelated things: Competition. As a former athlete, I love to compete and I love the thrill of the race. Nature. Being in a fast-paced industry and always on the go, being in nature hiking or kayaking without my phone helps me find beauty in quiet and simple ways and helps me feel balanced and inspired.

**If you could tell 16-year-old you anything, what would you say?** Your strength is in your ability to preserve... be patient and present in the hard times because you will be proud of what you can accomplish when you get on the other side.

**What is your proudest career accomplishment?** Presenting and pitching to Vice President Pence an idea for better educational infrastructure in the White House in 2017.

**What did you learn from your best boss or mentor?** It's OK to ask for help.

**What was your first summer job?** Dallas Summer Musicals Guest Relations Clerk

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**What is your fondest Park Cities or Preston Hollow memory?** Starting the rowing team at Highland Park High School

**Where will we find you enjoying your hard-earned time off?** Places where I can't get cell reception -- most recently that was 20 days in Antarctica

**What do you want your last meal to be?** Ribeye steak from Bob's, Bubba's Fried Chicken, a fabulous bottle of Brunello wine, cacio e pepe pasta

**What is your favorite color?** Green

**What fictional world or place would you like to visit?** N/A - I am happy with reality

**If you could be on a reality TV show, which one would you choose?** If it wouldn't negatively effect my career: MTV Road Rules! I love to travel and have interesting athletic and cultural experiences

**What would your superpower be?** Fly because my Dad has always said, we've got places to go, people to see and things to do... no time to waste.