

Brae Foust:

Hey. Howdy. Hey, folks. Welcome back to the I Am WT podcast, where we talk all of WT all the time. I'm your host Brae Foust, along with the queen bee of I Am WT, Tearanee' Lockhart. What's going, girl?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Good morning, y'all. Nothing much. Just trying to get to graduation.

Brae Foust:

It's the final stretch, the final leg of the race. We are almost there, folks, especially for the students.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

So close to graduation. Just trying to-

Brae Foust:

Are you excited?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yes, I'm excited. I don't know what I'm going to do after I graduate, so that's scary.

Brae Foust:

You decorating your cap by any chance?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

I did.

Brae Foust:

You did?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

I did.

Brae Foust:

What do you got on it?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah. I'll show you a picture later.

Brae Foust:

You'll show a picture later. Okay.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

It's really cute. I'm excited.

Brae Foust:

It's just for me. Y'all can't watch it.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Well, this episode is a little bit different because we actually do not have any guests with us this time.

Brae Foust:

Yes. We have a quick announcement we want to tell y'all. We're going to be quitting. We're quitting.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

We're fired.

Brae Foust:

We're fired, man. We're getting out of here. All right. No, we're actually, this is going to be the last podcast of I Am WT, the first season. Let me clarify. The first season of I Am WT podcast is ending with this little reflection recap episode of ours. We're going to be introducing a little bit later the new hosts of I Am WT season two podcasts, and we'll get their opinions and their ideas and just a little gist of how they are.

About this episode, we thought we'd take a little moment and talk a little bit about probably our favorite moments of this first season with a lot of our interviewees and stories that they got to talk about. Did you have a moment that you had, that you thought about, Tearanee'?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yes. My favorite one was definitely Dr. O. I don't think that's a surprise.

Brae Foust:

That's not a surprise. No, actually.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

If you guys don't remember that episode, we were just talking about her getting the Educator Award, and then us going to South Africa. And so, that was a really fun podcast because we were a few days out from getting to go to South Africa and just having that excitement of going to Cape Town, what we were going to expect, and getting to actually talk to someone who was going on the trip, see her feelings about it too, and not just me telling everyone how excited I am. I was going with Dr. O, who's been there multiple times too. It's fun to hear what she was expecting from the trip and how excited she was for the trip.

Brae Foust:

I want to ask this, this might be a little personal, but I wanted to ask you this question. How did it feel as an African American woman, as yourself, how did it feel actually going to Africa, this being somewhat of your culture? How did it feel actually going to the homeland of the African American people? What do you think?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

It was an amazing experience, especially as a Black person getting to go to South Africa and Africa itself, just because we got to be a part of a culture that we've never really gotten to interact with, especially in a area like Amarillo where there's not a big Black community. You don't really get to experience a lot of it. But the people there were very welcoming, and even when we would go places, like we go to the market or we go somewhere, every time they would see one of the Black students that went on the trip, they would say, "Welcome home, brother. Welcome home, sister." It was a really amazing experience to get to have that.

When I went there, I didn't really know what I was going into. I knew the outline of the itinerary, but I didn't know how that trip would make me feel. I cannot wait to go back to South Africa. I was literally begging for ways to get to stay because I did not want to leave. It was an amazing experience for me.

Brae Foust:

Well, I'm happy you got to have that experience too. I think that's awesome. Yeah, Dr. O's interview. I really did enjoy discussing with her. I know the last question I asked her was her favorite book. Do you remember? I can't remember her favorite book that she was discussing. It was a children's book.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

It was an African fable.

Brae Foust:

Yeah, it was an African-

Tearanee' Lockhart:

But I don't remember the name of it.

Brae Foust:

Just seeing her little joy of just smiling like, "Oh, I love this African fable," it was so nice. Actually, the real topic that I remember for some reason just goofing up and saying, "Ghana is in South Africa." I was like, "No, way. I promise you, I know that Ghana is in West Africa." Like I said, I was thinking south. I don't know, for some reason, I'm just thinking South Africa, but I promise you folks, Ghana is in West Africa. I promise you that.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Do you have a favorite episode or a favorite moment from the podcast?

Brae Foust:

Oh, man. I mean, there's a lot of those. I will be honest. Jimmy Lucky's episode talking about kids.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah, he's definitely up there for me too.

Brae Foust:

Just his discussion about when we asked his last question of what WT means to him, him just emotional, so emotional how he was and how much this university meant to him. I feel like we're doing something good with this podcast. Not only that, discussing Kids Inc. I was a Kids Inc. as well.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Same.

Brae Foust:

I remember I was part of the track team when I was at Gene Howe, but I remember that Kids Inc. track meet and running on not actual track. It's like running on grass, bumpy grass. I remember, he made me reminisce about my childhood when it came to talking about Kids Inc. I think that was one of my favorite moments as well.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

I think that's definitely one of my favorite questions that we've gotten to ask is what does WT mean to you, because that's when people always get emotional. You see people genuinely how they actually feel about WT.

Brae Foust:

That question, it just came out of the blue when we were talking to the Schaeffers. I just asked them and apparently the people doing the back we're like, "We like that question. We should make that the staple question at the very end of each interview." Stuff like that is that question we got to ask every single week, every single interview, it was a pleasure listening to what people feel about WT.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah. How would you say you've grown your skills or just anything in general based on doing this podcast?

Brae Foust:

I never knew how much I actually figured out how to do followup questions, honestly. We would always have these talking points that we would discuss with all of our people. I always thought, "Okay, this is not going to be enough. We have to have a 20, 25-minute podcast every week. These questions aren't going to be enough, especially if someone's not talking." But to see how conversational that people are and them wanting to tell their story made it easier for me to be comfortable with them asking other followup questions that they would like to answer. That's one big thing. What about you? What did you think about your growth on this show?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

I think I definitely have grown in my research skills, because sometimes it's a little bit hard when you have to dig past the staple questions that we have. Because I'm like, "I want to get just another couple of questions, just to make sure we're safe." Sometimes, it's hard to research these people, but I definitely have grown in my research skills. I think I've grown also in the followup questions and just my ability to make people feel comfortable when we're talking to them. That's something that I really enjoy, is getting to see the transformation from the very beginning of the podcast where they don't want to talk, they're nervous, and then towards the end where they're just-

Brae Foust:

They're just chitchatting, yeah.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

They can't stop talking, in a good way, in a good way. But it's really cool to get to see-

Brae Foust:

Probably, Brittany Lee's interview, that was probably the one exception. She liked to talk.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah, she was ready to talk.

Brae Foust:

I mean that a very respectful outlook. I really enjoyed listening to Brittany Lee. Her interview was very fun, in my opinion, but she was very easy to get information out. There's a few that we had to start off like, "You can talk to us, I promise you." But eventually, they would, about the 20-minute mark, they were just chitchatting and we absolutely love that.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah, for sure.

Brae Foust:

What was the least favorite moment? I don't want to go too far. What was the most, I would say, the moment that you thought like, "I wish we could try that again," or something like that?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

I really wouldn't say I have a least favorite moment. I think I would like to do our first podcast maybe again, just knowing what we know now and knowing how to do it now. I think all of us were a little bit awkward because we had never done an episode of it yet. We were still figuring out the kinks, and they were our first guest of course.

Brae Foust:

Not only were just our first guest, it was the Schaeffers. These are the big names of WT. When you think of the Schaeffers, you're thinking, "Oh, Bain-Schaeffers." Schaeffers Studio at KWTS.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

They've contribute to almost everything here.

Brae Foust:

Yeah. When you think of the Schaeffers, that's the first thing you think of, is WT and the Schaeffers.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah, they really threw us in the deep end, just ready to swim.

Brae Foust:

On my very first ever, you couldn't give us an easy one. I wouldn't mind talking to Dr. O first, honestly.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah. I wish we could have done the first podcast again, just because now, I feel like we're more comfortable as hosts. We know how to better talk to our guests, that kind of thing. However, I really don't have a least favorite moment,

Brae Foust:

Honestly, I would agree. I would love to do the first podcast. Actually, I would just like to talk to the Schaeffers again, have a little back-to-back episode. I wouldn't say back-to-back, but like a recap. Not a recap, I would say, an episode where we just got to talk to them again basically, a second episode with them. I think that'd be fun. Maybe the new host would get a chance to talk to them as well. I think that'd be a lot of fun.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Is there a certain type of guest that you would've wished we could've seen more of or we could've had on the show?

Brae Foust:

Well, I think, actually, I would've liked to hear a few more students, actually.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

That was what I was going to say.

Brae Foust:

I was thinking, you students, I love talking to faculty. I love talking to everybody here that has history with this place. They don't just have current stories, they have history with this place. But I will say I would've liked to talk to people helping out with One West or helping out with the school, making this school the best place that could possibly be. Without the students, the school is just a couple buildings. That's all it is. Yeah, I think I would've preferred to talk to a few more students. We had to talk to... I think, how many did we talk to? We talked to one nursing student.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

We talked to Jackie.

Brae Foust:

We talked to Jackie.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

And then, on the podcast that I did, we talked to May and Loc. I really enjoyed that episode because we had a faculty member there, and then we also had the two students. And so, it's just a whole nother perspective, getting to see the students who are currently in the program, their experience and how

they're feeling about being at WT. I think this campaign is so student-based too, because that money is going to the school which affects students. And so, I think getting to hear more students definitely.

Brae Foust:

Absolutely agree. That being said, this podcast has been a blast doing with you especially, and I wouldn't, like I said, this is going to be something I'm going to take with me for the rest of my life. Knowing I could do something like this in my life, I mean, I'm usually a radio guy, but I can do podcast talk as well.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

For sure, yeah.

Brae Foust:

For sure.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

I haven't done the radio in two years. It's really cool that we get to do a podcast where we just get to talk about what we love, WT.

Brae Foust:

Absolutely. Well, folks, we're going to go ahead and take a quick break, but when we come back, we're going to be talking to the new hosts of I Am WT. We're going to get to meet them just a little bit. We've both known them personally. I can safely say that the next season is going to be definitely safe in hands with them. Sit along with us. We will be right back. You are listening to the I Am WT podcast. We'll see you in just a moment.

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Brae Foust:

Hey. Howdy. Hey, folks. Welcome back to the I Am WT podcast. I am Brae Foust, along with my co-host, Tearanee' Lockhart. We have a couple very special guests, but like I said, they're not going to be guests very much longer. They're actually going to be the new host of season two of I Am WT podcast. Myka Bailey and Thomas... Well, actually, your name's not really Tom. That's your middle name, isn't it?

Thomas Rodriguez:

I know you're not about to call me Rene.

Brae Foust:

Rene.

Thomas Rodriguez:

Go by Thomas.

Brae Foust:

Okay, Thomas.

Thomas Rodriguez:

Everyone who has known me calls me Thomas. That's why I'm going by, as the host-

Brae Foust:

I say this because I know we've known each other for way too long, and I can mess with you a little bit.

Thomas Rodriguez:

You can mess with me all the time.

Brae Foust:

Okay, Thomas, go ahead. You can go ahead.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Introduce yourself.

Brae Foust:

Introduce yourself.

Thomas Rodriguez:

Introduce myself. My name is Thomas Rodriguez. I'll be a junior next semester, and I'm going to be one of the hosts of the I Am WT podcast.

Brae Foust:

Right next to you is a good colleague of ours, Myka Bailey. Go on, girl. Tell us about you.

Myka Bailey:

Hi, I'm Myka Bailey, and I am also extremely excited to help host this next semester.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

What are you guys most excited for to be the new host of I Am WT?

Myka Bailey:

I think meeting all the connections and seeing just where WT comes from. I mean, we kind of took it for granted a lot of the times and we don't really know exactly who is behind the scenes, so that's cool. Something I'll get to see.

Brae Foust:

Nice. Thomas, what about you, my man?



Thomas Rodriguez:

I'm just happy to be here. Well, let me tell you, because Dan approached me and he said, "Hey, do you want to host the podcast next year?" I was like, "The what now?" He said, "There's this donor podcast that we do, the I Am WT podcast." And he said, "You want to host it next year?" I was like, "Sure, yeah." And he is like, "Yeah, it comes with a scholarship and everything." I was like, "Why didn't you lead with that?" Well, the scholarship's not the only thing, obviously. It's going to look great on a resume. It's going to provide a lot of connections going forward, which I think will be super helpful.

Brae Foust:

He just walked up to you and said, "Hey, you want to do a podcast?" Was that it?

Thomas Rodriguez:

That's how most of the stuff this year has been, is just, "Hey, do you want to come work for us?" "Yes. Yes, I do. Thank you."

Brae Foust:

Yeah, because they basically gave us, "Here, we would love to do this special podcast. We would love for you to join." And just to have you like, "Hey, do you want to do a podcast?"

Thomas Rodriguez:

They don't email me. They just say, "Hey, here's the thing. You want it?" "Yes. Yes, I do."

Brae Foust:

Thomas, since you're [inaudible 00:13:52], you're in the marching band, is that correct?

Thomas Rodriguez:

I am. I'm part of the Sound of West Texas, A&M marching band.

Brae Foust:

Your instrument is French horn, is that right?

Thomas Rodriguez:

Yes, I play the French horn, or as less knowledgeable band folks know it, the circular trumpet.

Brae Foust:

Gotcha.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Tell us a little bit about yourself, Myka. I mean, I know a little bit because we work together, so that's going to be exciting.

Myka Bailey:

Yeah, go Jarrett.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Go Jarrett. Go [inaudible 00:14:15].

Myka Bailey:

Yeah, I'm a RA on campus in Jarrett Hall, which has been a lot of fun. I've only done it for one year, but it's been a great experience. I'm also a peer leader on campus, which is just where I work NSOs in the summer, which is cool. I love people if you can't tell.

Brae Foust:

You got a very presentable smile and you always like chitchatting, always talking. I love having a conversation with you, especially on the radio station. You've definitely improved so much so that you were voted, I think, Best On Air Personality for the [inaudible 00:14:46] this year. We are very proud of you for sure on that end. Thomas, you've been on the radio station as well, a couple years. How many times have you been on the radio station?

Thomas Rodriguez:

Well, end of this year marks my third semester on air. Next semester, I'm going to be hosting a special show, Dungeons and DJs. Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00. Check it out. But yeah, I've been doing it for a while. I think it's super fun.

Brae Foust:

I know that you've interviewed a few people on air, on the radio station. I know that you can talk to people for certain.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Is there a certain kind of guest that you guys are going to want to see next semester or next year?

Thomas Rodriguez:

I'm just excited to see who we get, because this is a whole new experience. You were talking to about interviewing people. Funny story. That was another thing that someone walked up to me and said, "Hey, you want to do this?" McFarland was like, "Hey, my students need to be interviewed." I was like, "Okay. I'll do it." The new guest next semester, I'm excited to see who we get.

Brae Foust:

It was a pretty accurate McFarland impersonation if I do say so myself. "Hey, you want to do some interview? Let's go." Myka, what about you? You got a guest in mind that you might want to talk to?

Myka Bailey:

Honestly, I don't know anyone-wise. Like he said, I'm just excited to see what next semester brings.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Honestly, that's kind of how we were.

Brae Foust:

Honestly, that's fair. Yeah.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

We'd be like, "Oh, okay, who's this?" And then, Google them and be like, "Oh my God. They are like-

Brae Foust:

That's awesome.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

... million dollar donors. We should definitely know who they are."

Myka Bailey:

Yeah, that's what I was saying earlier. It's crazy because we kind of take that for granted and we have no idea. All these people, all the background. Now, we get to know it.

Brae Foust:

Yeah, for sure. Let's go ahead and give y'all a little quick test. How about Myka, you start with us. Why don't you ask one of us a question. Let's see how good you are with this improvisation. Why don't you ask one of us a question?

Myka Bailey:

Okay.

Brae Foust:

What you got?

Myka Bailey:

Well, since this is the I Am WT podcast, and earlier y'all were talking about how you ask them what WT means to them. Well, what does WT mean to you?

Brae Foust:

Okay. Well, wow. All right. For me, WT is a second chance. This is not my first degree, this is my second degree. My first degree was in music education, and I wasn't doing well with the job market. I wasn't finding any good jobs. Nobody was picking me up. And so, I started doing regular low-end jobs. I was part of Water Still for a while and went to carpet tech and worked there, but I got injured on the job so I couldn't keep working there. I was kind of broken down. I couldn't find anything.

I had a wife at the time and I needed something. She finally suggested, "Why don't you go back to school and try and be a broadcast personality?" I always thought I was okay at it, but my family and my wife always thought that, yeah, I'm pretty good at it. And so, WT was basically a second chance in life for me, and I'm so glad I got to take that chance. It is absolutely a beacon of my life for sure.

Myka Bailey:

That's sweet. I like that.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Okay. This is going to make me emotional because I'm about to graduate, so this is so sad.

Myka Bailey:

Don't leave us.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

I guess, for me, WT, I really found a home here. I'm from Amarillo. I live super close. WT was nothing new to me because... I mean, I've been here multiple times growing up, and I was not coming here. I was going as far away as humanly possible. There was no way on earth I was coming to WT. And so, after I did some college searching and I found a college I really liked, when I took a tour, it just did not feel like my home. For me, I knew I needed a place where I was going to feel comfortable. That is one of the biggest things for me is because once I feel comfortable, I completely just get involved in things and I am ready to just devote myself to stuff.

When I went to NSO, I genuinely really liked it. I loved it. I was like, "What is this? This is WT. I'm not supposed to love the school. I'm supposed to be ready to transfer." And then, I joined the speech team and I found my friends there and I found my home there. And then, I just continued to do things on campus to make myself feel more at home here. I'm getting emotional. Yeah, WT has definitely been a home for me. And so, having to leave is going to suck, but I'm really excited for what comes next. I'm going to stop talking because no, I'm not crying anymore.

Thomas Rodriguez:

You made her sad.

Myka Bailey:

I regret asking it, because I'm also crying. We work together as RAs, so don't leave.

Brae Foust:

Like I said, we've done this podcast all semester and I've really enjoyed it. I'm definitely going to miss you too, T. I really am. All right. Okay. Let's try Thomas out. Let's see how he does with interview. Go ahead, Thomas. Ask us a question.

Thomas Rodriguez:

Well, she stole mine, because I told her about the big question that you guys ask every time. I don't know. I guess, well, you've gone through favorite moments of your podcast. What about your favorite moments of just being here?

Brae Foust:

Just at the school?

Thomas Rodriguez:

Yeah.

Brae Foust:

My favorite moment is definitely being offered the general manager position at KWTS. I didn't know about the radio station until the middle of my first fall semester until I saw the poster for radio, and I really wanted to do radio. When I got into doing my first shock break, Matt was the former GM before me and he really liked my personality. I liked talking on the radio and I was like, "I would love to do something like this in the future," which is radio station. I was happy and blessed that they offered me the job when I applied for it. Being the GM here at KWTS has been probably my favorite thing of this whole experience that I've gone through.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

That question is hard for me, because I have a lot of favorites. I'll do my top three favorites. This isn't my first favorite, it's just one of my favorites is becoming an RA. I really love my staff. Jarrett is just such a great place, and I love the people I got to meet. I loved the community. I got to serve. I really lucked out with my residents as well, because I was really nervous because I got all upperclassmen basically. I was like, "This is not going to be fun for me. They're not going to want to talk to me. I'm just going to be there." But my residents really warmed up to me, and I really feel like I got to build a good community at Jarrett. And so, I definitely loved being an RA at Jarrett.

My second favorite, I feel like I've talked about it so many times, South Africa. Without South Africa, I just feel like going to WT, South Africa was definitely a part of the journey that I didn't even know that I was going to get to have. I got a whole lot of financial support to go on that trip as well. That was something I know I wouldn't be able to do if I didn't come to WT.

And then, I guess my last favorite is just all the opportunities that I've gotten. I've gotten to do so many things here, and I definitely don't think if I would've went to other universities that I was looking at or bigger schools, I don't think I would've gotten to do so many things. But I feel like I've gotten to be a part of basically every part of the com department at least. And then I've done campus tours, I've been an RA, I've been the president of the Black Student Union. I've gotten to all of these things just because I went to school here. So, just the experience of getting to go is just in general.

Brae Foust:

You got any plans after graduation? What you got afterwards?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

That's a great question. We're trying to figure it out. I've been applying.

Brae Foust:

You've got time. It's okay.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Whatever happens, happens. Hopefully, I get a job before summer ends.

Brae Foust:

I have faith in you. You're going to be just [inaudible 00:22:12]. I know.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

I hope so. I hope.

Myka Bailey:

I actually have another question for you.

Brae Foust:

Really? Okay, go ahead.

Myka Bailey:

Yes. What do you think the donors, how does their money impact you as a student?

Brae Foust:

Well, I mean, you're looking at it, actually. And folks listening, you're listening to it. I mean, without donations, we wouldn't have the equipment here, and we wouldn't have the staff and/or the facility here to do this kind of thing, like the podcast. This thing didn't even exist a few years ago. With donations, all this stuff, we're able to produce well-produced podcasts and give a chance to students to actually create their own podcast, create their own promos for the radio station and the video suites, or for all the basic video and advanced video people to make quality films and short films and promo videos. Without them, none of this is possible at all.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah. As someone who has been directly given donation money, because a lot of my trip was given by donations to go to South Africa, it genuinely it is life changing, because you're able to do things that you never would've been able to do without this money that was donated. Yeah, these facilities that we have, that's because of the donations, but also just the experiences that we're able to have as students. Those are completely changed because of the money that we get. We're able to go to school, we're able to go on these study abroad trips and go to these places that we never thought we would be able to go. That's specifically because of these donations, the generous donations from the donors.

Myka Bailey:

Yeah. That's crazy. Actually, that makes me so happy because this podcast kind of gets to show them that they are changing lives because I don't think they realize how many people they're affecting. We never tell them thank you.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah. We send the thank you for the money things, but getting to directly talk to them and be like, "Hey, you genuinely changed my life by giving me this money." It's amazing to give them as much thank you and recognition as they deserve.

Brae Foust:

Absolutely. Let's talk a little bit more about y'all's favorite things to do. Thomas, like you said, you're doing a special show this upcoming semester, Dungeons and DJs. Very excited.

Thomas Rodriguez:

Very excited.

Brae Foust:

I'm actually very excited for that too. Would you tell us all why Dungeons and Dragons itself is a fun game for you?

Thomas Rodriguez:

Well, I think part of it's just that I'm a big nerd. I mean, I love coming up with story ideas and just things to make. I think that D&D, just abbreviating the game, is a great way to tell the stories while getting to interact with your friends and play a game at the same time. It's a lot of pieces mixed together, plus I could improv a bunch of jokes and stuff into it. It's fun to make. I love having my own little world to mess with.

Brae Foust:

Not only that, like I said, we're media people and stories are our life, basically. So having D&D, it's basically just a big story. I always thought that D&D was just a regular old board game that everybody just... It was like a monopoly-type [inaudible 00:25:22].

Thomas Rodriguez:

Very much not a board game.

Brae Foust:

No. There's a die with how many sides? 20-sided die. No.

Thomas Rodriguez:

You can get a hundred-sided one.

Brae Foust:

I could get a hundred-sided one as well?

Thomas Rodriguez:

It takes forever to roll. But yes, you can get a hundred-sided one.

Brae Foust:

Okay. Real quick before we get to Myka. What is your favorite type of character to be in a D&D game?

Thomas Rodriguez:

Okay. Me, personally, I like monks. They get super cool abilities. You can be an Avatar from the Last Air Bender, that kind of stuff. Or you can be a little anime character. I think they're super cool, and I love them.

Brae Foust:

You brought up Avatar. That's my favorite show of all time.

Thomas Rodriguez:

I like Avatar a lot.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

That's my favorite show too. I have an Avatar tattoo.

Brae Foust:

Really? That's your... You do?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah.

Brae Foust:

Hold on, folks. We're going to...

Tearanee' Lockhart:

It's a fire bender hand.

Brae Foust:

It is a fire bender hand. You're my favorite person now. I didn't know about that. I'm really happy about that. All right. [inaudible 00:26:11] Myka. Myka, I'm not mistaken, you're a little bit of a line dancer, is that right?

Myka Bailey:

Oh, not... Oh, no. I can't line dance very well, but I'll two step.

Brae Foust:

You can two step?

Myka Bailey:

Just a two step and swinging.

Brae Foust:

Yeah. I know as we were talking about you, you had a podcast you were doing with the Line Dance. What's your favorite thing about two-stepping or line dancing itself?

Myka Bailey:

I don't know. It just feels like whenever you're dancing with someone and you're listening to the music and you're trying to do moves on beat and stuff like that, then you kind of lose yourself. You're not in reality anymore. Sometimes, we need that just to get away.

Brae Foust:

I get it.



Myka Bailey:

It's also really cool because we started going to concerts, me and my dance partner, and we would dance at the concerts while the live music was playing. We'd have people watching and videoing us, and I started to feel kind of famous, which was cool.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

What are you looking forward to most next year?

Myka Bailey:

Yikes. That's a hard question. There's so much that's going to go on next year. I think I'm going to have to say my new residents, because we're doing this whole meta major thing next year. And I'm a little nervous about it if I'm going to be completely honest, but I'm also excited to see if the community will be a tighter knit group.

Brae Foust:

Thomas, what about you, my man? What are you looking forward to next semester?

Thomas Rodriguez:

Well, the special show is a big one on my list.

Brae Foust:

That's a big one.

Thomas Rodriguez:

I'm taking the advanced production class next semester. I'm very excited to do that because there's going to be a lot of people that I know and I've worked for on video projects and stuff like that. I don't know what these one sessions are yet, but I'm very excited to find out what they are.

Brae Foust:

My new position's going to be [inaudible 00:27:52], and I'm excited about doing that too with advanced production.

Thomas Rodriguez:

I hear you're going to do some sports stuff as well.

Brae Foust:

Yeah, I'm going to do some sports stuff. Homecoming events. Definitely. Like I said, I got picked to be the broadcaster for the football team for KWTS. I'm excited about that.

Thomas Rodriguez:

That's pretty sweet.

Brae Foust:

I don't know who my color guys or girl going to be. I'll have to wait and see. Make sure to tune in. Well, any last words before we get on out? Anything you on your mind?

Thomas Rodriguez:

Any last words? Well, I just have to say that I'm super excited to see what this next, I guess, season of podcast brings. I'm super stoked to be here, to be picked to do it. I'm just excited to see what happens next.

Brae Foust:

I think so too. Myka, any last words for you?

Myka Bailey:

Yeah, I'm also really excited. I'm honored that somebody believed in me. I honestly came into this KWTS class thinking, "Oh my goodness, I'm going to be too nervous to do well at this." And then, people started telling me that I was good at it, and now I love it. I'm excited to get some more experience and meet new people. Yeah.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Yeah, you're going to do great. I can already tell. You guys are both going to do so good.

Brae Foust:

Absolutely. I'm excited for season two, and I definitely will be listening in.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

I'll be tuning in as this little alumni.

Brae Foust:

Well, also, I guess T, we're about out of here. You want anything final to say on your end?

Tearanee' Lockhart:

No, it's just been a pleasure getting to host this show. I'm really glad that I decided to go and do it, even though I was nervous or didn't know what to expect. I'm glad I got to have this experience.

Brae Foust:

I was the same way. I was the same way. I didn't know what was to expect, but I'm very, very happy that I got to do this as well. I'm definitely putting this on my resume.

Tearanee' Lockhart:

Oh yeah, for sure.

Brae Foust:

I'm so excited to-

Tearanee' Lockhart:

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Brae Foust:

... just tell people. Yeah, right on the top. I can do a podcast for sure. All right, folks. Well, that is going to do it for us. For Tearanee' Lockhart, I am Brae Foust. Thanks for listening to season one of I Am WT. Be sure to tune in next time for season two with Thomas and Myka, and I hope y'all have a good rest of the day. Till next time, again, this is Brae Foust signing off. Thank you for listening to the I Am WT podcast. We'll see y'all later.