

Stepping **FORWARD**

2020 Bloom Syndrome Conference



Webinar
Series

Session 5: Living with Bloom Syndrome – Telling Your Story

AUGUST 5, 2020



Session Objectives

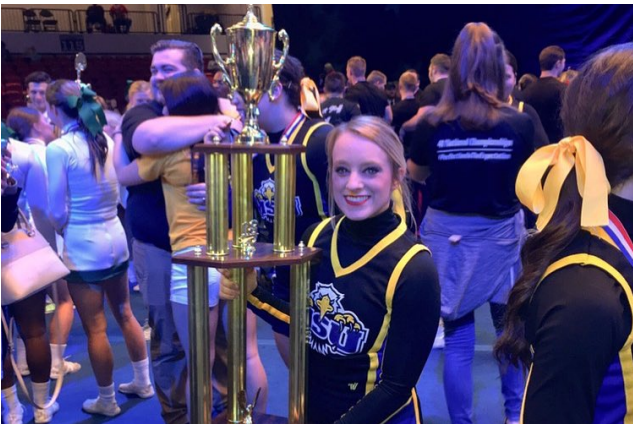
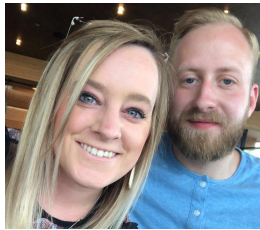
- Meet some of our talented young adults with Bloom Syndrome
- Understand some of the challenges they've faced navigating through the world; learn how they've equipped themselves to thrive despite the challenges
- Hear about some of their successes – how has Bloom syndrome made them stronger
- Reflection: what they wish they or their parents would have known or done differently
- Open discussion



Webinar Agenda

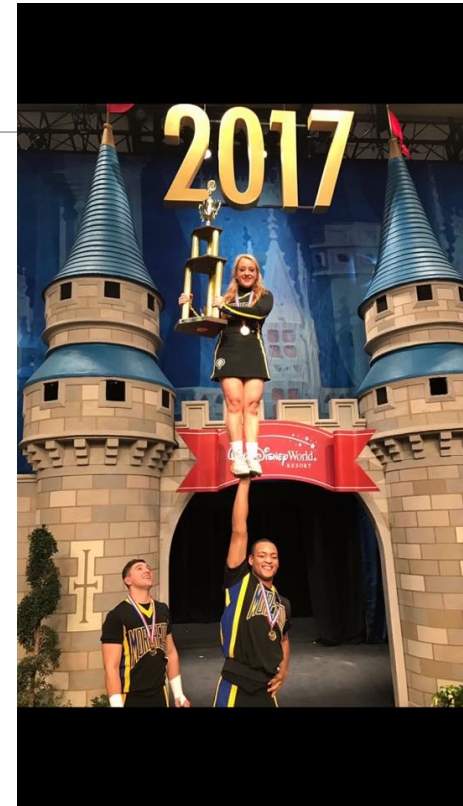
- Introduction of each adult
- Each individual (one each)
 - Challenges
 - Successes
 - Lessons Learned/Best Advice
 - Reflection
- Open Q&A





Lexi Ryan

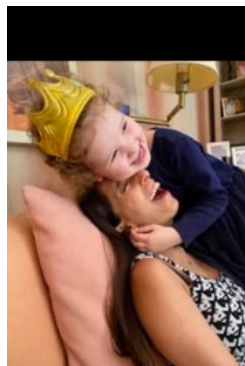
- 23 years old
- Lebanon, OH
- Working FT as Sales Assistant @ Hardware Specialty
- Diagnosed at 2.5 YOA
- Interests
 - Hanging with my family and Dylan
 - Watching movies (love HP)
 - Playing with my cat - Misha
 - Going out with friends
 - Bonfires in the fall
 - Traveling





Zach Rogers

- 28 years old
- Salt Lake City, UT
- Diagnosed at 2 years old
- Robotic Engineer at Myriad Genetics
- Interests:
 - 3D designing & printing
 - Drawing
 - Watching horror movies with my wife



Alana Grayson

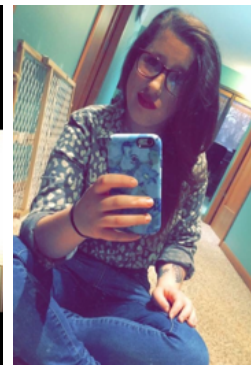
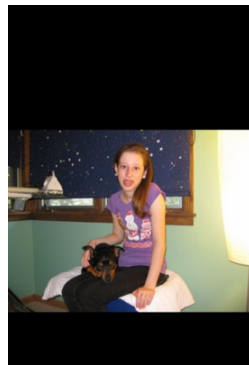
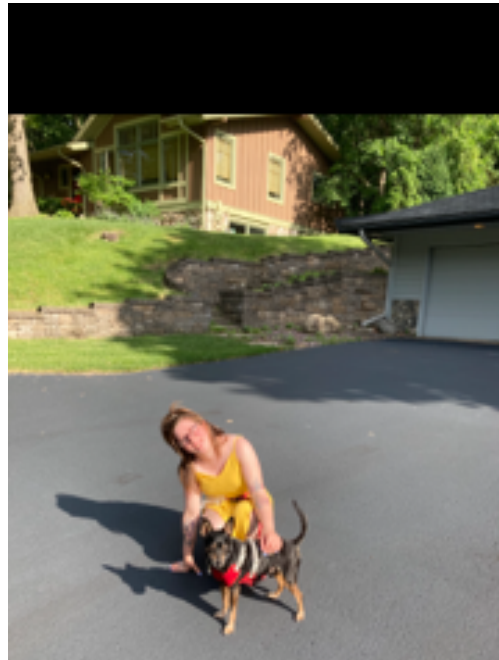
- 32 years old
- Los Angeles, CA
- FT Special Education Assistant & FT Self-employed Tutor
- Diagnosed at <1 YOA
- Interests:
 - Dancing
 - Jigsaw Puzzles
 - Animals
 - Traveling
 - Being an Aunt



Jason Hesch

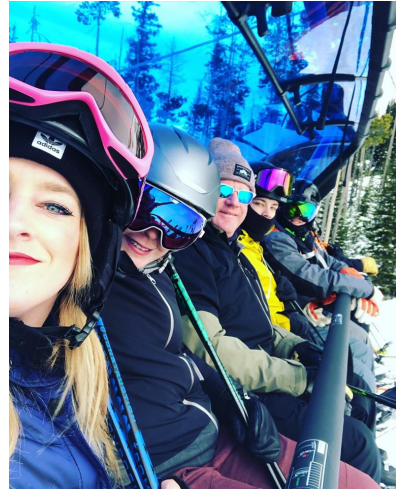
- 38 years old
- Miami, FL
- Diagnosed at 6 months old
- Interests:
 - Tennis
 - Movies
 - Writing





Rachel Rosenthal

- 26 years old
- Minneapolis, MN
- In school studying Psychology
- Work as Keyholder at UGG store in Mall of America
- Diagnosed at 2.5 YOA
- Interests:
 - Spending time with my dogs (Karl & Lewis) and taking them on dog play dates
 - Reading (Harry Potter is favorite series)
 - Bonfires with friends



Christian Ryan

- 20 years old
- Lebanon, OH
- Diagnosed at 2 days old
- FT student – University of Cincinnati
- IT-Cybersecurity
- Interests:
 - Snowboarding/Skateboarding
 - Hanging with my friends
 - Music
 - Cooking



Challenges

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU HAVE FACED? WHAT HAS HELPED YOU NAVIGATE THROUGH THEM?



Successes

HOW HAS BLOOM SYNDROME MADE YOU STRONGER?

Lessons Learned / Best Advice

What are some of the most meaningful learnings you've had? Do you have any great advice for those that are coming behind you?





Reflection

WHAT YOU WISH YOU OR YOUR PARENTS HAD KNOWN OR DONE DIFFERENTLY

