



‘We’ll try to stay together’

Bishop Brady High School seniors Joshua Kehr, 18, and Katie Bourque, 18, accept their prom king and queen trophies during the school’s annual event at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. The couple have been dating for three and a half years.

Joshua: We met (at Bishop Brady) our freshman year.

Katie: We just kind of met in study hall and started talking.

Joshua: My friend actually talked about her over the summer. He knew I was going here, and he had met her from old friends from his town. I’m from Henniker, and she’s from Penacook. He told me about her, and I got here and I found out her name was Katie. He said that she was really cool. He mentioned (that she was hot) a couple times, played sports and sounded like she would be really cool.

Katie: I liked him. He was nice and a good athlete and everything.

Joshua: We started talking more and started going out. We actually broke up and got back together a couple months later.

Katie: It worked out in the end.

Joshua: At first, we didn’t really have much to talk about, because we didn’t really know each other. Then, we broke up and became closer and got back together.

Katie: Now, we talk about anything: sports, school sometimes, current things that are going on. There’s a lot of other couples that have been together for a while, but we’re probably one of the longest.

Joshua: We’re usually pretty quiet.

Katie: I’m kind of a shy person.

Joshua: (On Friday nights) we hang out and watch movies usually.

Katie: In the summer, we go out for ice cream, see a movie.

Joshua: There’s not a lot to do in New Hampshire. It’s pretty much limited to movies and mini-golfing. Bowling.

Katie: We went to the beach one time for my birthday in the spring-time, and it was a really good time.

Joshua: Everything is good. My parents think (our relationship) is cool. They have been together since they were sophomores.

Katie: My parents like him a lot. He’s just a good kid.

Joshua: I don’t know about (getting married).

Katie: I’m going to Wellesley College.

Joshua: I’m going to Roger Williams in Rhode Island.

Katie: We’ll see how it works out.

Joshua: It’s not that far away. It’s like 45 minutes, and there are buses from Providence to Boston all the time.

Katie: I figure we’ll see where it goes. We’ll try to stay together.

Joshua: (We say I love you) more than once a day.

Katie: We usually see each other at school and talk at night.

Joshua: (At the end of a phone conversation) I tell her I love her and good night and I’ll see her tomorrow.

Katie: I think these will be good memories.

Joshua: I’d probably do another year of high school. Sometimes, I want to leave but I don’t know. I know after (I graduate), I’m going to want to come back. Another year might be fun. You don’t have as many responsibilities in high school.

Katie: You feel like you’re ready to leave, but when you think about all the people and friends that you are going to be leaving, it’s sad.

Joshua: School’s almost over.

Katie: It’s sad, but I’ll have good memories of it.

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