Wedding invitation leads to unpleasant breakup

Dear Abby: I dated a man for 16 months. We spent a lot of time together. We traveled, enjoyed many sports events and shared some mutual friends who actually introduced us.

One evening, we were out for dinner with another couple of his friends. During the conversation, the woman asked him if I was going to his daughter's wedding. His response shocked me. He shook his head, saying, "I don't think so." I remained calm, but I felt hurt. It wasn't because I "had" to go to the wedding, but because he didn't even discuss it with me.



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I was embarrassed, so I excused myself from the table. When I returned, I asked for my jacket. His response was, "This isn't going to end well." I asked him if that was a threat, to which he did not respond. I called a ride share and left.

The next day, he delivered all my belongings from his apartment. Over - just like that! No explanation. He did scream at me while dropping off my things, about why I thought I should be invited when I had never met his daughter. I couldn't speak at the time because I was dumbfounded. A few days later, we had a text exchange. I asked him about a golfing buddy of his being invited. He said yes. I said, "He never met your daughter." Phone silence.

He later invited me to go to lunch but said, "No crying." I declined and said, "I don't want to eat, and I don't want to be friends with someone who treats me so horribly." A week or two later, I got an email saying, "This is my last communication ever." I don't think he had to announce it, but OK. It's been a year now, but it still bothers me. Am I wrong? - Making no sense in Minnesota

Dear Making No Sense: The man you were dating had his reasons for not inviting the woman he had been seeing for 16 months. If I had been sitting in your position, rather than pouting and retreating, I would have asked him why he hadn't mentioned such an important milestone and let him explain it in front of his friends. That said, the romance is over. Let it go. To say that he was controlling and insensitive would be an understatement. In my opinion, you dodged a nasty bullet.

Dear Abby: I belong to a group of 10 women who meet once a month. We're all seniors, and most, but not all, of the women have husbands. I'd like to set up a dinner for couples so we can meet each other's husbands. Should I invite only those with spouses? Invite everyone, but ask that the singles bring a date? Just let the singles come solo? - Hesitant hostess

Dear Hostess: Why would you need to exclude the single women as you meet one another's husbands? I suspect they, too, are curious about their friends' spouses. Make sure the singles know they are welcome to bring a date if they want to, but they, not you, should decide whether mingling with a roomful of couples will make them uncomfortable.

Contact **Dear Abby** at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 270135, Kansas City, MO 64127.



I'm a Pathfinder: Rebecca Cochran

ACTC RELEASE

ASHLAND When Rebecca Cochran first enrolled at Ashland Community and Technical College (ACTC), she admits she didn't have her entire future mapped out.

Like many recent high school graduates, she considered several different career paths, from art to law enforcement to becoming an equine veterinary technician. She says she had even given serious thought to joining the United States Air Force.

What she didn't know at the time was that the decision to enroll in ACTC's Applied Process Technology (APT) program would ultimately shape her career, provide stability for her family, and bring her back to the classroom in an entirely different role.

Today, Cochran is an assistant professor in ACTC's Applied Process Technology program, teaching the next generation of students in the very field that launched her professional career.

A graduate of ACTC's APT program in 2012, she returned to the college in a professional capacity in 2023, bringing with her years of hands-on industry experience and a perspective that only a former student can offer.

Her introduction to the industry came through her father, who worked at Marathon Petroleum before retiring. Although she was familiar with the opportunities the industry offered, becoming a process operator wasn't initially part of her plans.

"He was the one who first encouraged me to look into the program when I still had no idea what I wanted to do," Cochran said.

What initially felt like an alternative to her other plans quickly became something more.

"Once I started the program, I quickly realized how much I enjoyed the coursework and hands-on learning. I've always had a passion for solving problems, troubleshooting issues, and understanding how things work, and the material came naturally to me," she said.

Cochran said ACTC gave her the opportunity to explore her interests while building a foundation for her future. She also credits the college with helping her avoid the financial burden often associated with higher education.

"Through ACTC, I was able to earn my degree in two years without taking on student loan debt and begin a successful career in less time," she said.

After graduation, Cochran began working at Marathon Petroleum as a tankerman at the Kenova Terminal. She was hired as the facility's first female operator, an experience that carried both professional and personal significance.

"It was an opportunity to help pave the way for future women entering the industry," she said. "I set high standards for myself and worked hard to prove that I belonged there."

During her early years at Marathon, Cochran loaded and unloaded barges on the river, taking every opportunity to learn more about the operation. She says her curiosity and willingness to ask questions helped her advance through several positions, including Tank Farm Pumper and eventually Shift Lead.

She says each role brought new responsibilities and opportunities to develop her technical knowledge, leadership abilities, and communication skills.

"I was eager to learn and took every opportunity I could to expand my knowledge and skills. In fact, I was probably a nuisance at times because I was always asking questions and wanting to understand how everything worked," she said.

Those experiences would eventually prepare her for an opportunity she hadn't necessarily anticipated: returning to ACTC as an instructor.

As a mother of two, Cochran began looking

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