

EVER AFTER: AMANDA BLAIR & BRADLEY PIERCE

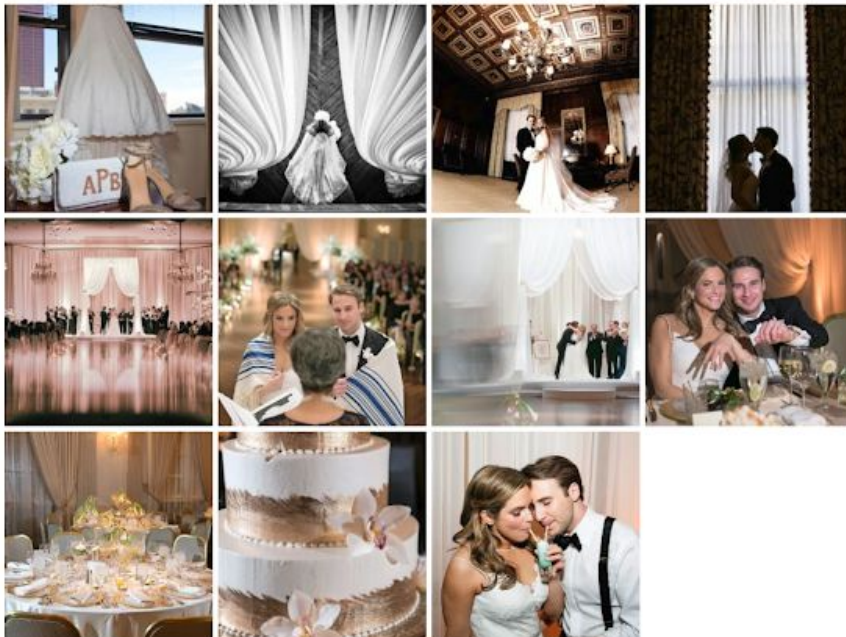
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Amanda Blair and Bradley Pierce, both 29, can thank a case of homesickness for bringing them together nearly a decade ago.

Growing up in neighboring Deerfield and Highland Park, they knew each other prior to attending the University of Kansas, and ended up in dorm rooms across the hall.

"I was sick-to-my-stomach homesick; I called my mom every day," Blair says. "She said, 'Go across the hall and hang out with Brad. He's a familiar face. He'll remind you of home and you'll feel better.' So I did ... and the rest is history."

Pierce, an account director at Jayne Agency, proposed to Blair, a senior project leader at Continuum Clinical, in South Haven, Michigan, a favorite family vacation spot, last summer. Pierce's uncle, wedding planner Randy Schuster, coordinated their spring celebration for 230 guests at The Standard Club (320 S. Plymouth), decorated with cherry blossom branches and white calla lilies; Cantor Amy Zussman of Temple Jeremiah, which Blair attended growing up, married them in a traditional Jewish ceremony. After a lively reception — which included the traditional Jewish hora — they ended the night on a sweet note with a funfetti cake, freshly spun cotton candy and mint-chocolate-chip cookie "fries" from Pierce's aunt's business, The Cookie Joint.



IT'S IN THE DETAILS

Bride's dress: Mikaella by Paloma Blanca, Mira Couture, 1 E. Delaware; [Miracouture.com](#)

Bride's shoes: Stuart Weitzman, 701 N. Michigan; [Stuartweitzman.com](#)

Bridesmaids' dresses: Jenny Yoo Collection, 311 W. Superior; [Jennyyoo.com](#)

Bride's hair & makeup: Nikki Cohen, Renee Feldman Salon, 1006 N. Clark, [Reneefeldmansalon.com](#); [Stella Mikhail](#), [Bestmakeupartistchicago.com](#)

Groom's attire: Hugo Boss tuxedo, Nordstrom, 55 E. Grand, [Shop.nordstrom.com](#); Salvatore Ferragamo shoes, Neiman Marcus, 737 N. Michigan, [Neimanmarcus.com](#)

Groomsmen's attire: Men's Wearhouse, 535 N. Michigan; [Menswearhouse.com](#)

Invitations: C'est Papier Inc.; [Cestpapier.com](#)

Entertainment: Larry King Orchestra; [Larrykingorchestra.com](#)

Floral: White cherry blossom and calla lily arrangements by Vincent Hart, Kehoe Designs, 2555 S. Leavitt; [Kehoedesigns.com](#)

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