

Capri Blue Faapouli: A Woman As Clear And Bright As Her Namesake Leigh Zamora

Off the west coast of Italy sits the dreamy, historical isle of Capri. Renowned for its clear turquoise waters, it is home to the Blue Grotto, a natural jewel that passes sunlight through an underwater cave that ignites the sea into an electric blue wonderland. Like her namesake and place of conception, Capri Blue Faapouli is a woman that exuberates clarity, unique light and is true to her roots. Born at Oceanside's own Tri City Hospital, twenty six year old Capri, lives her life with no regrets, "making memories so that when I am one hundred years old, I will look back and say, "Damn, I had a great life!"

Described by her friends appreciatively as an individual that speaks her mind, it is Capri they seek out for the truth "even when they don't want to hear the truth, they always come to me to get it." Raised in Oceanside, Capri parallels much of her individual and life successes with her upbringing in her community, "Oceanside definitely bring me strength, the big moments in my life have always been in Oceanside and I always reflect back onto Oceanside when I am reevaluating my life or setting goals, Oceanside is always somehow a part of it."

A graduate of ITT Tech, Capri thrives in her stimulating accounting career where numbers are her game and the challenges and their solutions keep her inspired and motivated. It is this solution oriented attitude that makes Capri shine, keeps her laughing throughout the day and her coworkers seeking her out because, "Man Capri, I am having a bad day, say something." People are magnetized by Capri's underlying ideology that, "You can't be upset by things that you can't change, it's so petty! There is no point in working yourself up, flip your attitude and the time will fly by!"

Clear about her needs and always open to communication, Capri does not settle in her life. She loves to learn and seeks challenges, keeping her thoughts positive and fears of failure in check, "Fear is always in the back of my head; but, I try to keep that in the back of my head and not to let it ruin my stuff." When feeling the stresses of life or work, Capri seeks nature to reconnect with herself. An avid lover of photography since her high school days at Rancho Buena Vista, Capri sees the tremendous value of the one photo that floods "a thousand memories in." She has vivid recollections of her youth in Oceanside, learning to dance Samoan, Tahitian, Hula and Maori and learning to speak Samoan fluently surrounded by her large loving Samoan family.

Capri is excited about the present growth occurring in Oceanside, "I get so many good vibes, I meet so many people just because it's Oceanside. There are so many people in Oceanside that are proud of the city. Every city has a bad side, we have totally embraced the good side." She welcomes the multidimensional expansion of the city stating, "The more the merrier! That will mean more taxes, more money to start rebuilding stuff, more money to fix the streets!"

A believer that, "Your vibe attracts your tribe," Capri stays connected with herself through her love of dance, nature and photography. She carries her personal positive vibe and support into her community, connecting people together where she sees, "such a strong support

system.” Impressed and grateful for the tremendous community outreach after the passing of her cousin Junior Seau, Capri recalls sitting on the bleachers at the Oceanside Amphitheater stunned by the amount of people from the entirety of the city that came out to pay homage and adoration to their hometown hero. When her six year old niece was diagnosed with leukemia, it was again the people of Oceanside, friends and strangers alike, that came out to fundraise and support a member of its own in need of help. It is this sense of community that keeps Capri rooted in her hometown, clear in her intent to, “Own a house here by the time I am thirty!”

Married to her childhood best friend, Capri looks forward to their upcoming summer anniversary trip to the place where her life began, the magical island of her namesake, Capri. She will carry her authentic voice, her doctrine that “an honest compliment can change someone’s day” and her heart that belongs to Oceanside across the world with her. She will submerge herself in the electric blue of the sea, relax on the calm beach, read a book and think to herself, much like her previous trips to beautiful Samoa, “this feels just like Oceanside!”