

# **Kristin Cagney**

## **Summit Seltzer, Owner**

**Age:** 29

### **WHERE WERE YOU BORN?**

Geneva, IL

### **HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHARLOTTE AREA?**

On and off 4 years

### **TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOU?**

I grew up in a town of 30+ family members in Illinois and was the first to leave the Midwest to attend college at the University of Colorado at Boulder. I worked in wealth management in Denver, CO for 3 years out of college and realized that the corporate world was not for me. I randomly quit my job and came to Charlotte area for a 2-week vacation after my parents moved to Cornelius and stayed. I tried to move back to Colorado twice and something about Charlotte keeps drawing me back. I am happy to call this my permanent home.

### **DURING YOUR TIME VOLUNTEERING FOR A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OR PROJECT, WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?**

I was "Community Champion" at Fidelity Investments, so I was in charge of engaging our team in different community and philanthropic events. We did a lot of work with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and one of the events was during Christmas time. While there were dozens of Fidelity employees who volunteered, only a "lucky" select few got to dress up for the sitting on Santa's lap portion of the evening. Since I was one of the most heavily involved in the program I got nominated to dress up as an elf (I am 5'10") and all of the kids kept saying that I was too tall to be an elf. It became a running joke at the office that "Kristin is too tall to be an elf"....

### **IN YOUR OPINION, HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY? PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AS YOU CAN.**

I have been involved in community work since I was in high school. I volunteered sporadically in college and then as I mentioned was the Community Champion at Fidelity, which allowed me to get involved with some incredible programs. Here in Charlotte, before I had the Summit Seltzer platform, I worked independently with local groups like Classroom Central and Habitat for Humanity. Now that Summit is opening, we are able to host and sponsor community events. Our first community initiative is with our seltzer

“Toast to Charlotte”, which we give a portion of the proceeds to a local Charlotte Nonprofit. My mission is to work with the community as much as possible because not everyone was as lucky as I was to have the family and support that got me to where I am. Having a platform that can give back should not go to waste.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS YOU’VE RECEIVED IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

At Fidelity I was consistently a top performer in my entire division. We had “Employee of the Month” awards that I won a few times, but they didn’t really give out too many awards in general. Working for breweries in the area I became extremely knowledgeable and close with the local craft beer industry. I’d like to think that they recognized me as a stand-up employee and peer, as they have embraced me wholeheartedly, and with a sense of comradery, through my seltzery endeavor.

**WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTEREST?**

Skiing is my absolute favorite thing in this world. Traveling, I’m probably borderline irresponsibly spontaneous. Running, Hiking, Camping, Yoga, and FAMILY. Anything outdoors or adventurous- I’m all about it.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT YOU STAND BY?**

“Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.” And “Whatever you are, be a good one”

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS? 10 YEARS?**

I hate this question. I am too spontaneous to have a set 5-year plan. Wherever I am in 5-10 years, if I am happy and I am doing right by others, that is all I can wish for.

**CAN YOUR SHARE ONE THING THAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?**

I do not really have a bucket list, but I need to travel abroad A LOT more.

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED YOUR PASSPORT?**

I spent 3 weeks in Europe last January.

**WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF THAT NO ONE KNOWS?**

My middle name is Hennessy

**WHO IS YOUR HERO?**

Is it cliché to say my mom? Because it is true. My mom.

**WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?**

Well, it was Into the Wild, but that is my favorite book so I read it all the time. The last new book I read was Subliminal

**WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW?**

I definitely watched Frozen last night

**WHAT WAS THE LAST CONCERT YOU SAW?**

The Avett Brothers at the Speedway. My first COVID concert. I cried.