KATY WOMEN

Caitlin Ricketts, a graduate of Seven Lakes High School, is now living in New York City and working for Wilhelmina Models



MODEL STATS

HEIGHT 5' 91/2" WAIST 25" SHOE SIZE 91/2 HAIR COLOR brown EYES green

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Seven Lakes High School graduate Caitlin Ricketts is now traveling the world modeling for top name brands



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As a young girl growing up in Katy, Texas, Caitlin Ricketts only dreamed of the life she's now living as a model for the Wilhelmina Agency in New York City. "I love being from Katy and I'm so happy I have all of my family still in Katy to come home to," she says. She grew up in Katy ISD, attending Roosevelt Alexander Elementary School, Beckendorff Junior High School, and Seven Lakes High School. "I have lived in New York City for years now, but Katy will always be my home and a place to bring me back to reality."

A Big Break

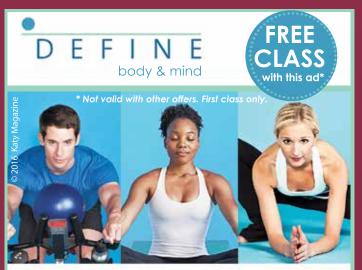
Ricketts was introduced to modeling at a young age. "I started modeling when I was a baby for brands like Foley's and Palais Royal and stopped when I was about 5 years old. It wasn't until I was 14 when my older sister Chelsea convinced me to try it out again and go to an open call for Abercrombie." Ricketts shares how she ended up booking the job, and saw that she loved it. "I realized then how much fun and exciting it was!"

The Abercrombie job jump-started her career. "It just took off after that," she adds. Ricketts went on to sign with the New York agency Wilhelmina Models when she was 16. She moved to NYC and has been there five years now, modeling full time.

"Since then, I've worked for brands like CoverGirl, which was one of my big dreams, Maybelline, and Garnier, and have had the opportunity to live in so many amazing countries such as South Korea, London, Japan, and Australia," she says.

Traveling, People, & Projects

She shares that while traveling is one of the most exciting parts of her job, it can also be one of the most challenging.



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"I'm thankful for the chance to travel the world, and even though it can be hard to be gone for months at a time, I wouldn't change a thing about it," says Ricketts, who has been to 26 countries in the last few years. "My next stop is Iceland and I can't wait."

Another fun part of her career are the people and projects. "I have had the chance to work with so many talented people like Bruce Weber and Bobbi Brown. I also had the pleasure of being a part of so many fun ads for brands such as LeSportsac and Kendra Scott, and magazines like Glamour and Shape."

A Texas Girl

A career in modeling may seem glamorous, but Ricketts still embraces the Texas girl she truly is. "I love Tex-Mex, burgers and fries, and of course, some good ole' Texas barbeque," she laughs. "I grew up going to the rodeo every year and spent Friday nights dancing with my high school drill team during football season. I still cheer on the Texans from NYC and am a big fan of JJ Watt."

Ricketts says she treasures her family, and also loves a glass of red wine and an episode of Game of Thrones. A great sense of humor is vital in her life and industry, and she recalls one of her most embarrassing moments. "I embarrass myself daily, but one memory that sticks out the most is when I dropped a shampoo bottle in a store and it busted open. I then ended up slipping in the mess and falling on my face right in front of the checkout line."

Being looked to as a fashion icon isn't always easy, but she describes her style as a mix of being very feminine and girly one day, to being very tomboy and gothic the next. "My style is ever-changing," she adds.

Ricketts encourages other young women to embrace their dreams and go after them no matter how big or small they might seem. She says her favorite quote has always been, "Here's to strong women. May we know them, may we be them, may we raise them." KM



CAITLIN SIGHTINGS

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