

Brandon Zheng & Jean Brey

WILTON HIGH SCHOOL

The future face of Wall Street could be Brandon Zheng. The recent Wilton High School graduate grew up in a finance-centric family (his father works in the field) and discovered his own love for economics as a freshman. He recalls experimenting with stocks on a virtual platform. "No matter how much research I did," he says, "there was never a guarantee of what was going to happen. But this challenge was exactly what fascinated me."

Passionate about finance and economics, he founded the stock-trading club at his school so that he could share his knowledge and enthusiasm with other students. He created presentations, games and competitions for the weekly meetings and grew the club to some thirty members. "Although it took a lot of time to build up the club from scratch, it was well worth it, knowing that I've left my lasting legacy at Wilton High School."

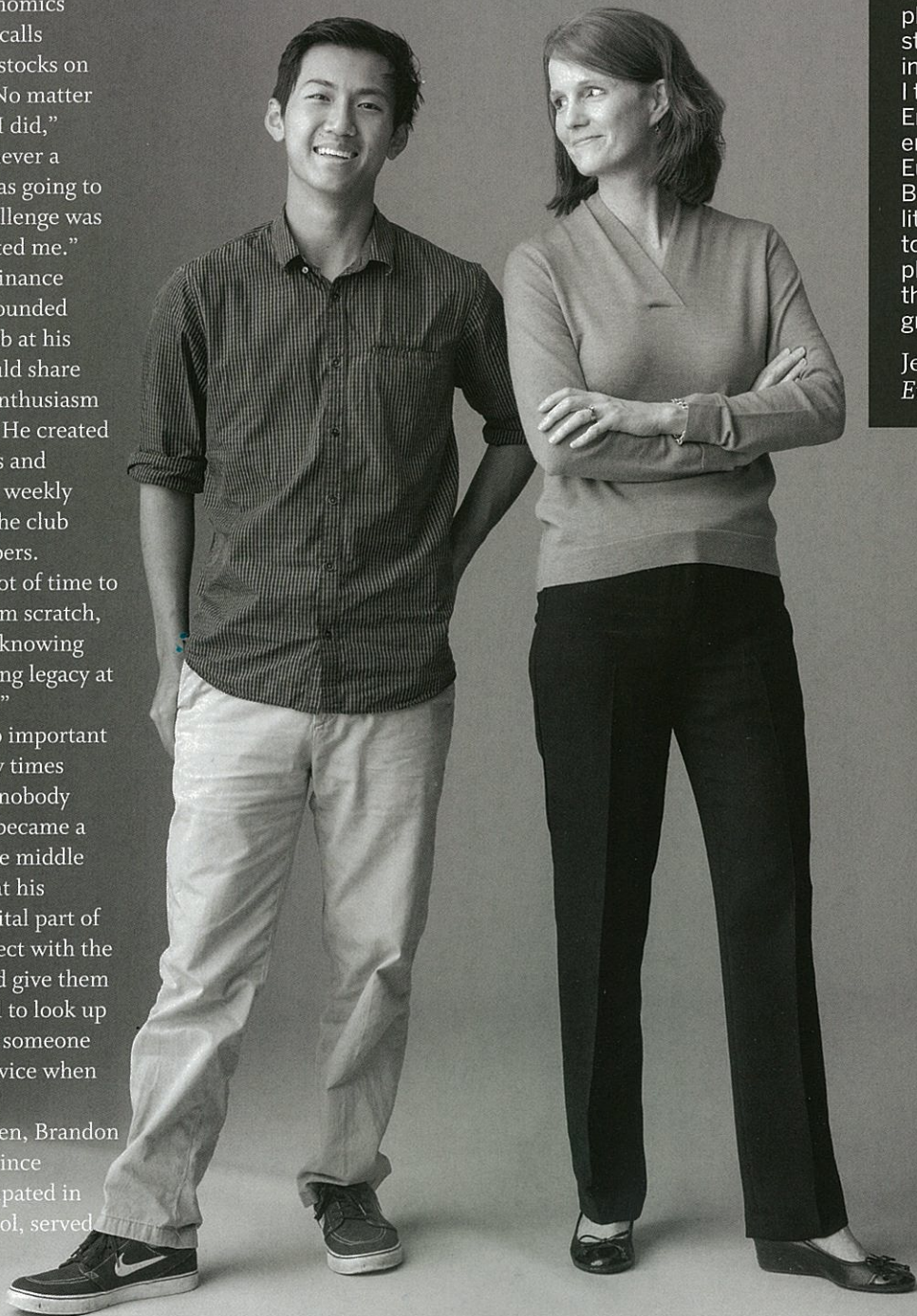
Giving back is also important to him. Motivated by times when he felt he had nobody to turn to, Brandon became a student leader for the middle school youth group at his church. "The most vital part of my role was to connect with the middle schoolers and give them a positive role model to look up to," he says, "as well someone they can go to for advice when faced with an issue."

A well-rounded teen, Brandon has played baseball since kindergarten, participated in the top choir at school, served

in student government and was captain of the math team for both his junior and senior years.

He is studying economics and finance at the Honors College at

University of Oklahoma this fall and says he is "pursuing what I love and trying to share that passion with those around me." »



"In addition to being one of the most brilliant math students at Wilton High School, he is incredibly well-balanced. Although Brandon is a phenomenal math student, he especially impressed me when I taught him in an AP English course entitled Modern European Authors. Brandon 'gets' literature and is drawn toward the philosophical themes presented in great books."

Jean Brey
English teacher