



Jaffe & Ruderman

A Doctoral Duo

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DURHAM NATIVE ANNA JAFFE KNEW SHE WAS HEADED to the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry; what she did not anticipate was meeting and falling in love with fellow classmate and **Duke** graduate **Brandon Ruderman**. Three years later, she was surprised again when she found a note from Brandon tucked inside their dog **Allie's** jacket, asking her to marry him.

With a desire to return to Durham, the pair decided to hold the ceremony at **Sarah P. Duke Gardens**, assisted by the planning expertise of **A Swanky Affair**. "Everything was so much more beautiful and perfect than I [could have] ever imagined," Anna says of the moment when she walked into the **Doris Duke Center**. Midway through the evening, as their friends and family were busy on the dance floor, the couple wandered to the amphitheater in the gardens and enjoyed a private moment, letting the day sink in. "We couldn't have asked for a better wedding," Anna says.

The bride's hair and makeup was styled by **140 Salon & Blow Dry Bar**, and she wowed guests in her dress from **Tre Bella**. The groom's party sported tuxedos from **Bernard's Formalwear**. **Get Lit Special Event Lighting** set a romantic mood and illuminated the stunning blossoms from **Bluebird Meadows**.

The newlyweds were both accepted into residency programs at **Duke Hospital**, Brandon in emergency medicine and Anna in pediatrics. They live in the **Watts-Hillandale** neighborhood. 🐕



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