



**Katie Graney**  
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On any given weekday, one can find the energetic Katie Graney far away from what the average person would call a workplace. Katie spends her days at Anheuser-Busch's St. Louis brewery, where her passion for brewing beer meets her love of working with people.

Before entering her senior year at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Katie followed her mother's encouragement and applied for a summer internship at the Anheuser-Busch brewery in Williamsburg, Va. Although she always enjoyed beer, Katie hadn't considered pursuing brewing as a profession until she met an Anheuser-Busch brewmaster at a university career fair. Given the synergies between her chemical engineering degree and the recipe-driven fundamentals of brewing, Katie was intrigued to learn more.

Looking back though, Katie realized beer had always been a part of her life. The daughter of an English mother and an American father who served in the U.S. Air Force, Katie's family traveled often. Their intercontinental adventures exposed her to the world's shared appreciation for beer, especially how friends and family got together to celebrate good times in pubs and restaurants and toast their memorable moments with a beer. Whether visiting family in England and watching her grandfather select the perfect beer to pair with his meal, or visiting brewpubs in the United States, Katie began to see how many people share the belief that beer is a universal part of life.

During her summer internship in 2002, Katie soaked up the essential lessons she learned from sitting in on tastings with brewmasters, such as figuring out how to ensure every batch of beer is always at its freshest and learning about how ingredients such as hops, barley and malt are used to brew beer, including the world's best-selling lagers Budweiser and Bud Light.

Post-graduation, Katie and a friend traveled through the western part of the United States when, in July 2003, she was asked to join the brewing team full time as brewing group manager at Anheuser-Busch's St. Louis brewery. Without hesitation, Katie packed her bags for the Midwest, where she was eager to follow in the footsteps of former brewmasters who had brewed at the flagship brewery for nearly two centuries.

Katie's current responsibilities as brewing area manager include supervising several group managers and 60 St. Louis brewers who manage critical steps in the brewing process, such as monitoring the brewing equipment, inspecting the quality of ingredients and sampling each batch of beer.

An enthusiastic leader, Katie and her team are also adept at handling agricultural challenges Mother Nature may throw their way. If a particularly rainy season alters – even slightly – the taste of a particular crop, Katie's team makes subtle adjustments in their recipe to protect the consistent, great taste beer lovers have come to expect in their favorite beers.

Katie feels lucky to work in a field guided by skilled experts and innovative thinkers. One of her newest projects is working to prepare the company's experimental beers for brewing on a national scale at any of Anheuser-Busch's 12 regional breweries once the brewmasters have perfected the new recipes at their small pilot brewery in St. Louis.

The chance to work at the celebrated St. Louis brewery, steeped in history and tradition, and alongside the brewmasters who experiment with new styles daily at the innovative Michelob Brewing Co., is especially rewarding for Katie, who feels fortunate to have the best of both worlds. One of her favorite beers born in the Michelob Brewing Co. is Michelob Honey Lager, a slightly sweet brew Katie especially enjoys on warm-weather days.

Currently working toward her master's degree in business administration at Washington University in St. Louis, Katie sees international brewing in her future and would love to work in Europe. Away from the brewery, Katie likes to travel and often meets family for memorable trips together, such as Christmas in England or adventures in Italy.

With her trademark enthusiasm and big smile, Katie finds excitement in never knowing what the day will bring and looks forward to seeing where a glass of beer could take her next.