



*Life is all about taking risks and thriving under pressure for management and marketing junior Taylor Olanski, a competitive diver.*

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## Dedicated Diver Taylor Olanski Uses Competitive Nature to Succeed at Bauer

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For management and marketing junior Taylor Olanski, when faced with an uncertain situation, hanging back isn't an option — it's best to dive in.

The Canada native has faced her fears plenty of times, even at the young age of 18. She moved to Houston in 2013 from her hometown of London, Ontario, to pursue a business education at Bauer College on a diving scholarship.

"Diving and business are very similar," Olanski said. "Both are filled with opportunities for success. I love to compete, test my abilities and put everything I have into the job that I am doing."

She added: "I thrive under high pressure and intense situations. Diving has always given me that feeling, and as I grow in the business world, I know it will be the same for me."

Business runs in Olanski's blood. Her father is a managing partner who specializes in corporate law, and her mother is a director of critical care and trauma, while her older sister, Torri, is completing her marketing and entrepreneurship degree from Bauer College this fall. The sisters were also teammates on the UH Swimming & Diving Team, although an injury sidelined the elder Olanski, who is now the team's manager.

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"The best advice my sister has given me to get through my college career is that it's OK to not know what you want to do with the rest of your life when you're 20," she said. "She has shown such commitment, drive and perseverance in her diving career and business endeavors that I find myself idolizing her work ethic and dedication."

That example seems to be working for Olanski, who has been recognized as Conference Diver of the Year by the American Athletic Conference and Most Valuable Team Member by UH Athletics.

After graduating from Bauer and finishing her stint on the diving team, Olanski plans to start a career in sales.

"My dream job would be a sales representative in the oil and gas industry," Olanski said. "I've always been drawn to the industry because of how competitive and demanding it is."