

Ken Beauvais was born in Boston, Massachusetts to his Haitian mother Widlyne Beauvais (LeBeau). At the time Widlyne was separated from her husband and raising three young kids, who were only about a year or so apart. When Ken was just a few months old, his late grandparents Augustin LeBeau and Occilla LeBeau requested that he come live with them in Haiti. His mother agreed knowing that her parents (Ken's grandparents) would do a great job laying a foundation of discipline, hope, faith and love. This assumption was correct and Ken grew up deeply rooted in the Haitian culture. The first language he learned was Haitian Creole, he grew up on Haitian food and really takes pride in the principles and history of Haiti.

Ken's father Jean Beauvais returned after about 5 years of separation from Widlyne. Together they thought it was best if Ken went to school in the United States. Ken started elementary school in Boston at Henry L Higginson Elementary School. From a very young age teachers, family and everybody that interacted with him saw that he was very gifted and special. Ken moved to Lauderdale Lakes, Florida right before his 9th birthday. He also lived in West Palm beach for a short period while his family was transitioning to South Florida. Between being raised in Port Au Prince, Boston and Fort Lauderdale and a short while in West Palm Beach, Ken attended 4 different elementary schools. He excelled academically at every school. He received the President's Education Award when graduating from Rock Island Elementary school for his achievements, hard work and test scores. The award is signed by the U.S. President and the U.S. Secretary of Education and earned by students whose outstanding efforts have enabled them to meet challenging standards of excellence.

Ken's middle school years were one of the most challenging times of his life. He was old enough to completely understand the dynamics of his parents, he was dealing with school bullies, and even though he was a bright kid the stress was showing up in his schoolwork and behavior. It was not that none of these challenges were not there before, but it was at the crisis point. The graphic details are intentionally omitted from this biography. Ultimately, Ken's father left again right before Ken entered high school and never returned. At the time it was 4 children, Eric (16), Sabianne (15), Ken (14) and the not so new baby Tanya (9). Oddly enough, this did more good than bad as Ken transitioned into high school.

Ken Beauvais after a short rocky start, went back to being the enthusiastic and tenacious techie entrepreneur and future business leader that everybody remembered. He started to love informational technology (IT) the more he was around IT. When he was in high school, he was able to intern as a student tech and attend Atlantic Technical Center for dual enrollment. He earned an "Executive Intern Award" for the time and dedication he invested in Boyd Anderson High School's Technology Department. From then, everything he did revolved around technology. This includes what he did for fun, where he worked, schooling, etc. Ken also met his wife Denisha his freshman year of high school and they haven't been apart since. He often credits his grandparents, mom and Denisha for all the positive things in his life.

Ken went on to earn an Associate of Arts degree with a focus in Computer Programming at Edison State College. The school is in Fort Myers, which he relocated to follow his then girlfriend (now wife) Denisha. While there he was awarded the 2006 Lee County NAACP Educational Award for his deliberate/authentic efforts in striving towards higher education. Mr. Beauvais was also inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society for his service, leadership and academic excellence. He continued to earn numerous awards ranging from "Member of the Year" to "Most Committed" among his peers as a student leader.

In 2005 Ken started fixing computers to make a little extra money for college. He later officially incorporated KayBee Corp, a computer service and repair company in 2007. He was doing fairly well. However, he discovered that although he had a passion for IT, it wasn't with each individual computer. He was more interested in how they were connected, the business and marketing side as well. Since he was extremely busy in leadership roles of several student organizations, course work and was already working two jobs, he decided to close KayBee Corps. This was also around the time he had a random idea of building an operating system that connected people through shopping.

Ken Beauvais earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems, Business Management and Marketing from Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). Not only was he the first student in FGCU history to earn three degrees concurrently but while at FGCU he was inducted into their Hall of Fame. This is the highest recognition given to student leaders. The FGCU Hall of Fame is reserved for the best of the best students who have demonstrated superior leadership, integrity and achievement through leadership activities, service and scholarship while members of the Florida Gulf Coast University community. As a result of his exceptional impact on the campus community, he was able to distinguish himself from many other outstanding students. Now his photo will remain on the walls of the university's student ballroom and his name is carved in stone on the walkway forever. He also earned numerous awards ranging from "MR. FGCU" (Homecoming King) to "Certificate of Appreciation" for his leadership and dedication to a public speaking organization (Regulate Unite Listen Engage Speak), that he founded back in 2008 at the university.

Mr. Beauvais has held several jobs in the technology space ranging from support, consulting to sales. One of them was at Gartner, the leading IT research firm, where he worked for about 2.5 years. Within his first year he was the first to achieve the Gartner Winners Circle in North America, which was the highest achievement given in his department, referred to as the A-TEAM at that time. Winners Circle is the pinnacle of success at Gartner and he demonstrated that he had the mindset, plan and execution to separate himself from the rest and be part of the most accomplished and successful people at Gartner. This award included an all-expense paid extravagant trip for him and his beautiful wife to Rome, Italy. He also created unprecedented tools, documents and formulas that allowed his colleagues to do their jobs more effectively.

Ken was the Founder and Co-Founder of a few startups. One of the startups is Schedu.ly, which was awarded Third Place Best Overall Hackathon App at the 2012 AT&T Mobile Hackathon. He and his partner were able to learn new technologies, learn new programming languages, and build a demo in less than 48 hours. The business was focused on making sure that individuals make it to appointments, not early or late but as scheduled (Schedu.ly). Planning travel time is irksome and generally is not done right. Alerts are set arbitrarily and traffic conditions or trip routes change. Schedu.ly makes calendar alerts intuitive and updates your alerts based on your location relative to your next appointment.

Ken's last job in Corporate America was with Comcast, a Fortune 33~ company and the number 1 cable TV and Internet provider. In his 7+ years tenure, he was promoted 4 times for his stellar performance. As an individual contributor, his awards range from Number 1 PRI rep to being ranked in the top 5% of Comcast Business nationally. As a leader, his awards ranged from being inducted to the Comcast Counsel of Excellence (157% of Quota) and receiving the Diamond Club Award. Because of his training, readiness, expertise and positive attitude his peers constantly looked for him for help. Mr. Beauvais is often coaching, developing, appraising, and motivating individual sales representatives to achieve and exceed assigned objectives. His numerous awards are not by accident.

Ken has been featured as a bright, young entrepreneur and future business leader (40 under 40) by the Gulf Coast Business Review, a student leader by Eagle News, "a man well on his way to becoming a jQuery mobile expert" by the AT&T Developer Program, an "Up-and-Coming" speaker by Cape Coral Daily Breeze, received a personal letter from Governor Rick Scott for inspiring others and continues to build credibility towards his future success. His name also appeared in the Miami Herald, Naples News, Geeky Beach and other places for some of his efforts and accomplishments.

Ken is currently the Vice Chair and Business Development Director of the United Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Florida (UHACC). UHACC promotes partnerships and alliances within the Haitian communities throughout SWFL. The goal is to build healthy business climates, promote investment opportunities, and generate employment growth, and inspire a way to learn and nurture the Haitian culture to all.

Mr. Beauvais continues to be an entrepreneur, internet visionary and motivational speaker. He is working on building a business from the ground up and has a patent issued for a concept referred to as Centralized Ecommerce Overhaul (CEO). He is now working with respected lawyers, advisors and professionals to bring it from pilot to launch. He also has a sales coaching, business consulting and motivational speaking business. These two businesses, PocketWatcher and Ken Beauvais LLC, fulfill both his passion and his purpose.

Ken has been with his wife, his high school sweetheart, for almost two decades (married for 9). They are homeowners and have 3 young daughters named Kailia, Soraya and Anneah. His wife, Denisha, is his best friend. Their relationship and family are his most meaningful accomplishments. If someone had to use one word to describe Ken, it would be earnest; because it represents his faith, enthusiasm and tenacity towards every aspect of his life.

Ken knows life is hard and has many challenges, but his faithfulness, enthusiasm and tenacity gets stronger through each of his failures. He also knows that on every journey there are always obstacles and struggles that people cannot see. So, he sincerely and no matter what, greets everybody by saying "Living the Dream". His hope is that, even if it's just for a moment, they will share some positive energy (hope, faith and love).