

Career Corner: KDChi, Servicing Our Local Communities...What does Tom Cruise Know Anyway?



Cira Villa- My journey to become a social worker started at the U of A as a requirement of KDChi at Project YES and turned into a passion for serving people, particularly working to help the Latino population learn the importance of education and empowerment of our community.

As a social worker you take on many different types of jobs and roles throughout your career- I know I have. But it's validating work that assists people of all ages, races, and social classes. In the past five years I have worked in the Juvenile Corrections system, served as an after-school coordinator, worked as a behavioral specialist, practiced as a school social worker, and have participated and contributed to prevention programs throughout Tucson and Phoenix.

My current job is by far the most interesting and exhausting I've ever had. I currently work at EMPACT-SPC in the BTT Department (Brief Therapy Teams). EMPACT-SPC is a nonprofit agency that provides general mental health services for residents of Maricopa County. The BTT

Department is unique compared to other mental health agencies, because it offers crisis services to the residents of Maricopa County. Crisis situations may include but are not limited to clients having suicidal and homicidal ideations along with possible psychosis. As a crisis specialist and therapists we work to maintain clients in their environments while keeping them and their supports systems safe. These crisis calls can range from young children to the elderly population. Though the job can be stressful and demanding it is never boring or monotonous. Another program I worked in for over a year in the BTT department is the CPS Stabilization Team. These teams maintain a small caseload of high profile and behaviorally challenged CPS (Child Protective Services) kids. The main objective of the program is to maintain these kids in their placement, provide support services for their family or placement staff, establish mental health services, and facilitate Child and Family Teams. The job is never ending and emotionally exhausting, but if not me- who???

As far as education goes I received my undergraduate degree in

Psychology with a double minor in Family studies and Mexican American studies. I am currently in my second year of a Masters Degree in the Social Work program with a Planning and Administration emphasis. Currently I am interning at a local community agency that focuses on working with Latinos to provide education and independence.

Each job I have had the honor of having has been difficult and emotional at times but understanding that on some level I have helped or changed just one thing in these people's lives maintains my sanity and passion to continue in the social work field. I love my work- I love my job. I enjoy going to work every day! Everyday I am constantly learning more about helping people on small immediate levels to high systematic levels. Everyday is a new experience and a new crisis but I give as much as I can and hope that my work can make someone's life just a little better or easier.

If you have any further questions or want more information please feel free to contact Ms. Cira Villa at ciravil98@yahoo.com. She is an alumnus of the Delta Chapter, Nu Class of 1998.

"Every alumna has the ability to make an impact on KDX, an undergraduate chapter, or just one sister."

*--Alumni Association
Mission Statement*

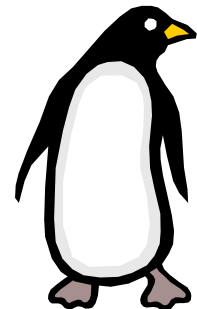
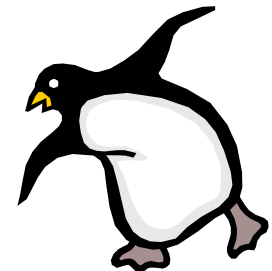
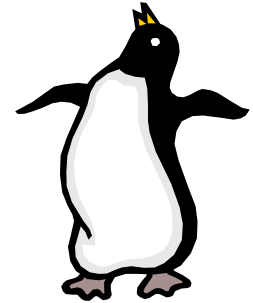
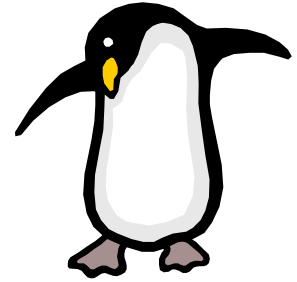
Next Month's Career Feature

Do you have a story to tell us? We want career updates from alumni sisters! Where are our doctors, teachers, managers, bankers, etc.? Every issue we will feature a career field and the sisters in that field. Want to be next month's highlight? Let us know!

Important Dates: The Delta Chapter's Fall Schedule

September:

- 6th- Open Rush; First Formal Meeting
- 7th- Open Rush
- 12th- Open Meeting
- 16th- Day on Campus, Rush Social/Fundraising
- 17th- Rush Service Event
- 19th- Closed Rush
- 23rd-25th- New Member Retreat
- 30th- Big Sis/Lil' Sis



October:

- 3rd- Open Meeting
- 7th-9th- Sisterhood Retreat
- 15th- Adopt-A-Highway Service Event
- 24th- Mid-Review

November:

- 4th- Annual Charter's Ball
- 5th- Homecoming
- 6th- Alumni Appreciation Day, Bowl-A-Thon
- 7th- Open Meeting, Nominations
- 14th- Elections
- 21st- Final Review

December:

- 2nd- Initiation
- 4th- Senior Goodbyes
- 5th- Last Active Meeting/ Open

Congratulations the Following Graduates and Newest Alums!

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Here Comes the Bride: A Story about Planes, Vegas and of course LOVE!!!!

ABOUT THE BRIDE: The bride was born and raised in Tucson. She attended the University of Arizona and received a Bachelor's degree in Nutritional Science and a Master's degree in Public Health. Patricia is currently a seventh grade science teacher at Mansfield Middle School.

ABOUT THE GROOM: The groom was born and raised in Tucson. He attended the University of Arizona and received a Bachelor's degree in Education. Benjamin is currently a P.E. teacher and basketball coach at Amphi High School.

HOW WE MET: We met on a plane going to Las Vegas on May 6, 2004. I was going to Las Vegas for a fun weekend with a girlfriend and Benjamin was going to Las Vegas for a coaching clinic. Ben and I caught each other's eyes on the plane and talked for part of the flight. As we walked off the plane, Ben said that he would buy me a drink in Vegas if we ran into each other. We never saw each other while in Las Vegas, but we sat next to each other on our flight home. When we got off the plane in Tucson, Ben asked me if he could buy me a drink in Tucson since he didn't get a chance to buy me one in Vegas. I gave him my phone number and two weeks later on May 21, 2004 we went out on our first date!

WHEN WE GOT ENGAGED: May 21, 2005

HOW IT HAPPENED: Benjamin and I went to Disneyland for the weekend to celebrate our anniversary. On May 21st we made reservations to eat at the Blue Bayou Restaurant inside the Pirates of the Caribbean. We were seated at a waterside table. After dinner, Ben dropped his napkin and acted like he was bending down to pick it up. Instead of getting his napkin, Ben pushed my chair back and got down on his knee and asked me to marry him. It was an unforgettable

Congratulations Patti we are all so happy for you and Benjamin. We wish you all the love and happiness in the world! Thank you for sharing your story with us, and we can't wait to be able to congratulate you in person.



Happy Birthday!!

Leah Chavez (Theta Class)- September 14th
Jane Carvajal (Alpha Class)- September 25th

A brief overview of the Virgo sun sign:

The Virgo sun sign is ruled by Mercury, which is also the ruler of Gemini but takes on a different appearance in the sun sign because Gemini is air and Virgo is earth and in turn makes the Mercury aspect in this sign more down to earth. In most cases this makes the Virgo person cerebral, an avid traveler, organized, analytical and close to their siblings. The Virgo person believes strongly in communications (letting you know where they stand). In a more intimate sphere the male and the female of this sign are usually quite different. The male is in tune to the sun (identity) and the female to the moon (instincts). But one thing they both share is that Virgo is "the virgin". Some noteworthy Virgos; Peter Sellers, Yasser Arafat, Greta Garbo Regis Philbin are just a few. You will learn more on a daily basis as we look into the sun sign Virgo.

About Our Organization...

The Southern Arizona Region is here to serve you and build our network of alumni! Please email, call, or send us any ideas or concerns. We look forward to seeing you at our events and corresponding with you in the coming months. Thanks for your support!

"Some men see things
and ask 'Why?' I dream
things that never were
and ask 'Why Not?'"
- Robert Kennedy

HISTORY OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

For those of you who don't know, Hispanic Heritage month officially begins September 15th. Why? Well, because it is the anniversary of independence for 5 different Latin American countries: Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras. Additionally, Mexico's is on the 16th and Chile on the 18th. So, September seems like a good month for Latino's to party!

The first Hispanic Heritage "week" was passed as public law 90-498 by the 90th Congress in September 1968. In 1988, the 100th Congress passed public law 100-402 designating September 15th to October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month.

THE TERM HISPANIC

A little background on the word "Hispanic". The term Hispanic is a government created term. The census began using this term in the 1960-1970's to define people of Spanish speaking descent of any race. Today, the census allows us to define ourselves as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino. In the 2000 census, over 35 million people identified themselves in this category.

LANGUAGES!!!

Ever wonder why our Puerto Rican or Argentinean sisters cut the end of every word off that they pronounce in Spanish? You know who you are!! Ever wonder why Mexicans feel the need to pronounce every letter? Residents of countries such as Mexico, Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia generally speak Latin American Spanish, especially in urban centers. This dialect is noted for its pronunciation of each letter and its strong "r" sounds. This Spanish was spoken in Spain in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and was brought to the Americas by the early colonists. This is referred to as "Highland Spanish".

So do Argentines speak different you ask? Well the Spanish they speak (and also in some parts of Uruguay) is actually influenced by Italian settlers who settled there in nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The term "vos" used by this country (mostly in Buenos Aires) is actually the equivalent of "thee" and "thou" in English. It is accompanied by a modified old Spanish verb form.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the accent in Seville, Cádiz, and other cities in Andalusia, in Southern Spain, began to change. Speakers began to drop the final "s" on words. Thus is born the dialect of our Caribbean brothers and sisters. The settlers and traders of southern Spain took this dialect with them to the Caribbean and other coastal areas. Today Caribbean or "Lowland" Spanish is characterized by its relative informality, its rapid pace, and the dropping of "s" sounds, allowing people to talk more quickly.

Finally, Castilian. El castellano is the "old English" of Spanish speaking. It is used by the mother country Spain and you will never hear Latin Americans speaking a pure form of this dialect. It is not a lisp as I once thought it was the first time I heard Enrique Iglesias sing! Rather, the pronunciation of "ci" and "ce" as "th" is the distinct characteristics of this language.

RANDOM FACTS

102.6 million

The projected Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2050. According to this projection, Hispanics would constitute 24 percent of the nation's total population on that date

67%

The proportion of Hispanic-origin people who are of Mexican background. Of the remainder, 14 percent are of Central and South American backgrounds, 9 percent Puerto Rican, 4 percent Cuban and 7 percent other Hispanic origins.

11%

The percentage of the Hispanic population 25 and over with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2003, up from 9 percent a decade earlier.

36,200

The number of Hispanic physicians and surgeons. Latinos are represented in a wide variety of occupations. For instance, there are about 51,400 Hispanic postsecondary teachers; 34,700 chief executives of businesses; 28,600 lawyers; 5,400 news analysts, reporters and correspondents; and 650 legislators.

LATINOS (OR HISPANICS) OMITTED FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS, BUT ONES YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT...

Carlos Juan Finlay, Physician

Cuban American, 1833–1915

Carlos Juan Finlay solved the mystery of what caused yellow fever. This deadly disease had no known cure just over 100 years ago and killed thousands of people. In 1881, he discovered that mosquitoes spread yellow fever, but he could not prove it. Other scientists did not believe him. They made fun of him, calling him the mosquito man. Eventually, because of the work of Finlay and Walter Reed, another important physician, scientists were able to develop a vaccine using diseased mosquitoes and conquer this disease.

Loreta Janeta Velázquez, Civil War Soldier
Cuban American, 1842–Year of Death Unknown

Mexican American, 1864–1917 Loreta Janeta Velázquez wanted to fight for her side in the Civil War and didn't want to be stopped because she was a woman. She disguised herself as a man named Harry Buford, even wearing a fake mustache, and joined the Confederate forces. She was discovered only after she was injured in battle.

*Ezequiel Cabeza de Baca, Governor of New Mexico
Mexican American, 1864–1917*

Ezequiel Cabeza de Baca, New Mexico's second governor, was the first ever elected Latino governor in the United States. DeBaca County, New Mexico, is named for him.

*Luis Muñoz Marín, Governor of Puerto Rico
Puerto Rican, 1898–1980*

After holding many offices in Puerto Rico and improving ties with the U.S., Luis Muñoz Marín was the first governor elected by the people of Puerto Rico in 1947. He was one of the people who drafted Puerto Rico's constitution and helped lead Puerto Rico in becoming a self-governing Commonwealth. Muñoz Marín worked for the cause of poor people to own land and also to draw businesses to Puerto Rico.

*Severo Ochoa, Nobel Prize Winner in Medicine and Physiology
Spanish American, 1905–1993*

Severo Ochoa won the Nobel Prize in 1959 for medicine. He received the prize for his discovery of the process that would allow humans to create RNA in a test tube — a vital life substance that makes cells work and grow. This knowledge can be useful in understanding many things about the body, like why some cells stay healthy while tumors grow in others.

*Corky Gonzales, Community Organizer
Mexican American, Born 1928*

Corky Gonzales became an important leader for young and poor Mexican Americans in the 1960s. In Denver, he started The Crusade for Justice, a group that pushed for civil rights and equality for Mexican Americans. Gonzales wrote the poem *I Am Joaquín*, which helped people to understand the struggles faced by Mexican Americans.

*María Irene Fornés, Playwright
Cuban American, Born 1930*

María Irene Fornés has written more than 35 plays, many of them about the lives of Latinos and women. She has won six Obie Awards — the highest award for off-Broadway plays — plus many other honors. She helps young Latinos get started in the theater.

*Antonia C. Novello, Doctor, Former United States Surgeon General
Puerto Rican, Born 1944*

In 1990, Antonia Novello became the first Hispanic person — and first woman as well — to be appointed as Surgeon General, the chief doctor in the United States. As a child, she had a chronic illness that hurt her digestion, causing her great suffering. She never forgot that experience. As surgeon general, Novello especially campaigned for better care for children. She also paid special attention to the problems of alcoholism, smoking, AIDS, and violence.

*Linda Chavez-Thompson, Union Leader
Mexican American, Born 1944*

Linda Chavez-Thompson is the first person of color ever elected to an executive office of the AFL–CIO and is the highest-ranking woman in the labor movement. She is the Executive Vice–President of the AFL–CIO, the largest labor union in the country. As a union leader, she works to obtain better conditions for workers and to bring more workers into unions.

*Ellen Ochoa, Astronaut
Mexican American, Born 1958*

Ellen Ochoa was the first Hispanic woman to become an astronaut. A veteran of two space flights, she first flew in space on the shuttle *Discovery* in 1993. Sally Ride, the first woman astronaut in the U.S., was one of her role models. Ochoa is not only an astronaut but also an inventor, holding three patents. When she is in space, she says that she loves "looking out the window at the Earth."

THERE ARE MANY MORE INTERESTING HISTORICAL FIGURES (NOT TO MENTION THE ONES MAKING HISTORY AS I TYPE THIS, BUT YOU ONLY HAVE A MONTH TO READ THIS NEWSLETTER...!!!

EL GRITO de México...

So since I am Mexican (or Chicana, or Mexican American, (o lo que quieran llamarme!) I will give a lil shout out to Mexican Independence Day and one of the coolest Independence Day traditions in the world. Every 16th of September "El Grito" is re-enacted in every plaza or zócalo of Mexico, and commemorated by Mexicans all over the world. During the evening of September 15, people start gathering in the zócalo. A government official arrives in the zócalo, at 11:00 P.M. to give the grito or cry of Independence. This ritual recreates the moment in which Father Hidalgo, gathered his followers in Dolores Guanajuato. It is customary for the President of Mexico to deliver the grito in Mexico City's zócalo. It is in this plaza, atop Palacio Nacional (the National Palace) where the original bell rung by Hidalgo is placed. And this is the bell that is rung every 16th of September. The ceremony reaches the high point when the crowd joins in proudly shouting out the names of the heroes of the Independence, to end with

VIVA MÉXICO!

Okay, I hope you enjoyed your history lesson.



Let's Help the Victims of Hurricane Katrina!!!!

The Natural Disaster and the devastation the people of Louisiana have had to endure is extremely sad, and it is our civic duty to join together and help the less fortunate of this area in their time of need. There are so many people still trapped in their homes and many lives that have been lost. There has been a lot of concern about rescue response on a national level, since it has taken longer than anticipated to take action. Thousands of people have been left homeless, so lets take action and donate what ever we can to help our fellow countrymen. Lets show the world how great and united America is or can be. I have listed the addresses and locations that are accepting donations for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Thank you and God bless you all!

Make Your Donations Too...

- American Red Cross
Southern Arizona Chapter
4601 E Broadway Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85711-3511
520-318-6740
- American Red Cross
Arizona Blood Region
222 South Cherry Ave
Tucson, AZ 85719
520-917-2800
- AmeriCares
88 Hamilton Ave.
Stamford, CT USA 06902

1-800-486-HELP (4357)
- Wal-Mart Stores: (Tucson
Locations) Accepting
Salvation Army Donations

455 East Wetmore
Tucson AZ 85705
(520) 292-2992

7150 East Speedway
Tucson AZ 85710
(520) 751-1882

1650 West Valencia
Tucson AZ 85746
(520) 573-3777



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Race For the Cure: Let's show them what Kappa Delta Chi is all about! **UPDATE!!!**

Arizona, lets join together in the Race for the Cure Against Breast Cancer! Both Arizona Regions will be joining forces on October 9th along with Telemundo (the exclusive Spanish Television Media Partner). Registration starts at 6:30 am that day, race starts at 7:15. Telemundo has secured 18 free walk spots for the regions and nine will be given to us. If you are interested in walking let us know because those spaces will be first come first serve and the rest who would like to attend can also volunteer at Telemundo's Booth. It should be a lot of fun, as well as a great cause. So mark your calendar and be ready to *Race for the Cure*. If you have any questions please email me at lizet15141@aol.com, and I will ensure to get the information you need relayed as quickly as possible. More updates to come!

"Today, there is more hope than ever for people touched by breast cancer. However, there is still much work to be done to promote early detection and help those impacted by the disease. And *you* can make a difference.

Making Strides is a noncompetitive walk supporting the American Cancer Society's unique mission to fight cancer on four fronts: research, education, advocacy, and patient services. Hope Starts Here."

Penguin Search:

Is there a particular sister you would like to find, or are you the sister who has fallen off of the iceberg. Please send your shot-outs and updates to Lizet15141@aol.com. Let's make the most of 2005!!!

We're on the Web!

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