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-Career Corner:
Laura's Cause

- Learn about upcoming events, recent news, and ways to get involved

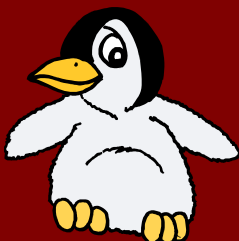
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Fact of the Month:

Did you know that the human body produces its own supply of alcohol naturally on a continuous basis, 24 hours a day, seven days a week?

The word "toast," meaning a wish of good health, started in ancient Rome, where a piece of toasted bread was dropped into wine.



April = Sisterly Love



April is always my favorite month for many reasons, but since it is officially spring and love is in the air I have decided to dub April as the **Month of Sisterly Love**. Take this time to show your sisters how much they mean to you and remember that a true sister is a treasure!



Earth Day in April



If you listen for the songbirds
As they greet the summer sun,
And love the way the wind can make
The trees sing just for fun;

If you like to hear the ocean
As it drums upon the shore,
And imagine all the whales out there,
And hope they'll sing some more;

If you think of all the animals
As players in a band,
Each with a lovely tune to play,
All needed on the land;

And know that as a boy or girl
A woman or a man
You have a vital role to play
In Mother Nature's plan;

If you honor every living thing
As a part of nature's treasure
You're in tune with Mother Nature
So let's all sing her song together.

KDChi's Career Corner: Laura's Cause

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Well, I really enjoy reading the career corner every month and most definitely am proud of all the great work and jobs our sisters are involved in. We truly have intelligent sisters!

As for me, I work at Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC), a non-profit here in Tucson, Arizona. I have worked for the organization for the past 6 years and am blessed to have my job. I first learned about CPLC in 1999. I was a work-study student looking for a part-time job. I knew I wanted to get involved in the community and most importantly gain more knowledge regarding the needs of the Latino community in Tucson. While at the U of A I didn't really know what I wanted to be when I grew up per say, but did know that I wanted to work with people and help. I knew that there were many career choices, but I could not pin point one specific job. I knew that I had to take time to search and learn about Tucson in order to find my place. The road brought me to CPLC. I now work along side a group of people who fight and work hard everyday to bring hope to others. I have found a cause.....

I am currently the Director of Youth Services for CPLC and have been in this position for 3 years. How time flies! For the past 6 years I have held the following positions: Student Intern, Administrative Assistant, Coordinator of Youth Services and now Director. We provide a variety of services including Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention programs, Tutoring, Mentoring, Leadership conferences and retreats and we even have a drop in center. Each one of our programs works with a different age group; currently we work with student's ages 9 thru 25. Non-profits are the real deal don't let anyone ever tell you it is easy work. We deal with political figures, business and community leaders alike. Hey, we need to get money from somewhere. Working for a non-profit requires a deep commitment and passion for working with underserved populations and the ability to work (volunteer) many hours.

Below are some detailed job duties:

- Manage a team of six staff
- Manage Federal, City, County, and Private funding contracts
- Write grant proposals (Federal, State, City, County & Private)
- Maintain Budget
- Identify and solicit volunteers, donations and fundraising opportunities
- Develop culturally appropriate curriculums and presentations
- Manage and implement Xinachtli Youth Leadership Conference, Corazón De Aztlan Retreat and Querer Es Poder Scholarship Program
- Work with school administrators, Board of Supervisors, and other leaders in the community
- Assist with walk-ins and provide referrals or program services (youth, elderly, and families)



"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!

As many others, I come to work uncertain about what the day will bring, but in the end I come away full of new energy and humility. Young Latinos and their families experiencing high volumes of oppression and rejection as we all know. CPLC's goal is to encourage self-sufficiency by providing services that restore self worth, confidence, and vision. Now, I do not live in La La land, and know that this may not always be the case, but I am fortunate to have experienced many more highs than lows at this job.

Here are some qualities that KDCHI added to my resume: presentation skills, interviewing skills, organizational and communication skills, tolerance, leadership and teamwork.

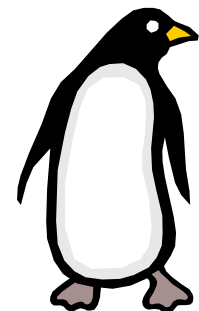
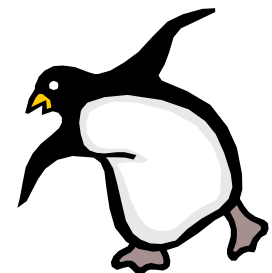
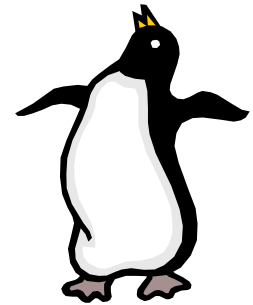
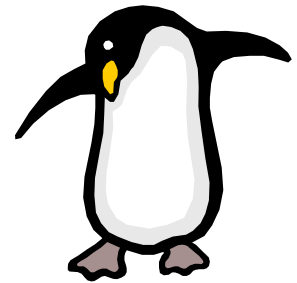
Recommendations: I recommend that anyone interested in this field of work be knowledgeable in the areas of: presentation skills, social skills, fundraising, budgeting and/or finance, written skills, business skills. Look into Public Health or Business Administration for Masters Degrees in this career. Lastly, stay involved in the community, read the newspaper, and keep up with current events.

Careers/Job Opportunities: Local non-profits, National Non-Profits (Make A Wish Foundation, National Council of La Raza, LULAC, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, other National Foundations etc.)

No matter what you do find your cause, make a difference, and give a voice back to the voiceless.

Thanks for letting me share. Please feel free to contact me!

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Ana, Antonio, and Mia in 2005

Family Flashback

Ana is a member of the Delta chapter (Delta Class, Fall 1993). She currently resides in Tucson with her husband Marco and their two children Antonio and Mia. Look at those lovely smiles...they look just like mommy!

"No one is ever born into Life alone. Everyone has shared the bond of family, at least at birth, and for many people it is a bond that will follow them throughout life. For many people it is the most important bond of all."



Ana and Antonio in 1999



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Happy Birthday

**ARIES**
(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Sandy Yi-Davis (Kappa) 4/2
Lizette Granillo (Nu) 4/4
Olga Munoz (Epsilon) 4/5
Rosemary Rosas-Delich (Kappa) 4/7
Patti Bolle (Iota) 4/15
Anissa Taylor (Omicron) 4/15
Francesca Felix (Tau) 4/15
Mariana Amaya-Hernandez (Epsilon) 4/25

People love to have opinions. That's fair enough. It's a free world. People also love to foist their opinions on one another. This is not quite so fair and it tends to make the world less free. You now feel rather as if you are being judged - which indeed you are. Given that you can't possibly please all the people all the time, perhaps you should decide that you are happy to be judged as a person who doesn't care whether or not they are being judged! Don't get into an argument, get out of a rut.

Bad Habits

Rams have a habit of pushing to the front of the line, both literally and figuratively. And while this quality has helped Aries get ahead, it can also compromise their relationships. Putting an animal, child or plant in their care can correct the problem. As soon as this sign's nurturing qualities are cultivated, their selfishness will diminish.

Exercise

Drink a ton of water. As a fire sign, you burn through liquids – so you need more than the average person. Exercise vigorously and work up an awesome sweat. Take long hikes or climbs, go running or swim outside in nature. You need variety and interest, preferably outdoors.

Career

Energetic Rams do best in jobs that are challenging, competitive and entrepreneurial. These folks work well on a commission basis, especially when sales incentives are offered. Natural-born heroes, Arians make great soldiers, police officers and rescue workers. Advertising and public relations might also appeal to these types, who are excellent promoters.

Other Famous Rams:

Elton John
Leonardo da Vinci
Hans Christian Anderson
Thomas Jefferson



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

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!

April's Charity Spotlight:

This month's charity spotlight is the American Macular Degeneration Foundation. Lets see how America will make a difference this month and how can we contribute?



Charity of the Month - APRIL 2006
American Macular Degeneration Foundation

we are facing an epidemic. Millions of unsuspecting Americans may go blind from macular degeneration.

There is no cure for this little-understood disease.

Macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness affecting more Americans than cataracts and glaucoma combined.

Few people are aware that macular degeneration is an incurable eye disease and that it is the leading cause of blindness for those aged 55 and older in the United States, affecting more than 10 million Americans.

MISSION STATEMENT

The American Macular Degeneration Foundation works for the prevention, treatment, and cure of macular degeneration through raising funds, educating the public and supporting scientific research.

The American Macular Degeneration Foundation is committed to the prevention and cure of macular degeneration and offers hope and support to those afflicted and their families. The Foundation will be a major voice in establishing the national research agenda for macular degeneration through promoting an alliance among the scientific community, government, and victims of the disease and their families to ensure the prevention and cure of the disease.

American Macular Degeneration Foundation

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TO READ MORE ABOUT **American Macular Degeneration Foundation** or to Make a Donation to their organization,
[please visit this page.](#)

June 8-11th, 2006
Austin, Texas

Deep in the Heart of TEXAS

KDChi's 15th Annual National Conference



The Delta Chapter at Nationals (Phoenix, 2001).
Lambda hosted the weekend event.

Conference is almost here, and from the sound of the theme it is going to be good! Remember all those armature night practices and the merchandise planning.... it was a hassle, but we always had fun. In the next few pages we have decided to highlight a few moments in conference history. We hope you enjoy, and lets get ready for 2007!



National Conference 2001 Service Event.



Sisterhood

*If you should feel sorrow or pain,
Let me share it with you,
And hold you close,
If you should feel happiness or
joy
I will rejoice, and we will dance
and sway,
laughter our song of praise*

*Every tear that you weep,
I shall catch, and turn them into
rainbow gems,
Place them in Mother Earth
Where they shall grow and
bloom,*

*Every smile that you smile,
Ten thousand of like kind,
Will lighten many a load,
And traveling at the speed of
light,
Will return to you threefold,*

*We are joined through
sisterhood.
And generations of women gone
before,
We are as individual as the sun
and moon,
But tempered of the same fire,
Therefore we are as one,*

*For as surely as the Wheel does
turn,
We cannot shed this 'knowing',
Our power is in our strengths
combined,
We are Woman...*

*And in that word,
Are the ties with which we're
bound.*



What else is there to do while you are waiting for your flight? (Delta Chapter ladies in Spring 2000, Houston)



Sarah and Carina enjoying their flight...oh, and that is the top of Keysha's head 😊



Everyone enjoying the show!

*"For there is no friend like a sister
In calm or stormy weather;
To cheer one on the tedious way,
To fetch one if one goes astray,
To lift one if one totters down,
To strengthen whilst one stands."
Christina Rossetti*



**Check out those adorable
Icecreams! Liana and her little
Michelle share a hug!**



Party time, these ladies definitely have their dancing shoes on!



**Peggy and Keysha run up
eight flights of stairs!**



Delta Chapter (group shot) at National Conference in Houston 2000

Welcome Home, Jimena



For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting Jimena Valdez...well, you soon will. Jimena is a member of the Mu Class (Delta Chapter), and graduated in 2001. After spending the following year in Tucson, Jimena moved to San Francisco to work as a branch manager for Wells Fargo Bank. After we all had visited her at least once (as well as, the offer from Bank of America to manage a local branch), she decided that she was ready to come back home! April 2, 2006 marked her return, and we are all excited to have her home again. Remember Jime...training and tanning, no excuses!

**Ms. Jimena,
I am so happy to have you back in Tucson. If you ever need a TV to watch you'll always have one at my house.
Love ya, Toni**

Obsession of the Month:

Okay so, anyone who watched the first season of the *Newlyweds* now knows that Buffalo wings are not made of buffalo, but what are they made of? Are they made out of extremely tiny chickens (maybe dwarf chickens)? Whatever they are, no one can deny the fact that these tasty little finger foods are amazing and if you ever wonder where I am at ...well, you can find me at the Wingstop! ☺



Penguin Search: And The Search Continues



We are searching for Ms. Jeanette Gonzales. The last time we saw our lovely sister was during our 2000 National Conference in Houston TX. We would love to know how she is doing! Someone please help us find this fun loving sister who has definitely fallen off the iceberg...Jeanette, where are you?

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!!!



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- Career Corner: Laura's Cause; by Laura Luna-Bellucci
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If you would like to contribute to February's newsletter please email it to lgranillo@gmail.com. I look forward to reading your stories!!!!

We're on the Web!

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