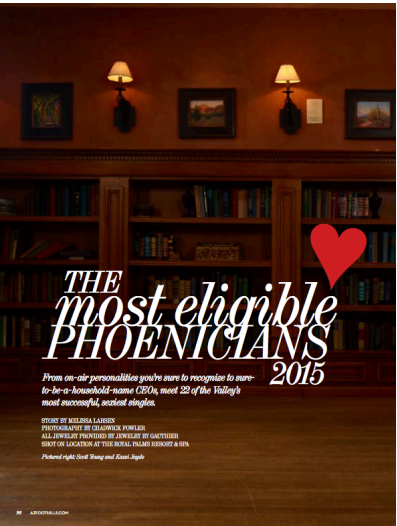


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From on-air personalities you're sure to recognize to sure- to-be-a-household-name CEOs, meet 22 of the Valley's most successful, sexiest singles.



Lucas
JAMES

33, Celebrity Personal Trainer

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While most folks are still snoozing, James is up at 4:30 a.m.—and he usually is still working out and motivating clients come 8 p.m. at his fitness and nutrition company. In his free time, James likes to explore warm destinations, try new restaurants, hike Camelback Mountain or go see a comedy. He seeks a partner who is healthy, educated, classy, funny—and who can impress with her sweet dance moves.

What is the most romantic thing you've done for a partner? I once spent 20-plus hours making a scrapbook for a girlfriend. She said it was the best gift anyone has ever given her.

What is your dream date? Lunch on the beach in Maldives.

vanessa
RAMIREZ

33, In-Game Host for the Arizona Diamondbacks, Reporter for 12News (KPNX-TV), On-Air Radio Host for KMLE Country 102.3, Host of "Su Vida" and Model

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Though this busy bee splits her time between five jobs, Ramirez always makes time for the gym, indulging at Valley restaurants and giving back to the community. She even founded Breathe to Believe, which raises money and awareness for lung cancer research in honor of her father who passed away from non-smoker's lung cancer.

What can you offer a potential mate? I can offer love, support, laughs and being an awesome teammate. I can also offer baked goods; I make a delicious rum cake!

Who was your first love? My first love was Joey McIntyre of New Kids on the Block. My cousin introduced me to the band, and I just thought he was the best.

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Risa KOSTIS

33, Founder and Style Consultant at RISTYLE
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If Kostis is not at the stores scoring looks for clients or on a photo shoot, you'll probably find her in Arcadia or North Central Phoenix in a meeting or trying out a new lunch spot. She strives to make her free time count by heading out to the golf course or a yoga class, spending time with friends and family or attending events around town. She also likes to enjoy a good view, trying to make time at Sanctuary on Camelback or Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia when she can.
What can you offer a potential mate? I've lived in a lot of great cities and traveled the world, so I think I offer adventure, a broad perspective and an open mind. I'd hope that people who know me well would say I'm incredibly giving, fun to be with, and although life is busy, I always find time to consider others before myself. My homemade bolognese is pretty good too.
Who is your celebrity crush? Jamie Oliver for the eggs benedict, and Justin Timberlake for the laughs.

Ryan READ

30, Personal Trainer

Social Media: @ryanasadventure
From morning to night, Read trains non-stop—with his first client starting as early as 5 a.m. and his day ending around 8:30 p.m. He finds pleasure in helping other people become better versions of themselves, with clients often becoming his close friends. Not surprisingly, Read seeks a partner who is also active, as well as down to earth, outgoing and passionate.
What is your dream date? I have a very outgoing and fun personality. So, I like to go on dates that are adventurous that allow us to interact and get to know each other—like Dave & Buster's, comedy shows or even a basketball game. Something where my date and I can laugh and genuinely having a good time. Nothing cliché.
What is the most romantic thing you've done for a partner? I once surprised a girl I was dating with a vacation. But it wasn't just any vacation. I did some research to find out where she most desired to travel. Then instead of taking her to dinner, I packed her bags and escorted her to the airport. We hopped on a plane, and I surprised her with a weekend trip to that place.

vanessa rose VALERO

25, Host/Producer of "Joy in Our Town" and "Better Decisions with Vanessa Rose," *Signed Commercial Model/Talent and Emcee*

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On the weekend, you might find Valero at the farmers' market, riding her bike, enjoying live music, going to church, walking her Yorkies, volunteering and meeting with her Spanish tutor (she is working on becoming fluent in the language). Apart from slipping in weekday workouts, Valero's Monday through Friday are jam-packed with exciting work opportunities either in production, out and about at a luncheon or board meeting, executing modeling or commercial jobs or emceeing various events.
Do you hope to get married one day? Absolutely. I hope to be married to the right person, at the right time that will lead to a lifelong "Notebook"-style ending.
What is the most romantic thing you've done for a partner? An Easter scavenger hunt that consisted of rabbit footprints, a bunny outfit and a great basket with all of his favorite things at the end.



dennis CLANCEY

32, Operations Director

Social Media: @denniscancey
This travel addict is a walking bucket list, having run with the bulls in Spain for the past eight years (he even produced and directed a film about it, "Chasing Red," that comes out this year) and summited Camelback Mountain eight times in one day, to name a few of his adventures. When he kicks back, you can often find Clancey at The Gladly in Phoenix, calling it his favorite place in the Valley. As an Iraq war vet and former Army officer, he often volunteers with veterans organizations, like Team Rubicon.
What is your dream date? A perfect date transcends location and activity. For me, it is when both people positively connect on a deeply emotional and intellectual level through genuine conversation or exploration.
What can you offer a potential mate? I like to think of myself as an articulate communicator, who does not hesitate to resolve conflict with humility and warmth. I have an enthusiasm for simple pleasures, a conviction that nearly everything is possible, and an optimism to remain positive and focused in even the most chaotic situations.



Dennis Clancey, Alicia Ritz, Travis Angry

alicia RIZK

34, Wardrobe Stylist

Social Media: @alexarizk
It's safe to say there is a lot of shopping in Rizk's day-to-day life, from appearances on local morning shows to being the Outlet Shopping Gal for the Outlets at Anthem, from styling magazine editorials to working with clients like Starbucks and JC Penney. Rizk loves hiking with her rescue dog, King, as well as taking time to do yoga and jog with friends. And to Rizk, weekends call for a quick beach or ski-town getaway.
What is the most romantic thing you've done for a partner? I have never made a man watch a chick flick or rom com with me. That's pretty damn romantic.
What can you offer a potential mate? I will make you breakfast in bed. I will buy you lots of clothes (do guys care about that?). I give amazing foot rubs. I'm very independent and expect you to be as well. I'll be your designated driver for boys' night, as long as you will do the same for me on ladies' night out. I have a diverse retirement account. You will always beat me in a game of HORSE, or poker, or pool, or any game for that matter.

travis ANGRY

40, Author, Motivational Speaker, Founder and CEO of the "Changes, If I Can, You Can" Youth Project, *Movie Producer, Founder and Owner of TA Pictures, LLC*

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As the father of two children, Angry's mornings are busy with preparing for them for school. Meetings, business appointments and picking up his children from school round out a typical day. In his free time, Angry likes to catch a good movie, head out for dinner, or take his kids out for a family date. He may even catch a football or baseball game on an ideal day.
What can you offer a potential mate? Loyalty, honesty and love. I am a big teddy bear. I may not always know my way, but I am eager to learn. I will provide for my family, and be a rock for my potential mate.
Do you hope to get married one day? Yes. My late parents were married for 42 years and gave me the best example of what a marriage should be: a great partnership.

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andrew
HISEY

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During the week, Hisey is up and at 'em at 4:30 a.m., hitting the gym before heading to work, where he spends the day traveling to see customers, vendor partners and suppliers. Outside of the office, Hisey can be found FaceTiming with his older sister and her family, who live in Norway, hitting the road to see friends all over the country and—his true passion—getting to as many motor races as possible throughout the year.

What is your dream date? It could involve something simple like dinner or something more involved or exotic. What's important to me is the company, intelligent conversation, and that there's a lot of laughter involved. I'm a pretty casual guy, so jeans and a T-shirt would be my ideal dress code.

Who was your first love? I was called Drew for the first 10 or so years of my life, until it was revealed to me on the first day of third grade that my name was actually Andrew. Given that I was Drew at the time, I saw it only fitting that I insist that a kindergarten classmate of mine named Drew be my girlfriend. I would say she was my first love.

priscilla
ORNELAS

28, Co-Host on The Mathews Blades Show
on Mez 96.9

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This self-described simple girl would rather don Chuck Taylors and head to happy hour or out camping instead of spending the night at a super-fancy club. After work at the morning show (her alarm goes off bright and early at 3:30 a.m.), Ornelas enjoys riding her bike and teaching her 9-year-old daughter the importance of giving back to the community, as they often volunteer at The Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley.

What do you seek in a partner? Somebody that can be my best friend. I don't need someone to be the most romantic guy on the planet, but if we can laugh together, be playful, and feel like no matter what we are doing, we are going to enjoy each other's company then I've found a catch.

What can you offer a potential mate? I'm thoughtful and caring. I also believe that the foundation of a relationship is trust and communication. If those are not present, then you won't succeed so those are two things I strive to be good at.



stephanie
STRIDIS

27, Law Student in the Indian Legal Program at
Arizona State University

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As a law student at ASU, Stridis' days consist of four things: class, studying, gym and home. When she's not hitting the books, she likes to check out new restaurants, take a jog or hike and, as a former professional makeup artist, she also partakes in creative activities.

What is your dream date? I don't think there's an ideal dream date. I think when you meet someone you click with, it doesn't matter what you do on that date—you're just happy to be around that person and have fun with them.

Who is your celebrity crush? George Clooney is my all-time favorite. Apparently, he likes brunette lawyers too.

josh
ZUNIGA

24, CEO of LVLV Appareh, Real Estate Agent for
Remax Platinum/Sales and Marketing Rep
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With three jobs, Zuniga promises that there is never a dull moment—and he still has plenty of energy for excitement, romance and adventure. (His dream date is jetting off to Spain, after all.) A grounded gentleman, Zuniga watches or reads inspirational books and videos and journals daily about what he's grateful for and the promising future ahead.

Who is your celebrity crush? Candice Swanepoel.

Who was your first love? My mom will always have my heart first.

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camerone
PARKER

49, Model, On-Air Personality and Philanthropist

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To Parker, there is no better feeling in the world than giving. She currently sits on three boards of directors and is active with 10 other nonprofits, which keeps her quite busy. In her free time, Parker savors spontaneity, entertaining at home, spending time with family and friends and traveling. And she wouldn't mind a partner whisking her off to a big city to enjoy a slow dance with views of the skyline.

What do you seek in a partner? Definitely a monogamous romantic gentleman who never tires of stolen moments. Successful and style-savvy ranging from casual to black tie paired with a killer smile and magnetic personality. Above all, a moral compass that is not corrupt. A man who cherishes his family and friends—and hopefully me.

What can you offer a potential mate? Above all, I am honest (to a fault) with immense integrity. Pair that with Southern manners, charm and an outgoing sense of humor. Not only do I enjoy making people laugh, I can truly giggle at my own foibles! Life as just me is, well, fantastic. Life as a “we” is phenomenal. I love life as a “we.”

stephen
BERNEY

28, Part Owner and Director of Operations of Titan Power

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Though Berney considers himself an 8-to-5 kind of guy at the moment, he sneaks in time at the gym and for cooking during the week. During his free time on the weekends, Berney is occupied by trips out of town or up to his cabin, retail therapy or grabbing a beer with some friends. He also spends time raising money and organizing events for nonprofit NTH (Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos).
What do you seek in a partner? Sense of humor and adventure, personable, enjoys the outdoors and is willing to try new things, especially when it comes to food. How do you know you don't like it if you haven't tried it?
What is the most romantic thing you've done for a partner? It was a long weekend vacation in Sausalito, Calif., which included a ferry to and from San Francisco, a stroll through the farmers' market, a tour and a picnic at a winery which turned into a lengthy wine tasting, hiking, live music and dinner on our way out of town.

sheena
ADAMS

26, Fashion Assistant at Ford/Robert Black Agency

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After a workday filled with meetings with clients and new models or assisting at fashion shows—she will be the one spend-splashing backstage to complete tasks—Adams is happy to catch a movie or sit down for happy hour with pals. And she's all for a trip to Disney World when her schedule allows.

What do you seek in a partner? I seek someone with a good heart, who is career-minded and can enjoy a good laugh too. Also, someone that loves his family is important too.

Who was your first love? A childhood friend that I went to school with named Thomas. In elementary school, I would chase him in the playground during recess for a hug and kiss. It was cute, and we always remained friends.

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