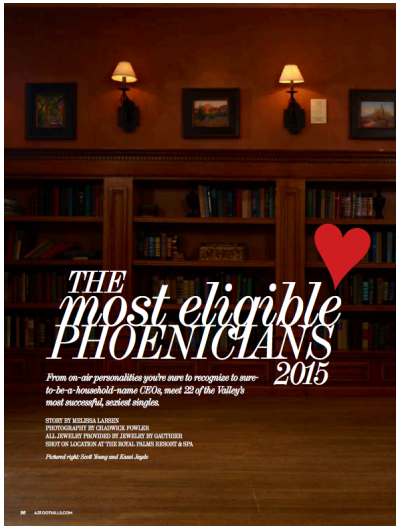


2015 Most Eligible Phoenicians

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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.



Jacobs JAMES
33, Celebrity Personal Trainer

Social Media: @JacobsJamesCPT

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


Social Media: @VanessaR_tv; @Vanessa_host

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 *Treathe 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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emily POKORA
32, Attorney

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Decked in designer heels and a fresh manicure, this civil litigator can be found in the courtroom or, in her spare time, teaching trial skills to law students at night. For fun, Pokora loves to attend sporting events (especially Arizona State University where she was a swimmer) or training for bikini competitions. Regardless of what she's up to, Pokora isn't afraid to be herself and break attorney stereotypes.

What do you seek in a partner? Having a sense of humor goes far with me. I love to laugh! Sarcasm and a quit-wit will undoubtedly win me over. My perfect match must be confident, positive, bright, giving with a big heart and be as laidback as me having fun doing just about anything. And be able to tell me and my twin sister apart.

Do you hope to get married one day? One day my Prince Charming will snatch me up. I do want a family eventually—and not-so-secretly hope I have twins!

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MIKE PACHE
29, 12 News Social Media Producer and Host of "What's Trending Now" on Arizona Midday

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Up before the sun, Pache starts his day at 3 a.m., ready to run the 12 News social and digital brand accounts during the morning show, "12 News Today." After the show, he can be seen on-camera for a daily segment on Arizona Midday, "What's Trending Now." Once partaking in four marathons in four months, Pache is a workout and running enthusiast who enjoys cooking, striving to whip up a meal every night.

What can you offer a potential mate? I'm the most optimistic person that you will ever meet. That's probably my greatest intangible quality. I strive to uplift and motivate people all the time.

What is the most romantic thing you've done for a partner? I once left clues to a date all over the house. At the end of the hunt was a dress and location. When she arrived, I had a limo waiting nearby and we had an amazing dinner in Chicago.



Kristen KROGH
26, Press Secretary of the Office of the Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich

Social Media: @kroghkristen

Though Krogh is transitioning from a job in TV news, she still enjoys being in front of the camera on her YouTube channel "The Craftcaster Girls," where she tackles crafting and DIY projects. Though her 9 to 5 might change from day to day, Krogh's morning always includes a coffee session with Ace, her puppy, and she tries to squeeze in a few hours a week to enjoy with friends.

What can you offer a potential mate? Devotion. I think choosing to be in a relationship with someone is a big deal, and if I commit to a man, I'm going to commit 100% devotion.

What do you seek in a partner? Happiness and ambition. I have so many dreams that I want to make come true that I need someone who can roll with it when I am throwing out ideas and planning my next venture. It's also important that he understands I am going to commit a lot of time to making those dreams come true. I think ambition is the sweetest quality possible. I want to make his better each day, together.

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caaron WADDIE
 28, Risk Management Advisor for an Independent Insurance Agency

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During the week, Waddie stays busy with work, meetings and occasional travel, as well as squeezing in time at the gym three or four times a week. Outside of work, he tries to experience everything Arizona has to offer, from Jeep off-roading to shooting guns in the desert—though the occasional movie night on the couch is just as welcome.

What can you offer a potential mate? I can offer a potential mate genuine Midwest values and charm, a witty and sarcastic sense of humor, and more than a few bad jokes. I can also solve a Rubik's Cube in less than two minutes.

Who was your first love? A girl named Elyse in my second-grade class. I told her I loved her on the playground and gave her one of my mother's really valuable rings, which I stole from her jewelry box. We broke up a week later, and she lost the ring because it was way too big for her to wear. That still gets brought up at family functions from time to time.

kassi JAYDE
 26, Professional Singer

Social Media: @Kassijayde

As a professional singer, Jayde performs five nights a week, getting to make a living while pursuing her passion. Because fitness and health are really important to her, you may find her doing hot yoga, hiking and hitting the gym when not gracing the stage.

What is your dream date? Well since it's a dream, I love visiting places I've never been and I haven't been to Paris. So in this dream date of mine I see my date and I jetsetting to Paris for dinner and dessert and enjoying each other's company in one of the most romantic places in the world.

What is the most romantic thing you've done for a partner? I like to make and create things because it comes from all of me. So one time I surprised my boyfriend for his birthday with making him a blanket with his favorite golf course print and an aromatherapy neck wrap that was filled with comfort spices and flax seeds. I made him his favorite dinner and ended the night by singing his all-time favorite song. I made it personal and switched the lyrics at the end, making it about him and us.

bethany WOODARD
 32, Founder of The Madbox Group, HR Specialist and Limelight Networks

Social Media: @betarwood

After a morning cup of coffee and getting her two kiddos to school, Woodard is off to a full day at the office. Outside of work, you'll often find her hiking (she is currently training for a 72-mile Grand Canyon hike taking place this summer), attending concerts, having dinner and laughing with girlfriends, thinking of strategies to change the world through regular philanthropic work and, of course, being a precocious mom.

What do you seek in a partner? Honesty, challenge, wit, spontaneity, culture and world perspective. And a love of peanut butter.

What can you offer a potential mate? Besides my phenomenal dance moves? All of the same things listed above that I seek from a partner—and fierce loyalty.

scott YOUNG
 28, CEO and Founder of Love Gifted

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In his line of work, Young brings couples closer together through date night experiences that are tailored to bring the best of them out to each other. So it is no surprise that one of Young's most memorable dates entailed a magical dinner, playing a few holes of golf with glow-in-the-dark balls and a romantic picnic on the green. (Did we mention his date was a golfer?) His free time is occupied with working out—at the gym or on the trails—and he finds peace and balance in meaningful experiences with friends, on new adventures and getting out of town to see the world.

Do you hope to get married one day? Absolutely, when the time is right. I do hope to get married. I look forward to finding that one extraordinary woman I'll desire for the rest of my life so much that I want to spend the rest of my life with her.

Who was your first love? My high school sweetheart. She swept me off my feet in a way I never thought was possible. She's happily married now and hopefully living her dream. That's a time I'll never forget.

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risa
KOSTIS

33, Founder and Style Consultant at RUSTYLE Consulting and Adjunct Faculty Instructor in the Fashion Marketing/Design Program at Art Institute of Phoenix

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If Kostis is not at the stress-scouring 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.

MIAM
READ

30, Personal Trainer

Social Media: @bryansreadthrive
From morning to night, Read trains non-stop—with this 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 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," "Signal 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, exciting modeling or commercial jobs or emceeding 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: @dennisclancey
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.

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Dennis Clancey, Alexa Rizk, Travis Angry

alexa
RIZK

34, Wardrobe Stylist

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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

32, CEO of a Precision Aerospace Component-Manufacturing Company

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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 Mathew Blades Show on Mez 96.9*

Social Media: @PriscillaQOD

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 SFRIDIS

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

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As a law student at ASU, Sfridis' 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 Apparell, Real Estate Agent for Remax Platinum/Sales and Marketing Rep for RLI Insurance/Surety

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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 switches 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.”

sheena
ADAMS

29, 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 speed-walking 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.

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 nonprofits (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.



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