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IT'S A QUOTE

"The quality of one's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of the chosen field of endeavor."

—anne morrow lindbergh

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ARIZONA STUDENT UNIONS

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION WEEK

—chelsea ewer

ALL UNION EMPLOYEES are invited to participate in our annual Employee Recognition Week, April 21-27, with this year's theme being Union Pride! Here's what's planned, be there:

Sat. 4/21>Employee Picnic
 La Madera Park, 11am-2pm

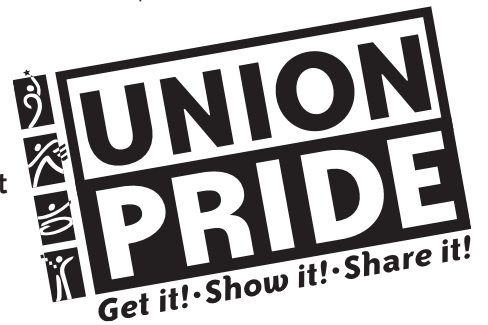
Mon. 4/23>Employee Reception
 Games Room, 2-4pm

Tue. 4/24>Appreciation Day
 Get it, Show it, Share it

Wed. 4/25>Employee Awards Banquet
 North Ballroom, 6pm

Thu. 4/26>Customer Service Awards
 Santa Rita Room, 7am & 2pm

Fri. 4/27>Union Pride Breakfast and Union Trivia Jeopardy
 The Cellar, 7-9am



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

—robert keiser

THIS MONTH'S EMPLOYEE profile brings you Kharisma Montes de Oca, who has been with the Arizona Student Unions for less than a year and works in CSIL as the Coordinator for Marketing and Development, Off Campus Housing.

Born in Salinas, CA, Kharisma spent her early years in Sonora, Mexico, later moving to Nogales (both sides of the border), Elgin, which is near Sonoita and Tombstone, and Tucson where she graduated from Sabino High School.

After graduating from High School, Kharisma enrolled at the University of Arizona where she majored in music composition. Although she has only been in her present position for a year, Kharisma is no stranger to the Unions, having worked for four years in concessions, her immediate supervisor being the now retired Annie Shannon. During her stint at concessions she worked every home football and basketball game while an undergraduate, which gives you some idea as to just how dependable she is.

Upon graduating from the UA she moved to Phoenix where she got a job working in promotions and marketing for Camel cigarettes—the perfect job for a non-smoking music major. She also worked in advertising for the Phoenix New Times, their equivalent to the Tucson Weekly. While in Phoenix she also began her classes in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. A word to the wise, don't mess with Kharisma. Her classes in this martial arts also lead to her meeting her now ex-husband.

Kharisma only spent about a year in Phoenix before deciding on a very different geographical location—she moved to Seattle for the next six years, where she changed

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BIRTHDAYS

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES CELEBRATING
THEIR APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April

- 1 Elizabeth Freeman
- 3 Longina Bustos
- 4 Gregory Stinnett
- 5 Don Bennett
- 6 Amporn Gullock
- 16 Jean Poston
- 7 Erasmo Valenzuela
- 9 Gloria Fierros
- 12 Justin Judd
- 14 Kenneth Davis
- 14 Mark McGehee
- 14 Olga Rodriguez
- 16 Arnold Figueroa
- 16 Willis McQuerry
- 16 Jean Poston
- 17 Yolanda Canez
- 20 Annette Rivers
- 20 Opal Murr
- 20 Carol Underwood

May

- 21 Patricia Lopez
- 25 Saul Rodriguez
- 4 Rebecca Burke
- 4 Kathleen Van Os
- 8 Aaron Sixkiller
- 9 Meredith Burton
- 11 Maria Valdivia
- 14 Judy Harrison
- 16 Simon Sierra
- 16 Horace Tiggs
- 17 Sandra McKay
- 19 Christina Lieberman
- 19 Kharisma Montes De Oca
- 21 Andrew Bliznik
- 22 Melvin Johnson
- 23 David Villareal
- 27 Maria Madril
- 28 Michelle Perez
- 28 Joseph Sullivan



WE ALSO WISH A "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"
TO ALL OF OUR STUDENT
EMPLOYEES!

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DAG Happenings

Congratulations to the Union employees who were nominated for the 2007 University Staff Advisory awards!

- **Larry Jones** (Billy Jo Varney award)
- **Student Union HR committee** (Staff Team award for excellence)
- **Patty Zilavy** (Classified staff award for excellence)

DAG is accepting original recipes from our employees for the Union cookbook beginning April 19th. Forms can be picked up and turned in at the Union Administration desk. Deadline for entries is Friday, June 1st. The last Brown bag will be April 16th for our student employees. If you are a student employee and would like to attend, please sign up at the Union Administration desk.

Customer Service Awards

The Unions' Customer Service Awards presentation will be held April 26, 7am and 2pm. Awards will be given to departments that have demonstrated outstanding customer service over the past year. Come join the celebration in recognizing all of our award winners.

Button Design Contest

Voting for our first Union button design contest has come to a close and wow, was it a close one! The top five designs have been selected by you, the Union staff, and will be made into buttons for Employee Recognition Week. A different button will be available each day so you can collect them all! The winners will be announced on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at the Customer Service Awards (you'll have to attend the program to see the winners). Thanks for all who participated, what a great way to show our Union Pride!



Student Employee Newsletter

You may have noticed the Replay space in the Student Union Memorial Center was vacated over Spring break to make way for a new Union restaurant that focuses on healthy salads. You can vote as to which of the two student designs the UA campus population prefers. To vote, go to: www.union.arizona.edu/vote

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her focus and employment to real estate and property management, hence her current position at the Unions. She also continued her interest in music by playing piano at a restaurant that was occasionally frequented by software mogul Bill Gates.



When asked why she returned to Tucson, she mentioned wanting to be closer to her family and a desire to continue her education. She has plans for a double master's—a MBA and a MIM—Master's in International Management which will be coordinated with the Thunderbird program in Phoenix. While this may seem a daunting task for a single mother of two young boys (Suliaman, 5 and Carson, 2), you can actually feel her determination and resolution radiate from her.

Being a single mom and holding down a second job on weekends naturally leaves Kharisma with little free time, but she still indulges in her music and martial arts interests. When asked about any other hobbies she laughed and said dining. In other words she likes to go out to dinner (hint, hint).

Because her office is hidden away in the 4th floor CSIL complex, you may not run into her very often, but if you do be sure to introduce yourself and wish her well in achieving her goals. ■