This quarter's Sponsor Spotlight is on [Alumni Name]. I want Alumni to see that even after they leave the University of Arizona, they continue to be a part of the community and help shape it.

The purpose of my project is to capture the thoughts and experiences of patrons about how the Rec has impacted them. I conducted interviews with [number] people both inside and outside of Campus Recreation. This gave me the ability to reach out to a diverse group of people and hear their perspectives.

What is the purpose of your project?

The purpose of my project is to understand how the Rec Center impacts the lives of its patrons.

How does your project impact Alumni?

My project impacts Alumni by providing insight into the experiences of Rec Center patrons, which can be shared with other Alumni to Foster a sense of community and connection.

How long did you work at Campus Rec?

I worked at Campus Rec for [number] years.

What were the positions you worked while at Campus Rec?

I worked in the following positions: [list of positions worked].

If you could give any advice for our current students, what would it be?

I would advise students to take advantage of the resources available to them and to be open to new experiences. Working at the Rec Center helped me form my career, and I hope it can do the same for current students.

Do you have any accomplishments, announcements, bucket list achievements?

I have accomplished [list of accomplishments].

Education and defend it but due to work, I stopped after a year and a half pursuing that. I left in May 2000 – at the end of the spring semester – when I got a full-time facilities position at UC Berkeley. I had hoped to then continue working on my masters in Art Education but life had other plans for me. I attended to different things as I work at a Rec Center in the daytime and volunteer for Big Brother Big Sister of America at night. I also have a family and we have two chihuahuas: Zoey and [Alumni Name].

What are your favorite activities to do in Tucson?

In my free time, I enjoy going on motorcycle rides with my wife Theresa. We also enjoy going to see the Arizona Diamondbacks games and eating at local restaurants.

What are some unique things about you?

I am a graduate of Franklin College (IN) with a journalism degree and Indiana University for my masters. I have worked in the field of Recreation and Services for six years, and I was the Director of Student Life and Leadership Services at Southern Illinois University Carbondale where I was the Director of Student Life and Leadership Services. I also worked as the Intramural Sports Coordinator, 1992-1995, and as the Intramural Sports Coordinator, 1992-1995.

What are your plans after you graduate?

I am currently working as the Aquatics Director at the University of Arizona and am looking to continue working in the field of Recreation and Services. I also have a passion for volunteering and giving back to my community.

Who convinced you to start working at the Rec Center?

My wife convinced me to start working at the Rec Center. She was a facility supervisor and encouraged me to apply for the position. She is a very important person in my life, and I am grateful for her support.

What are some important lessons you have learned while working at the Rec Center?

While working at the Rec Center, I have learned the importance of teamwork, communication, and leadership. I have also learned how to manage my time effectively and how to prioritize tasks. These skills have been invaluable to me in my personal and professional life.

How have you stayed connected to Campus Rec after you left?

I have stayed connected to Campus Rec by attending alumni events, connecting with former coworkers, and using social media.

What advice do you have for current students who are interested in working at the Rec Center?

My advice to current students is to take advantage of the opportunities available to them and to be open to new experiences. Working at the Rec Center can be a great way to gain valuable work experience and to make valuable connections. I encourage students to apply to work at the Rec Center and to take advantage of the opportunities it offers.

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