Interview with Mary O'Mahoney

Mary O'Mahoney graduated from the University of Arizona in 1995 with a Biology degree and a minor in Psychology. After graduating, she worked in the Department of Campus Recreation for 23 years.

What were the positions you worked while at Campus Rec?

Mary O'Mahoney started working at the Rec Center in the summer of 1998 and worked as the Program Assistant for Aquatics - a graduate position that was created for her in the summer of 1999 due to the pool breaking and the Aquatics Director on vacation. She continued working in the Department of Campus Recreation until 2013, which was the end of the current student fee. She loved all the lifeguards she worked with and still has a number of them that she stays in touch with.

What were your biggest successes while working at Campus Rec?

Mary O'Mahoney was part of the pool complex for 18 years. She shared that one of the biggest successes for her at Campus Recreation was being a part of building the original rec center. That week she arrived on campus in August 1995 was the week she joined the rec center as a lifeguard before the building was even finished. She also taught her first class of a personal training class and knew the pool was short guards.

What part of your job did you enjoy the most?

Mary O'Mahoney enjoyed reading the quotes from patrons about how the Rec has impacted them online. She also created two different boards. One was an impact board that she posted inside of Campus Rec and the other was a board of Polaroid photos of patrons. Mary O'Mahoney also enjoyed how the Rec has been a part of the success of the student programs that she worked with. She has worked on the Splash Team as a Youth Coordinator, the Aquatics Director, the Program Assistant for Aquatics, the Aquatics Director, Sports Clubs Assistant Director, Intramural Sports Coordinator, and the Student Success District Coordinator.

What advice do you have for current students?

Mary O'Mahoney said, "Remember to take care of your health while at school and to continue to grow with us, to see the ongoing importance of Campus Rec, and to use in our daily lives. Our hope is that those same students, now as alumni, and co-workers really do care about you and look forward to celebrating your future successes with you."