

Most Eligible Phoenicians 2017

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Though successful and sexy, Cupid hasn't quite hit the mark for these 17 Valley singles. Could you be "the one"?

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Kimberly Rivera, 52, Owner/Designer Toast AZ Events

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An event company owner who, when she isn't planning events for nonprofits, is attending them.

Three top traits you seek in a partner: Funny, intelligent and a best friend.

Three things you can offer a partner: A big heart, spontaneous fun and a best friend

FAST FAVES

Romantic movie: "The Holiday." I am a hopeless romantic and love this movie where everyone lives happily ever after.

Funny pick-up line: "Can I take your picture so I can show Santa what I want for Christmas?" So cheesy. I wouldn't really say this!

Flowers or candy: Sunflowers. They last longer and don't make you gain weight.

Robyn Moore, 28, Founder/President of Mack Media Relations

Twitter and Instagram: @RobynMMoore

A busy public relations pro and business owner who loves hiking, concerts, weekend trips and mentoring at-risk kids.

Dream date: Live music, bottle(s) of wine, sunset views, good conversation and something random to keep the night going, like a walk in the park.

Do you hope to get married one day: Absolutely! I want the real deal. My parents are still in love after 28 years of marriage, and I want that. They are my example of how marriage should be. I want a partner in life as cheesy as that sounds.

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Romantic movie: "The Notebook." No surprise there.

Love song: Most recent favorite is "Wanna Be That Song" by Brett Eldredge.

Celeb crush: Justin Timberlake all the way! I have had a crush on him since third grade.

Jennifer Creador, 37, Advertising Copywriter, Director of Creative & PR and Writer

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During her nine to five, this writer crafts copy for high-end auto manufacturers and focuses her after-hours on her creative concierge business and nonprofit marketing.

Dream date: Something unique and spontaneous.

Three things you can offer a partner: Kindness and thoughtfulness, confidence and sense of humor (I'm really funny).

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Love song: "Always." I'm an East Coast girl, so I love my Bon Jovi. And "True Companion" by Marc Cohn.

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Funny pick-up line: "Feel my shirt. Guess what's it's made of. Boyfriend material."

Celeb crush: Can we make this an athlete crush? Danny Amendola and Kyle Long.

Jennifer Adler, 33, Director of Public Relations at The James Agency

Twitter and Instagram: @jenadler27

From brainstorming story ideas to planning a big event, every day is different for this director of PR, with volunteering, checking out restaurants and running being some of her fave after-work pursuits.

Dream date: Any memorable experience, preferably doing something neither of us has done before.

Do you hope to get married one day: Absolutely, I would love to get married. I'm ready to settle down, just not ready to settle.

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Romantic movie: "P.S. I Love You." Gets me every time.

Love song: "My Best Friend" by Tim McGraw

Celeb crush: Eric Decker. I usually go for the tall, dark and athletic types but am willing to deviate.

Alexandra Bracken, 29, Best-Selling Author of Books for Kids and Teens

Twitter and Instagram: @alexbracken

This best-selling author is known to work on three books at once—but that doesn't mean she doesn't have time to enjoy cooking, reading and playing with her cutie-pie pup.

Three top traits you seek in a partner: Sense of humor, loyalty, and a kind, good spirit.

Three things you can offer a partner: Honesty, thoughtfulness and never a dull moment or conversation.

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Funny pick-up line: "Is there an airport nearby, or is that just my heart taking off?"

Celeb crush: Chris Pratt

Flowers or candy: Flowers. I'm the weirdo who doesn't like chocolate!

Courtney Timblin, 32, Director of Operations at U Konserve

Instagram: @ctimb614

A member of the Junior League of Phoenix and the proud owner of her rescue dog, Baxter, Timblin starts the day with a workout and enjoy golf and hiking with friends.

Dream date: Outdoor adventure (I feel that when doing an activity, it allows a person's personality to come out), nice dinner, good conversation and cocktails.

Do you hope to get married one day: Yes, I do want to get married. I am looking forward to starting a family and growing old with someone. My parents have been married for 37 years and have been great role models for me to look up to.

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Funny pick-up line: "Are you a magician? Because whenever I look at you, everyone else disappears!"

Celeb crush: Chris Pratt or Ryan Reynolds. They both seem to be very funny, genuine and in love with their families.

Flowers or candy: Yes, please, and thank you!

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Eva Unell, 29, Owner of The Glam Nurse

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The owner of The Glam Nurse kicks off each day with a smile because she loves what she does—and then hits the gym, yoga class or a hike.

Three things you can offer a partner: A reason to smile every day, a sense of balance between predictability and being randomly spontaneous—to keep things fresh, engaging and exciting—and a companion pass on Southwest.

Do you hope to get married one day: Absolutely! A husband and kids are definitely on my to-do list.

FAST FAVES

Romantic movie: “Dirty Dancing”

Celeb crush: Matthew McConaughey, of course. He's the whole package.

Flowers or candy: Fresh roses are my favorite.

Lori Myers, 28, Owner and Stylist at Let's Lash

Twitter and Instagram: @lorimyrs

As a business owner and stylist, Myers spends much of her energy building it up, but still makes time for quality moments and family and her best girlfriends.

Dream date in 10 words or less: When dating I try to have an open and flexible attitude, but I always enjoy anything involving a handsome man, good food and great conversation.

Three things you can offer a partner: I can be a loyal friend with the ability to support you in the pursuance of your passions, with of course, a lot of laughter along the way.

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Love song: “I Hate Myself for Loving You” by Joan Jett

Funny pick-up line: “If you were a vegetable, you'd be a cute-cumber.”

Celeb crush: Vince Vaughn

Alona Rudnitsky, 30, Co-Founder at Helix House Advertising

Instagram: @Alonakorov

Most of Rudnitsky's mornings start with a sunrise hike up Camelback before heading to the office to do what she loves: working directly with business owners to create and implement strategies that will help them reach their goals.

Dream date in 10 words or less: A meaningful conversation with butterflies in my stomach.

Three top traits you seek in a partner: Innate kindness, passion and a desire to continue learning and expanding.

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Romantic movie: I'm more of a sci-fi fan.

Celeb crush: Elon Musk. There is nothing more attractive than a brilliant man.

Flowers or candy: Flowers always brighten my day.



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Drew Manusharow 35, Senior Solar Energy Consultant at SolarCity/TESLA and President of Business Networking International - Phoenix Chapter /

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During the week, Manusharow is working in the renewable energy field, specifically in rooftop solar; on Sunday mornings, you may find him at farmers' markets picking out fresh produce, hanging with his nephews, traveling or hiking.

Dream date: See our world from outer space, holding her hand.

Do you hope to get married one day: Yes, I believe one day. My parents were wonderful role models before my dad passed away. They built 31 years of partnership and growth. My parents often said marriage was ever-changing, love grew every day, and it is work but worth it. I believe they had a phenomenal bond that I hope to one day emulate with my bride.

FAST FAVES

Romantic movie: "The Holiday"

Love song: "Two Step" or "Crush" by Dave Matthews Band

Celeb crush: Keira Knightley. Something about that woman had me since "Pride and Prejudice."

Craig Stafford, 27, Process Engineer

Being active outdoors and in sports and watching movies, mostly comedy, action or drama, take up the free time of this process engineer.

Dream date: Dinner and a movie.

Three things you can offer a partner: Zero days without sarcasm, humor (dry) and an ample supply of movie quotes, especially comedies.

FAST FAVES

Romantic movie: "Top Gun"

Love song: Righteous Brothers' "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'." Only makes sense if you've seen "Top Gun."

Celeb crush: Olivia Wilde

Dr. Pablo Prichard, M.D., Chief of Plastic Surgery at John C. Lincoln Hospital

Instagram: @pabloprichard

Even with a fast-paced work life, this plastic surgeon enjoys catching up with friends, exercising, outdoor activities, the theater and good meals.

Dream date: A spontaneous activity, great conversation and a wonderful dinner.

Three things you can offer a partner: Opportunity, adventure and companionship.

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Romantic movie: "Hitch"

Love song: "The Way You Look Tonight" by Frank Sinatra

Funny pick-up line: "Can I take your temperature? Because you're looking hot today."

Darin Roberge, 38, Director of Marketing and Media at Russo and Steele Collector Automobile Auctions

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Whether at a sporting event, catching an old movie, writing music, hitting the go karts or zoo or hanging with his Greyhound, Roberge might be

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short on free time but long on leisure pursuits.

Dream date: I'm easy. Empty beach, really great mojitos and somebody awesome.

Three things you can offer a partner: First and foremost, I'm a genuinely nice guy. I'm also incredibly loyal (probably to a bit of a fault) and a little bit eccentric, so life is always an adventure with me.

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Romantic movie: I adore "The Girl Next Door."

Love song: "Until the Day I Die" by Story of the Year or "Only One" by Yellowcard.

Celeb crush: No question, it's Brianna Keilar from CNN. She's strong, razor-sharp and incredibly pretty.

Dante Hunter, 33, PE Teacher and Basketball Trainer

Instagram: @_dantehunter_

After a morning workout and playing some basketball, this teacher heads to work to do the same with students from kindergarten to eighth grade.

Three top traits you seek in a partner: I seek someone who likes kids even though I don't have any. Someone who can cook and likes to relax.

Three things you can offer a partner: I can offer is a good conversation. Someone who is willing to try new things and always taking care of my partner in every way.

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Romantic movie: "Love & Basketball"

Celeb crush: Beyoncé

Niraj Patel, 36, Professional Services Director/Entrepreneur

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In this professional life, Patel typically works from home or travels to see clients, while, in his free time, you can find him on the golf course, working out, hiking or watching movies.

Dream date in 10 words or less: Hot air balloon ride over the Grand Canyon.

Three top traits you seek in a partner: Intelligence, attractiveness, sense of humor.

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Romantic movie: "Deadpool"

Love song: "Thinking Out Loud" by Ed Sheeran

Celeb crush: Jennifer Lawrence

Tyler Cobb, 30, Attorney

Instagram: @tylermack_1

On weekdays, this attorney tries to accomplish three things: time at the gym, work hard for his clients and catch up with friends.

Dream date in 10 words or less: At the end of a dimly lit bar with a full glass of bourbon, an interesting conversation and no cell phones.

Three top traits you seek in a partner: Confidence, honesty and someone who challenges me to be better.

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Romantic movie: Does "Forrest Gump" count?

Love song: "Thinkin Bout You" by Frank Ocean

Celeb crush: Julia Louis-Dreyfus

Abdul Kahsai, 30, Vice President, Credit Review Officer

Instagram: @amkahsai

This Phoenix native and Arizona State University grad works with numbers and people—and is a huge Cubs fan.

Three top traits you seek in a partner: Stability, loyalty and a lot of laughs.

Three things you can offer a partner: Stability, loyalty and a lot of laughs.

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Romantic movie: "Coming to America"

Celeb crush: Jennifer Lopez, Halle Berry

