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I'm equally as excited to bring you our second issue, featuring more remarkable stories. This edition showcases top performer Jen Polansky of Realty One Group and our rising star Jazmin Equino of AZ & Associates. Additionally, we are proud to present Navi Title in our Partner Spotlight, all of whom are truly deserving of this prestigious opportunity to share their stories with our readers.

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Stay tuned for details about our upcoming launch event, as we look forward to the opportunity to meet and celebrate your successes. That will be an event not to be missed, an invite only social gathering of the top names in the business. Sounds fun right!

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"Navi Title's mission is to navigate the way to homeownership while providing peace of mind for one of life's biggest investments," says Shawn Hambright. This mission is a heartfelt commitment to making the complex process of buying a home as stress-free as possible. By eliminating uncertainties and unknowns, Navi Title keeps the focus on the joy and excitement of purchasing and selling a home.

"Investing in a home is one of the most important and rewarding events in our lives, and it can be a daunting experience for many people," Shawn explains. "Our goal is to make the experience as stress-free as possible by eliminating uncertainties and unknowns. We keep the focus on the purchase and create peace of mind for all our customers."

Creating an environment that feels like family has been a priority from the very beginning. "We invest





in creating a sense of belonging, instilling trust, and providing support so that our employees feel like an extension of our own

families," says Shawn. This philosophy extends to their clients, fostering a sense of trust and support that makes everyone feel at home.

To accomplish this, the team at Navi Title focuses on facilitating transactions and empowering both their clientele and their REALTOR® partners with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate the real estate industry. "We firmly believe that 'elevate' isn't just a buzzword; it's a

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### Always Learning, Always Teaching

A newly licensed realtor with A.Z. & Associates, Jazmin Eguino is bringing a fresh and dynamic energy to the real estate scene in Phoenix. Boasting the ability to communicate to her clients in both English and Spanish, Jazmin's journey started out as a quest for knowledge and quickly evolved into a commitment to helping others achieve their dreams.

Born and raised in the vibrant, but challenging neighborhood of Maryvale, Phoenix, Jazmin's early experiences shaped her into the tenacious and driven individual she is today. Growing up in an area where the choices you made significantly impacted your course in life, Jazmin learned early on the importance of hard work and focus. "I always enjoyed learning more about different topics, especially in topics that could help out my family and those around me," she reflects.



In high school, where resources were available but required a keen eye and determination to find, Jazmin's perseverance paid off, earning her a full-ride scholarship to Arizona State University (ASU), where she graduated with a degree in Business and



Business Data Analytics. "I had a goal in mind," she prides. But the challenges didn't stop there, as a first-generation college student, Jazmin faced numerous hurdles throughout her educational journey, including facing imposter syndrome for some time, but she remained steadfast in her goal to make her family proud.

Jazmin's persistence paid off when she was named the 2019 Women Business Leader during International Women's Day by the W.P. Carey School of Business at ASU. "I had a village that motivated me to continue to learn and get out of my comfort zone. I became part of many organizations that helped

me grow my leadership experiences, and due to these leadership experiences I received multiple awards and opportunities."

Throughout her journey however, Jazmin admits that she continues to face obstacles, coming out on top every time thanks to her tenacity. "Do not allow fear of the unknown to intimidate you," she advises others going through tough times. "Always ask questions, and always put your clients' needs first." She also emphasizes the importance of time management, including making time for personal life and loved ones, to maintain a healthy work-life balance.



But what makes everything worthwhile for Jazmin is her ability to help others fulfill their dreams of home ownership. "A home has different values to different people. Whether it's just a 'roof over your head' or another 'investment,' it changes the path to your future." Jazmin takes great pride in securing the best deals for her clients, finding joy in the challenges and hurdles of the process. "The fight and hurdles to ensure that smile when I hand over the keys to your home is what brings me the most joy."

Witnessing the impact that positivity and support can have on someone,

keeps Jazmin motivated to be at her best. Which is why she never shies away from asking questions. "There will always be new things you will learn everyday and as a newer agent speaking constantly to veteran agents, I've learned that we can still have the same questions." A lifelong learner, Jazmin attributes much of her success to her mentors - Isaiah Melendez, Abraham Araiza, Elizabeth Saenz, and A.Z. Araujo. "A

mi familia, mama, papa, y hermano, gracias. Por Ustedes y Para Ustedes."

Currently, Jazmin is focused on educating her clients. As an Instructional Designer, she's created adult learning and training programs to help close the learning gap between employees and leaders. She applies these same skillsets to close any learning gap that can exist in both agents and her clients.

"Life doesn't need to be perfect to be beautiful." - a mantra of sorts for Jazmin, to remind her of her efforts to simplify the real estate process for her clients, ensuring that even during stressful times, they can focus on what's truly important. "It's so simple to allow stress and the noise around you to take away from what's really important," she explains. "There can be many daunting moments during the experience and for that reason I try to simplify the process the most I can."

> Extending a helping hand beyond real estate, Jazmin continues to stay actively involved in community service

and mentorship programs with Lambda Theta Nu Sorority Inc. The multicultural sorority focuses on academics, community service, and sisterhood, through which Jazmin participates in numerous conferences focused on preparing the youth for their journey to higher education. She is also on the scholarship board with the Hispanic Business Alumni at ASU, and volunteers with the Special Olympics and Feeding My Starving Children.

In her free time Jazmin loves to walk her dog, Sophie. She stays active with workouts and playing soccer, dancing Salsa and Bachata. Being very family orientated, Jazmin dedicates a lot of her time to family and friends.

With a giving heart, a thirst for knowledge, and a passion for helping others, Jazmin's passion for seeing her clients succeed in life will surely leave a lasting impression on the real estate community for years to come.



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### Investing in Yourself, Your Community, and Your Tribe

Licensed in 2009, Jennifer Polansky's success story is not one of overnight triumph but of over a decade worth of investing back into her business and staying consistent. Her journey has been a culmination of avoiding fads in lieu of sticking to the basics of customer service, which she believes is the foundation of her accomplishments.

Born and raised in sunny San Diego, California, it wasn't until 2002 that Jennifer moved to Arizona, where she lived temporarily in Scottsdale and Cave Creek before finally settling in Estrella in 2004, where she has resided since. Her path to real estate was unconventional however, as Jennifer initially entered the automotive industry right out of high school on her first career path.

After a lawsuit left her homeless, living out of her car for about a month, Jennifer was determined to gain better insight into the lawsuit and ultimately pay her debts. This challenging period provided her with invaluable knowledge that ended up creating a unique niche for her within the automotive industry itself.

When the economic downturn hit, Jennifer and her husband were presented with an opportunity to start flipping houses, which inspired her to get her real estate license as a side gig to bolster her already promising automotive career. After successfully flipping a few homes, friends and family started to take notice and eventually wanted to join in. Within a year, Jennifer realized she didn't have time to give 100% of herself to both careers and decided she needed to choose a profession. With seemingly no cap and endless opportunities to grow and succeed, Jennifer chose real estate. I seem to find myself as a bonding agent for a lot of different business partners and friends.

"I love problem solving and connecting others throughout the community," Jennifer beams, referencing her reasoning behind her passion for real estate. "I seem to find myself as a bonding agent for a lot of different business partners and friends." With a seemingly natural ability to create connections within her community, it's no surprise that Jennifer worked with a group of REALTORS® and a local developer to open the Estrella Community Garden during the pandemic shutdown. The garden, the first of its kind in the West Valley, has since become an extremely rewarding project; involving local residents, homeschoolers, and even the Girl Scouts.

Reflecting on her career, Jennifer wishes she had approached real estate as a full-time career from the very beginning, something she advises others to consider when stepping into this industry. "When I got into real estate I was still in the car business with no intention of leaving," she explains. "If I had approached it from the beginning that this was going to be my full time career I would have put a lot more processes and procedures in place early on."

In the same breath, Jennifer advises surrounding yourself with mentors and like-minded people - crediting Leah Wolf Kraemer and Lynn Ashton for their guidance in real estate and opening her eyes to the industry - and being conduit for business to business networking. "I love collaborating with all types of local businesses, sharing ideas, and having the opportunity to learn from each other." Her favorite quote, "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!" by Audrey Hepburn, embodies her optimistic and determined spirit.

Jennifer has personally sold over 400 properties as a solo agent without paying for any official coaching or CRM program, ultimately creating her own unique pathway for success.





Her hard work and innate ability to connect with people has resulted in an abundance of awards under her belt including the Excellence in Business Award 2022 issued by the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce. Also the Best of West Valley Realtor Award 2022, 2023 and 2024 by The West Valley View Newspaper and 7 times achiever of the President Round Table Award from The West & Southwest Realtors of the Valley. Not to mention her multitude of awards from Realty ONE Group.

Outside of work, Jennifer enjoys spending time with her husband of 20 years, Jan. They've lived most of their days together in Estrella and met through the automotive industry when they were living in Scottsdale. They share a love for adventure, spending time at their cabin, and sailing in untouched places. In her free time, Jennifer maintains a deep involvement in her community. She is a recurring board member of the Southwest Chamber of Commerce,



Jen with her husband and doos at their cabin in Munds Park.

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I love collaborating with all types of local businesses, sharing ideas, and having the opportunity to learn from each other.

supports Helping One Woman (a local charity), and organizes the local community garden in Estrella.

Jennifer's journey from the automotive industry to a flourishing real estate career underscores the importance of investing time and effort into one's passions and staying true to your foundational principles. Through her involvement in community initiatives and her commitment to networking, Jennifer has not only built a successful career, but also enriched the lives of those around her.





Even realtors like Jen need time to relax.





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