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# D-backs hire their first female athletic trainer

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PHOENIX (KPHO/KTVK) - The Arizona Diamondbacks have hired their first female athletic trainer and she is from the Valley.

The team announced Tuesday Kelly Boyce has been hired as the minor league athletic trainer for the team's Rookie League Team.

"This has been my dream job for a long time," said Boyce in a statement about being an athletic trainer in Major League Baseball. "I'm beyond excited to be a part of an organization that cares about their athletes and co-workers as much as they do."

The Diamondbacks have never had a female athletic trainer before at any level in the team's 18 year history.

"We are excited for her to be part of our sports medicine team and the potential she has to move up through the system to higher levels," Kyle Torgerson, Minor League Medical Coordinator for the Arizona Diamondbacks, said in a statement.

Boyce went to A.T. Still University in Missouri for her master's degree. That's where she heard Ken Crenshaw, Head Athletic Trainer for the Diamondbacks, speak, which was the first contact Boyce made with the organization. She later interned with the D-backs last summer during extended spring training at Salt River Fields. When the [AZL Rookie League](#) position became available, Crenshaw told Boyce she should apply for the job.

"We had Kelly as an intern last summer in 2015 and she proved herself to be a very driven individual in our profession as an athletic trainer," said Torgerson.

Boyce works at [Mesa Community College](#) with the women's volleyball program in the fall and the baseball program during the spring.

She will finish up the Mesa baseball season and once the season is complete, she will immediately begin her position with the Diamondbacks.

The historic move for the D-backs comes months after another Valley sports team broke ground when it comes to gender progress.

The Arizona Cardinals hired [Jen Welter](#) last summer to coach inside linebackers for their training camp and preseason. Welter was the first woman to hold a coaching position of any kind in the NFL.

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She played running back and special teams in 2014 for the Texas Revolution of the Indoor Football League, becoming the first woman to hold a non-kicking position for a men's professional sports league.

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The Buffalo Bills hired Kathryn Smith in January to become the first full-time female coach.

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