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Recruited by more than 200 top colleges, Kym chose Arizona State University, where she majored in theater. The Lady Sun Devils went 86 and 37 during Kym's four years there. She is a two-time All-American and four-time All-Conference pick, finishing her college career holding 49 school records. She remains the only Sun Devil ever to record more than 2,000 career points and more than 1,000 rebounds. Kym's 38-point, 28-rebound performance against Washington her freshman year broke the single-game scoring and rebounding record for the Western Conference Athletic Association. Not content with that, Kym went on to break that same record twice. She became ASU's all-time leading scorer (male or female) during her junior year.

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Kym Hampton has lived one dream through basketball and is now ready to pursue others in the world of entertainment.

Having completed a 15 year professional basketball career not only in the WNBA, but Spain, Italy, France and Japan, the transition should be a natural one. The world for Kym has always been a stage.

A graduate of Arizona State University, not only did she receive her bachelors degree in theatre, but will go down in the university's history as one of the most highly decorated hoop players to grace the Sun Devil's court.

During Kym's WNBA career and since then, she has become a plus size model in fashion as well as cosmetics. With a smile that can light up a room, Kym found herself in GLAMOUR, ESSENCE and other magazines, and has worked with photographers like Francesco Scavullo and Daniel Green.

The multi-talented Hampton has also had the opportunity to grace the television and film world during guest appearances on the "Cosby Show", "Rosie", and celebrity "Wheel of Fortune". Her film experience includes "JuWanna Mann" and "She Hate Me" so far. She is also a spokesperson for the WNBA, New York Liberty and Nike to name a few.

Singing has always been a love of Kym's, and she was a regular at nightclubs overseas. Even before setting foot in Madison Square Garden as a player with the Liberty, Kym before a sell-out crowd, performed the national anthem during a Knicks play-off game. Since then, she has performed the anthem several times at the Garden and is currently working on her CD, which will launch her music career.

As a person who has always worked to reach goals and follow her dreams, she also encourages everyone to do the same, especially our youth. Two of her favorite sayings are; "Be the best You, that you can be." and "As adults, we must lead with our actions, not our words".