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## Jaime Watson: The Women She Knows

For Jaime Watson, there is one very specific, common thread that has woven itself through her young educational and work career: the fight for gender equity.

What began in high school with what she considered unwarranted comments from male teachers, student ridicule for her longing for a female president, and generally being "sexualized and subjugated because of my gender," turned into motivation for duel Arizona State University degrees in Political Science and Women and Gender Studies.

She stayed the course after graduation, working for two years as a legal advocate for the Sojourner Center, a domestic violence shelter in Phoenix, where she met the women she continues to see in her mind's eye when she considers improved policy around gender equity issues

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