

THE ELIOT HOTEL



As we celebrate Women's History Month, we would like to introduce you to some of the amazing women who work tirelessly to make your stay at The Eliot Hotel one to remember.



Hi, I'm Arvie De la Torre and I am a Guest Services Manager here at The Eliot Hotel. I am from The Philippines and was originally an intern at The Eliot in 2018 before having the privilege of becoming a full-time employee in 2020, right in the middle of pandemic. It is my responsibility to make sure our guests have an excellent stay. Our daily goal at the front desk is to ensure that guests feel welcomed, safe, and at home.

I believe that life must be a balance between work and rest. When I am not at work, I enjoy supporting my favorite artists and seeing them live in concert. I also enjoy relaxing at a coffee shop with a good book as company.

Back in my home country, I also try not to miss opportunities to serve my community, especially in efforts to support the elderly. They just have such a special place in my heart. Besides, at these times of so much uncertainty in the world, we cannot only live for ourselves. So, every day I try to make my workplace feel like home, give time to my family, friends, and causes I care a lot about and, lastly, spoil myself a little by doing the things that makes me happy.



Hi, my name is Laura Vardon, the Director of Sales at The Eliot Hotel. I've been with The Eliot for 19 years this week. I started at the hotel as an administrator in the Sales Office and worked my way up to Sales Manager and then, more recently, the Director of Sales. In the Sales Department, we take care of Marketing and Catering, as well as all Sales, so I get to exercise my multi-tasking skills. You just never know what each day will bring!

When I'm not at work, I try take time to enjoy everything that makes Boston so special: visits to the MFA and the Gardner Museum, live music anywhere from Symphony Hall to Brighton Music Hall, long walks through the Public Garden or at Castle Island, dinner at Oleana or brunch at Committee. I try to give thanks for my good fortune by volunteering as a Friend in the JBBBS's Friend2Friend program. Recently, my Friend and I have been spending a lot of time at the Museum of Science.

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Hi, I'm Dora Ullian, the proprietor of The Eliot Hotel. It has been in our family since 1939 when my father-in-law bought it as a residential hotel. Since then, I have worked hard to bring it up to 5-star standards and indeed it has succeeded. Last year we were ranked the #1 Hotel in Boston on TripAdvisor.

That was certainly a high point in my business career. My role at The Eliot is very diffuse - I am basically the cheerleader-in-chief, trying to help each member of our team serve our hospitality mission.

But my closest and most immediate interests lie in the field of early childhood education. I believe it is our moral responsibility to encourage success in disadvantaged families, especially in the very early years. I have dedicated myself to supporting organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs and the Center for Nurturing and Family. It provides a wonderful opportunity to combine my business goals with my desire to give back.