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Executive Director of International Services is Passionate about Art, Volunteer Work

Meet Kathy Kautz de Arango, executive director of the University's Immigration Services,

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By Renee Chmiel, Office of Marketing and Communications

Kathy Kautz de Arango with her husband and daughters at a soccer match between Mexico and the United States.

The lifeblood of the University of New Haven are the faculty and staff members who dedicate themselves to the university's mission.

Next up is Kathy Kautz de Arango, executive director of the University's Immigration Services.

Renee Chmiel: Who are your heroes?

Kathy Kautz de Arango: I admire people who stand up for democracy and social justice, even when it is unpopular.

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Kathy Kautz de Arango

RC: What's your most valuable possession?

KK: If you visit my office, you will see shelves with artifacts from around the world. Most a

Kathy Kautz de Arango (left) and her family after her husband received the Ohtli Award.

RC: What was your favorite subject in school?

KK: My favorite subject was art, and I actually was a K-12 art teacher before I forayed into

RC: Where did you grow up? Do you have any siblings?

KK: I grew up in central Pennsylvania as the youngest of three siblings. My parents are st

My husband, Obed Arango, is now an adjunct faculty at the University of Pennsylvania an

Kathy Kautz de Arango at a Diwali event hosted by the University's Indian Student Council

RC: Do you do any volunteer work?

KK: My husband and I started a nonprofit organization in the greater Philadelphia area ter

The Centro de Cultura Arte Trabajo y Educacion (CCATE) now serves more than 250 famil

In New Haven, I serve on the Board of Directors for the International Association of New H

I am also a member of NAFSA Association of International Educators and its New England

RC: What is your favorite meal? Who makes it best?

KK: My favorite food is Bun Cha Gio. I haven't found a good Vietnamese restaurant in New

RC: Where would you go on your dream vacation?

KK: My dream vacation would be a river cruise on the Danube, from Amsterdam to Budap

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