

# Alumni Spotlight



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*"Pursue what makes you happy in life,  
not what makes you the most money"*

### WHAT WORK DID YOU DO HERE AT CAMPUS RECREATION?

My first position working in Campus Recreation at Clemson was as a Club Sports Supervisor in Fall 2013. Working with students quickly became my passion, and I began to look into other programs within the department. I joined the aquatics program as a lifeguard and was loving it! Working with students and staff in multiple departments made my overall college experience so much more enjoyable. During my time in Campus Recreation, a student supervisory position called Recreation Supervisor was created. I immediately applied for this position and eventually was hired! Being a Rec Sup was the best position I could've imagined. I really felt like I was making a difference in the program as well as other students' lives. The final position I held at Campus Rec was a CORE internship that proved to change the course of my life.

### WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE COLLEGE?

Since my time at Clemson, I have worked for 3 different Collegiate Outdoor Recreation programs (North Idaho College, UCLA, and UT Austin). The experiences I have gained in these programs changed my life for the better and shaped the person I am today. I was a graduate assistant at UT for two years, and eventually became the Coordinator for Outdoor Recreation once I graduated. That was a temporary position, and I eventually accepted a full-time job at NLand Surf Park in Austin, Texas.

### HOW HAS CAMPUS RECREATION SHAPED YOUR LIFE?

I learned transferrable skills such as teamwork, organization, and leadership that to this day are instilled in my work and taught to my employees.

### FONDEST MEMORY IN CAMPUS RECREATION?

My best memory was an Outdoor Recreation trip that I led to the Big Island, Hawaii. It was a nine day backpacking trip along the coast of Hawaii National Park where we camped on remote white sand beaches lined with palm trees. I remember sitting on the beach one night, in the middle of the Hawaiian backcountry, watching the sunset and thinking to myself...

*"I can't believe I have the opportunity to bring students to this magical place and change their lives forever.....while getting paid!!"*

### ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS?

Be as involved as you can be in Campus Rec during your time in college. There are so many opportunities to grow personally, and watch your friends and colleagues grow in ways you never imagined. Take full advantage of every opportunity you get, as you only have a limited amount of time.