

Alumni Spotlight



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Words Nike lives by:
"Mozzarella sticks and Moana."

WHAT WORK DID YOU DO HERE AT CAMPUS RECREATION?

I worked at Fike from my sophomore year till graduation! My first job was was an Operations Assistant and then an Operations Manager! Through my awesome experience with Campus Rec I realized having a work schedule and a school schedule greatly helped my time management skills.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE COLLEGE?

My first year out of college I worked at the Burton 4-H Center as a seasonal *Environmental Educator*! (another Campus Rec alumni told me about Burton, thanks fam!) This job was fun because I got to combine what I learned in my undergrad with a little bit of my camp counselor skills. After that job ended I took a holiday to New Zealand where I got to meet up with some of my study abroad friends. While I was in New Zealand, I was offered an internship with the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Texas! I'd never been to Texas before so I decided to check it out. My internship was with the Visitor Services at Laguna Atascosa NWR. I was basically a Park Ranger in Training! I got to network with a lot of people since I worked for a National Wildlife Refuge. I worked with visitors, volunteers, hunters, biologists, and maintenance crews.

HOW HAS CAMPUS RECREATION SHAPED YOUR LIFE?

Campus Recreation gave me the tools and skills I needed when applying for jobs. I also gained a lot of *professional development* knowledge from being involved with Campus Rec. I was part of a hiring committee for a professional staff position and eventually got to interview other students for operations assistant positions (Hello resume builders). Not only did I learn a lot but I also received assistance with resumes, cover letters, and prepping for interviews (shoutout to Haley Cox... THANKS LADY!).

FONDEST MEMORY LOOKING BACK ON YOUR TIME HERE?

My fondest memory with Campus Rec might be when I was working with Clemson LIFE student (now alumni), Jacob Stark, on April fool's and he kept pranking me!!

ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS?

Make connections, get involved, and study because college is hard.