



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Hello Gators!

My name is Estela Ontiveros, I am a graduating senior in the RPT program. I'm excited to bring you this week's newsletter and invite you to join me in exploring the latest happenings in the world of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism!

RPT & SFSU Updates

- The Wall Street Journal has put San Francisco State University on its list of the top 25 universities in the country for social mobility. ([Read More](#))
- **Save the date for a Hike with the RPT Student Club!**
 - What: Lands End Hike
 - When: Sunday, October 26th
 - Who: All SF State Students and faculty welcome
 - Where: 680 Point Lobos Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121
 - Follow: [@rptclub_sfsu](#) for more information and future events!
- [More news ...](#)

Alum Spotlight

Kelly Betts (Paterson – 2016)



"Hello! My name is Kelly Betts, and I graduated in 2019. I worked part time for two cities after graduating until getting my full-time position with the [City of Cotati](#), in Sonoma County. I've been here for three and a half years, and I love it! My title is recreation coordinator. We are a department of two full time staff, so we do it all from events, to camps, to facility and park rentals, to contracted classes. Rec life truly is the best life!"

Student Spotlight

Georgia Willow Mammen (2026)



"My name is Georgia Mammen, in my free time I enjoy crafting, camping, and spending time with my loved ones! I took my first RPT class during my second semester at SFSU and fell in love with the community, so I made the decision to switch my major. I finally felt like I could see a clear path to my future; before coming to SFSU I worked at a summer camp for individuals with disabilities and always felt like I wanted to work with the disabled community, but I could not figure out how I would get there. Once I was informed about therapeutic recreation through the RPT community I knew immediately that is what I wanted to do. Now, I am a graduating senior with a prospective internship with Pomeroy Recreation and Rehabilitation Center, and I hope to one day work as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation

Specialist."

Academic & Professional Opportunities

Jobs & Internships

- [Outdoor Recreation Specialist](#) (City of Oakland)
- [Recreation Activity Leader](#) (Berkeley)
- [Academic Internship Program with Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy](#) (San Francisco)
- [Stewardship Apprentice](#) (All Hands Ecology)

Events & Activities

- [Free Chess and Majong Lessons](#) (Sunday 10/19, 11:00am - 2:00pm, United Nations Plaza 355 McAllister Street San Francisco)
- [Halloween Howl Event](#) (Saturday 10/25, 10:00am - 12:00pm, James Kennedy Community Center 1720 Eighth St, Berkeley, CA 94710)
- [Host a Trick-or-Treat Table at the Great Hauntway](#) (Sunday 10/26, 1:00 - 4:00pm, Sunset Dunes, Great Highway, between Lincoln and Sloat San Francisco, CA 94122)

News & Research

- [What a Government Shutdown Means for National Parks](#)
- [Phil Ginsburg, head of S.F. Rec and Parks, to depart by end of year](#)
- [Fate of San Francisco's Brutalist Fountain in Question as New Documents Emerge](#)
- [One of the world's most sacred places is being turned into a luxury mega-resort](#)

Final Thoughts ...

I'd like to end with a reminder I live by: "Leisure restores balance, peace, and perspective, when you allow it." I invite you to intentionally create space and time for leisure each day and experience the difference it can make in your life!

Until next week,

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