

Priscilla Smith, Recreation Leader – Clark County Parks & Recreation

Priscilla Smith is the 2019 President Elect of NRPS and your current Conference Chair. She is currently a Recreation Leader with the City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Recreation and is located at Veterans Memorial Community Center. Although Priscilla has grown up in Las Vegas, she was originally born in San Jose, Costa Rica and did not migrate to the United States until first grade. Priscilla grew up with 5 brothers and 3 sisters, which explains her outgoing and loud personality. She often tells people in soul years she is 75 although she is only 34 years old.

She started in Parks and Rec at 10 years old volunteering in the youth council. One of her supervisors said, “this 10-year-old kid came in and started bossing everyone around, and we just did what she told us to because she looked like she knew what she was talking about.” At 15 she started working part time with camps, flag football, and office work.” At 19 she promoted into a full-time position and has been with the City of Las Vegas ever since. She has worked with leagues, camps, special projects, business plans, events, senior programming, youth programming, and many other parks and recreation areas. She has also previous work experience as a Dispatcher with Boulder City Police Department and as an Event and Development Coordinator with Andre Agassi Foundation for Education.

Priscilla holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. She has presented at the Nevada Recreation and Park Society and at the National Recreation and Park Association conferences. She is currently working on strengthening relationships among parks and recreation professionals across Nevada agencies as well as looking for new growth opportunities for professionals. She believes Parks and Recreation gave her life experiences, memories and relationships to last a lifetime and is committed to continuing that for the community.

In her spare time, Priscilla likes to travel, read and spend time with her son. Priscilla has visited numerous countries and her three-year-old son is a world traveler himself having been all over the United States, Costa Rica, Panama, and Cuba.

