# MONIQUE RANGEL

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Community rooted outreach worker and land steward, and recent Park Management graduate, seeking to begin a career in conservation and national parks. I strive to connect to nature. I am passionate about respecting and caring for Mother Nature as a relative. I give back through my environmental education, stewardship, and creating welcoming outdoor spaces.

## EXPERIENCE

**Seasonal Outreach Aide | Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority | San Jose, CA**
August 2025 – Present

- Lead community outreach efforts connecting diverse audiences to public lands through events, tabling, and environmental education
- Provide visitor information, directions, and safety guidance in outdoor and event settings
- Coordinate volunteers and support event logistics from setup to breakdown
- Track attendance, waivers, and program data with accuracy and organization
- Represent the agency through inclusive, culturally responsive engagement practices

**Outreach Ambassador | West Valley College** | Saratoga, CA
October 2024 – June 2026

- Fostered welcoming, informative environments for diverse communities
- Delivered presentations and guided campus tours to large groups (20–100+ participants)
- Supported students through complex processes (FAFSA, enrollment, registration)

**Community Support Staff** | **Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley** | San Jose, CA
Since 2023

- Contributed to MMIP-related community data collection report
- Support Indigenous community gatherings for youth, elders, and families
- Help with event setup, coordination, and making sure participants feel safe and cared for
- Engage with community members in a respectful, relational way, listening and learning from elders

**Climbing Guide | Castle Rock** State Park| June – September 2024

- Guided youth in outdoor climbing experiences, focusing on safety and confidence
- Helped create a positive and supportive environment in nature

**Farming Apprentice** | Deep Medicine Circle - **Native American Health Center** | March – July 2023

- Supported ecological and community based agriculture.
- Built a deeper relationship with the land through hands on work.
- Participated in land stewardship and food sovereignty work rooted in Indigenous practices

**Front Desk Representative** | YMCA & Focus Fitness Club – **San Jose**| 2018-2023

- Managed front desk operations in a fast paced gym, handling check ins, memberships, program registrations, and POS transactions. Managed high-volume public interactions, registrations, and transactions
- Provided customer service, conflict resolution, and facility support

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## EDUCATION

**West Valley College — Saratoga, CA**

**Park Management 2024 – 2026**

- Completed coursework in park management, including natural resource management, environmental education, outdoor leadership, and public land stewardship
- Trained in wildfire suppression, trail construction and maintenance, and outdoor safety practices
- Developed skills in interpretive programming, visitor services, and environmental education
- Gained hands on experience in fieldwork, conservation practices, and working in outdoor environments.

## CERTIFICATIONS

**Certified Interpretive Guide** — National Association for Interpretation

**CPR / AED Certification** — Heartsaver

**Wilderness First Responder** — WVC

**Wildfire Suppression Training** — WVC

**Outdoor Educator Institute (OEI) Certificate** — Justice Outside

**Cultural Competency Training** — Native American Health Center

**Agroecology & Land Stewardship Training** — Deep Medicine Circle

**NARCAN Overdose Response Training** — Indian Health Center Youth Council

## COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL WORK

**First Aid Co-Lead — Mexica New Year Ceremony Calpulli Tonalehqueh**

Provided care and safety coordination for 3,000+ participants

**Community Advisory Board Member — MMIP Research & Data Collection**

**Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley**

Contributed to community-informed research on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP), helping guide survey development and data collection to reflect Native community experiences

## SKILLS

- POS System
- Microsoft SharePoint
- Event support and coordination
- Radio Training
- Trail Navigation
- Outdoor safety and environmental awareness
- Working in fast-paced, high traffic environments
- Park Maintenance – tools, trail and campsite stewardship