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- Middle & high school teaching
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#### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

### Xochitl Garibay Interiano '19

Xochitl is an Interpretive Park Ranger in the Golden Gate national recreation area in San Francisco. At UC Merced, she was involved in the Yosemite Leadership Program and Vernal Pool literary magazine, and interned as an interpretive ranger in Yosemite. Her interests in the environment, Native American folklore, and Aztec mythology were central to her final English research project, and inspire her work now. Her time at UC Merced gave her a passion for nature and the communication skills needed to succeed in her job, where she teaches visitors to the park about the importance of preserving the natural world.