



## ARCS FOUNDATION NCC MEMBER NEWS

### JUNE 2019



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you **all** for an incredible year! Together we have reached new heights -- and are carrying tremendous momentum into the year ahead. We exceeded our bold goal of investing **one million dollars in scholars** for the 2019-2020 year! Your ongoing commitment and dedication to ARCS made that happen, and we should all feel very proud.

I am thrilled to be co-leading ARCS NCC with **Jo Whitehouse** this coming year. Our organization is going to benefit tremendously from her at the helm as Co-President along with **Susan Pelosi** stepping into the First Vice President (President-elect) role.

We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2020, and what a great opportunity to build off of the strength of our first half-century and define what's next for our highly impactful, woman-powered organization.

Have a wonderful summer, and please put the **All Members Conference** on your calendar for September 18-21. It's a quick trip to Portland, Oregon, and the agenda and planned outings are fabulous! The link is below; I hope you'll sign up.

My great gratitude to the ARCS NCC Board, the committee chairs, and everyone who pulled together to make 2018-19 a legendary year!

***-Chris Simpson Brent***

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### INCOMING CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am honored -- and challenged -- to be your Incoming Co-President.

- Honored because you have faith in me; I will do my best to build on successes of this past year.

- I love being involved with our Scholars, our Universities, and all of you -- and because
- Chris Brent agreed to be Co-President this year and Susan Pelosi agreed to be Co-President next year.

- Challenged because making the next two years better than the last two years requires even stronger teamwork and wider engagement of our members.

I said YES because

- ARCS NCC is “fueling innovation in Northern California” by providing financial awards to “the best and the brightest” in STEM, in partnership with our six university partners; this is a recognized funding gap that impacts filling the STEM pipeline.

I hope that each of you

- Finds just the right place where you can add value.
- Keeps a “lookout” for potential new members.
- Tells our story – often and effectively – especially to the business community.

2020 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Northern California Chapter of the ARCS Foundation! Let’s work together and continue to make a difference – for the better!

**-Jo Whitehouse**



Registration is open for the **ARCS National All-Members Conference** this September in Portland, OR. The content of the conference is terrific (check it out on the register button below), in addition to being a fabulous opportunity to meet ARCS members from around the country, build friendships, and be inspired. (Added benefit this year: It's close to us, in friendly and accessible Portland!) It would be great fun to have a large delegation of Northern California Chapter members, so please consider attending.

**REGISTER HERE**

## **HOT OFF THE PRESS FROM DEVELOPMENT**

ARCS NCC members stepped it up in a big way this year, resulting in a whopping **\$1 million** allocation to our 2019-2020 ARCS Scholars! **Thank you** to all those who generously gave to the Scholar Award Fund (SAF). We expect the SAF to close at more than \$835,000, making it the **best year ever!** Combined with our planned draw from our endowment proceeds, we exceeded our goal!

We salute our ARCS Scholars for helping to make this world a better place through science and innovation.

*-Deborah Mann, VP Development*

## **NEW - OLD BOARD MEETING**

On June 12, 19 members of the new and old ARCS NCC Board gathered to close out 2018-2019 and launch the 2019-2020 year. In addition to discussing ways to work together and collaborate, we reviewed key year-end results. We celebrated an exceptional year, including the chapter’s achievement of our **ONE**

**BOLD GOAL** - \$1M for Scholars - and reviewed our solid financial position and our focus on full member engagement.

A highlight was a dynamic group dialogue – exploring what we hoped to accomplish in this coming year as well as our objective to create a strategic plan for 2020-2025. We closed with heartfelt thanks for key contributions – including to our ARCS Light (**Jane Gardner**), our out-going board members (**Sheila Larsen, Marianne Schier** and **Ellie Bingham**), and our exemplary staff (**Deborah Greenwood** and **Leanne Reiter**).



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, CLASS OF 2019!

On June 10, **Tina Hinckley** hosted 35 ARCS members in her beautiful home overlooking the Bay for a fun, energizing reception, dinner, and orientation meeting for the great Class of 2019. Our new members were given an overview of the organization and the info-rich Handbook & Roster, and they heard from each of our eight Councils as well as other key chapter leaders.

We had a lively discussion of goals: use social media to communicate, especially video clips; make progress on creating a community of ARCS Scholars (current and alums); and make our website a place to visit on a regular basis. And of course, continue to raise \$1M for scholars annually. It promises to be a great year for every member to engage in ARCS NCC!

We hope our new class will jump in feet-first and become active participants in our Chapter activities. Please welcome **Elizabeth Kibbey Adams, Rada Brooks, Nancy Bush, Kris Forbes, Leah Hearst, Stacy Holland, Kendra Kramlich, Marlene Martin, Lita Sam-Vargas, and Leslie Van Houten!**

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## ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

This year's **Annual Meeting & Luncheon**, held on a gorgeous spring day at the San Francisco Golf Club, was truly a festive occasion. In addition to reviewing the accomplishments of the past year, we introduced the members of the Class of 2019 and installed the new Board of Directors for 2019-2020. Over lunch we learned some fascinating and thought-provoking nuggets about Artificial Intelligence from **George Babu**, and also enjoyed hearing from current UCSF ARCS Scholar **Alexander Wolff** about his research into protein dynamics. No one who attended will forget **Chris Brent's** impromptu Champagne shower as we celebrated our milestone achievement of \$1 Million for scholar awards!

Our great thanks to **Molly Hauser** and **Susan Pelosi** for their terrific work as event co-chairs.

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM A SUPER SYMPOSIUM!

The fifth annual **Scholar Symposium** was our best yet, with increased attendance, buzzing energy levels during the poster session, and a lot of one-on-one exchanges between scholars and attendees. The six oral presentations were stimulating and the presentation of our ARCS American Pacesetter Award to entrepreneur **Sandy Robertson** (widower of former ARCS member Jeanne Robertson) made for some touching moments. Last, but not least, the change of venue from Menlo Park to UCSF's Rutter Center was a definite hit. Well-deserved congrats to Co-Chairs **Jo Whitehouse** and **Susan Pelosi** for orchestrating a memorable event.

Check out the website <https://northern-california.arcsfoundation.org/node/7308> for more Symposium photos.







## PARTNER UNIVERSITY NEWS - BIG CHANGES AFOOT!

At **UC Santa Cruz**, long-time Chancellor (and great ARCS supporter) **George Blumenthal** is retiring. His successor was announced recently: **Cynthia Larive**, a scientist by training who is currently provost and executive vice chancellor at UC Riverside. Also at UC Santa Cruz, the new acting vice provost and dean of graduate studies is **Quentin Williams** of the Earth & Planetary Sciences department -- who is, among other things, a former ARCS Scholar!



Meanwhile, **San Francisco State University** has announced the retirement of President **Leslie Wong** (also a strong advocate for ARCS) and the appointment of **Lynn Mahoney** as incoming president. Mahoney comes from CSU Long Beach and will be SF State's first woman president.

## SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

**Erin Garcia de Jesus** is obtaining her Master's from UC Santa Cruz in Science Communication, a rigorous program that offers researchers the tools to be engaging and informative communicators, with the aim of helping them bridge the gap between science and public understanding. With a background in microbiology and a fascination for infectious diseases and wildlife, Erin's current focus is on becoming an immersive and informative communicator. Her stories have appeared in multiple outlets, including *Science*, the *San Jose Mercury News* and *Stanford University News Service*. Erin was selected this year to be **ARCS NCC's first "scholar of note,"** in which capacity she serves as the point person for the scholar class cohort, connecting 2018-19 scholars to ARCS and sharing information about events, research, and scholar news.



## IN MEMORIAM



We were recently informed of the passing of **Marybeth Trehwitt Dow**, a founding member of the ARCS Colorado Chapter and then, from 1987-2008, a member of the Northern California Chapter. She had a strong dedication to ARCS and, according to her daughter, saved all the materials from the various ARCS national conferences she attended over the years. Her family requested that local donations in her memory be made to ARCS Foundation NCC. More detail can be found in her obituary:

<https://www.vacavillefunerals.com/obituary/marybeth-dow>

## PRELIMINARY CALENDAR 2019-2020

**September 25, 2019**

**October 8, 2019**

**October 15, 2019**

**October 23, 2019** - 6-9:30 PM

**November 5, 2019**

**December 11, 2019**

**January 21, 2020** - 6-8:30 PM

**February 26, 2020**

**April 27, 2020** - 3-6:30 PM

**May 20, 2020** - 9 AM-1 PM

General Membership Meeting, time/location tbd

Site Visit to UC Davis, times tbd

Site Visit to SF State, times tbd

Scholar Awards Celebration, Julia Morgan Ballroom

Site Visit to UCSF, times tbd

Holiday Membership Meeting, time/location tbd

Frontiers of Science Lecture

General Membership Meeting, time/location tbd

Scholar Symposium, UCSF Rutter Center

Annual Meeting & Luncheon, location tbd

Remember to check out our website on a regular basis --

<https://northern-california.arcsfoundation.org/>

It's a great source of information, inspiration and access for members  
and the community at large. Bookmark it now!

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