

ARCS By the numbers:



On June 30, the Northern California Chapter wrapped up a year highlighted by the activities and achievements summarized below.

Chapter members are now looking forward to the coming year as we kick off our activities this fall with a new cohort of ARCS Scholars to learn from and support.

\$1,175,000

The amount that our Chapter has allocated to support next year's cohort of Scholars

300

People who attended Supernova 2025, the ARCS Scholar Celebration and Symposium

80

Outstanding scholars we supported this year

10

Remarkable women who are our new members (Class of 2025)

7

NCC University Partners

4

Educational and inspiring science activities

3

Informative and uplifting site visits to UC Davis, UC Merced, and UCSF

1

New department approved for funding at UC Davis



Upcoming dates:

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

These are due in August so keep an eye out for an email from Deborah Greenwood with a link to pay. These funds are necessary to support the operations of our chapter; it is critical that we receive them in a timely manner to be able to "keep the lights on." Thank you for your support of ARCS NCC and making what we do possible!

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday, September 17

General membership meeting and lunch (location tbd)

Thursday, December 4

General membership meeting and holiday lunch, the Francisca Club

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ARCS FOUNDATION NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER — THE YEAR IN REVIEW

A message from your Presidents:

What a fabulous year we've had! Thank you one and all for everything you do for ARCS! The strength of our membership is what drives our organization and makes it fun at the same time. Thank you for your time, energy and financial support which has made this year a success.

Nancy Bush, Diana Moore



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Activities/Field trips

HOG ISLAND OYSTER COMPANY

Members experienced a fascinating day on Tomales Bay with an informative, hour long presentation about oysters by Hog Island's resident marine biologist followed by a delicious lunch.

UCSF /BERKELEY BIOENGINEERING A visit to this Mission Bay campus included a talk by former ARCS scholar/current program director, Duan Xu and a tour of the facility including the Hyperpolarized MRI Machine.

NASA AMES RESEARCH CENTER ARCS members were treated to an unforgettable journey into the heart of space exploration and research. Highlights included the darkened lab where the lunar rover traverses a moon-like surface (feeling like talcum powder), the Mars research mini-helicopter, and the small robots used for Space Station experiments.

BOATING ON THE BAY A sightseeing tour and colorful history of the Bay narrated by three expert historians: Carl Nolte, Dave Gotz and Pat Broderick.

FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE A lively panel discussion on the medical, therapeutic, and financial implications of shifting perspectives on the potential of psychedelics.

UNIVERSITY SITE VISITS In 2025, site visits were made to UC Davis, UC San Francisco, and UC Merced.

Supernova

"Supernova is more than just an event; it's an evening of inspiration, innovation, and celebration. We are paving the way for a brighter future through the advancement of science and a science-informed public."

Rita Benton Milner,
Event Chair

SCHOLAR CELEBRATION & SYMPOSIUM

On April 21, we celebrated the brilliance and innovation of this year's cohort of 80 ARCS NCC Scholars, raising the visibility of their cutting-edge research, and providing them with public speaking opportunities. The evening included two expert-moderated roundtables featuring ARCS Scholar panelists discussing "The Role of Scientists in Public Policy" and "The Art of Pivoting: Adapting Research When Results are Unexpected". Thank you to all the volunteers, attendees, and sponsors who helped make the evening a success!



Annual Meeting

SCHOLAR PRESENTATION

On May 14, we had the pleasure of hearing from SFSU ARCS Scholar Tommy Luong. He shared his research and left us with an impactful message - one of the most powerful ways to influence the future of science is by encouraging more scientists to enter politics—running for elected office and using their expertise to inform policy, serve the public, and bring scientific thinking into the broader civic conversation.

NEW MEMBERS

We also welcomed our 10 newest members to ARCS NCC. We are thrilled to have Megan Anderson, Anna Ewins, Gail Murphy, Tiffany Pieciewicz, Susan Raynes, Nancy Reilly, Katharine Rogers, Jackie Stewart, Leelee Treadwell, and Stephanie Pieciewicz Watters join our membership.

2025 ARCS LIGHT - TINA BARTLETT HINCKLEY

Since joining in 2008, Tina has led with heart and purpose — especially in her role as VP of Membership. She's hosted countless new member events in her home, welcoming each guest with warmth and grace. Not only a cornerstone of our chapter, Tina is a respected San Francisco businesswoman, running an award-winning real estate firm. A native of New Orleans, she brings joy, generosity, and a touch of Mardi Gras spirit to everything she does.

