

2024 FALL GENERAL MEETING

UPDATE



The Chapter General Meeting at the Town & Country Club on September 18th was an energizing success! It was wonderful to see so many members there to kick off the new year. If you missed it, here are a few highlights:

FEATURED SCHOLAR PRESENTATION

We heard from Frankie Gerraty of UC Santa Cruz, who is pursuing a PhD with no fewer than four land-sea ecology dissertation topic interactions, focusing on California Coast coyotes and seals. While his talk generated lots of questions (including about the booming SF urban coyote situation!), his description of the impact of the ARCS award and his tenacity in finding grant sources as a “self-funded PhD” was stunning. His ARCS award has allowed him to travel to gather novel data from up and down the West Coast.

BIO: Frankie Gerraty is an Australian-American biologist, storyteller, and PhD student at UC Santa Cruz. His research examines ecosystem connectivity along human-disturbed coastlines, with a focus on how humans influence pathways of marine-to-terrestrial nutrient transfer. Frankie’s research findings have been featured in *The Mercury News*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *SFGate*, and his scientific accomplishments have garnered him numerous awards including grants from the National Science Foundation, Explorers Club, PADI Foundation, Western Society of Naturalists, and the American Museum of Natural History. Dedicated to community engagement and science storytelling, he hosts a natural history podcast for KSQD Santa Cruz public radio and his creative nonfiction stories have been published by *The Center for Humans and Nature* and *Loam*. In his free time, he enjoys reading, surfing, listening to birds, raising houseplants, rock climbing, and exploring rocky intertidal zones.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Gabrielle Kivitz, New Member Selection Chair, introduced a number of guests. If you have a new prospective member to introduce to ARCS NCC, reach out to Gabby!

SCHOLAR RELATIONS

Nancy Bush demonstrated a roster of our 80 current ARCS Scholars that her husband color-coded with added dimension to each bio for Scholar Relations.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Judy Webster described improved processes for University Relations to organize scholar Meet & Greets and Site Visits, encouraging everyone to join!

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Katy Hope spotlighted our LinkedIn presence for Marketing & Communications, encouraging everyone to follow our NCC site, repost stories for greater visibility, and update your profile with a *Volunteering* section linking to NCC to reflect your ARCS membership and activity.

SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Kendra Kramlich highlighted Science Activities by introducing the first event, a visit to Hog Island Oyster Co. to be held on October 10th.

DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Deborah Mann announced ideas for a new fundraising dinner, notable keynote speaker, TBD.

SUPERNOVA 2025

Rita Benton Milner concluded the updates with the most anticipated date of all, our Supernova 2025 Scholar Celebration & Symposium. It will be held Monday, April 21st, at the City Club.

Two new, interesting roundtables will be featured and our incredible scholars showcased. All ARCS members are encouraged to promote this outstanding celebration of science.

More information will be sent in the coming weeks with further details on how you can support ARCS and this important event.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS AND

DATES

INVITE NEW MEMBERS TO UPCOMING EVENTS...

Please invite friends who might like to join ARCS to the membership meeting and lunch on December 3rd. ARCS thrives when we add new members to our vibrant membership! If you are bringing a guest or have questions about inviting friends into ARCS, please inform New Member Selection Chair, Gabrielle Kivitz.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

There are many wonderful ways to engage in ARCS in the coming months. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the following events. Keep an eye on your inbox for more information or contact Deborah Greenwood (dsg.arcsncc@gmail.com)

SCHOLAR MEET AND GREETS

Seven one-hour Zoom sessions. Watch for emailed announcements for details.

University of California, Davis
Tuesday, October 15, 1:30-2:30PM

San Francisco State University
Friday, November 8, Noon-1:00PM

University of California, Berkeley
Wednesday, November 13, 3:00-4:00PM

University of California, Santa Cruz
Friday, November 15, 2:00-3:00PM

University of California, San Francisco
Thursday, November 21, 9:00-10:00AM

Stanford University
Monday, December 9, 11:00AM-Noon

University of California, Merced,
December 12, time TBD

SITE VISITS

UC MERCED TBD

UC DAVIS TBD

UCSF TBD

FIELD TRIPS/FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE

Hog Island, October 10
Other dates TBD

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

December 3 (+ lunch)
February 19 (evening)
May 14 (Annual Meeting + lunch)

SUPERNOVA 2025

April 21, 2025,
City Club, 155 Sansome, San Francisco

