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Bay Area Science Philanthropists to Showcase STEM Research

- ARCS Supernova 2023, on April 17th at the University Club of San Francisco from 6:00 – 9:00p.m., celebrates and showcases the scientific achievements of 83 graduate scholars financially supported by the ARCS Foundation Northern California Chapter, a volunteer and all-female governed science philanthropy nonprofit serving the seven top research universities in the region.

San Francisco - Talking to an engaging Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) graduate student with a glass of wine in your hand may not be your typical evening out, but ARCS Foundation Northern California Chapter (NCC) is offering just such an event. ARCS Supernova 2023, on April 17th at the University Club San Francisco, “will leave you intellectually energized,” vow event co-chairs and volunteer members of ARCS NCC, Adrianna Pope Sullivan and Barbara Glynn.

Graduate school can be prohibitively expensive, especially for students conducting scientific research. ARCS NCC, with a mission to advance science and technology and scientific leadership in the United States, raises and distributes over \$1 million annually to dozens of exceptionally-talented graduate students in STEM and medical research attending the top research universities in northern California, including UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Merced, UC Santa Cruz, UC San Francisco, Stanford and San Francisco State. ARCS NCC is supporting 83 scholars in the 2022-2023 cohort.

ARCS Supernova is the chapter’s annual signature event to raise funds for the mission of ARCS NCC by celebrating ARCS Scholars, increasing the visibility of scholars’ research, providing them with public speaking opportunities, and facilitating connections between them and with industry partners. In between cocktails and appetizers, guests can attend roundtables featuring ARCS scholar panelists and notable companies and leaders in the field of climate change and AI development. Roundtable moderators include Greg Dalton, founder and host of The Commonwealth Club’s weekly podcast and public radio program Climate One; Jenny Suckale, Assistant Professor, Geophysics, Doerr School of Sustainability, Stanford; Jean-Pierre Delplanque, Vice Provost, Graduate Studies, UC Davis; Rashmi Misra, General Manager AI & Emerging Technologies, Microsoft; Sirisha Kadamalalva, Managing Director, AI Citibank.

Supernova tickets are \$175, and can be purchased through northern-california.arcsfoundation.org.

“ARCS” stands for Achievement Rewards for College Scientists. ARCS NCC, one of 15 financially independent nonprofit ARCS chapters nationwide, has served the northern California region since 1970 and has made nearly 3,000 awards totaling over \$24 million. ARCS NCC co-president, Ellie Bingham, says that 100 percent of the funding distributed for scholar awards goes to scholars, and the funding is unrestricted to the scholars. “This is what sets ARCS Foundation apart from most science philanthropy. Not tying an ARCS award to a scholar’s specific research gives the student valuable flexibility. It means they have more options for research and that they can take greater risks with their research. It also means that they are pushing the boundaries of science, which is exactly why ARCS Foundation exists.” ###