

ARCS Foundation OC Chapter News and Updates – January 2018

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Dear ARCS Foundation Orange County Members,

January is a good time to step back and reflect on the chapter's accomplishments. This year the chapter is supporting 17 graduate students at UCI. For the new 2017-18 scholars, each scholar receives a \$5,000 award per year for two years. Visit the [UCI Graduate Division web site](#) for a list of scholars and a synopsis of his or her research focus.

A super big thank you to our ARCS Foundation OC Chapter Board members; organizing and helping out with chapter events, keeping our accounts and membership reports in order, connecting with our UCI STEM Schools, enhancing our fund development, and much more. You are amazing and a pleasure to work with!

Listed below is an update on chapter events, volunteer opportunities and scholar updates. Also, there is registration information for the ARCS National Foundation Conference in Washington DC, April 25-28, featuring dinner at the US Supreme Court.

We always welcome new members. Please reach out to your contacts and tell them about ARCS. To sponsor a new member, complete the membership and sponsor forms found on the [ARCS Foundation Orange County Chapter web site](#). Links to the sponsor and member application forms are at the bottom of the web page: Go to Chapter > Becoming a Member > Links at the bottom of the page.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next event – be sure to mark your calendar to attend the Scholar Awards Dinner on March 29.

Patsy Janda

ARCS OC Chapter 2017-18 President

We need your nomination for our ARCS Light Member: Please nominate a member for the OC Chapter's ARCS Light recognition. Fill out the google form linked below (or notify any chapter board member). We would like to identify our ARCS Light recognized member by Feb 10.

ARCS Light member recognition is named each year by each Chapter and based on extraordinary service and personal leadership benefiting her Chapter during the year. To learn more about this honor check out the [ARCS Foundation Recognition website page](#).

To nominate a member –Click here to go to the: [OC CHAPTER ARCS LIGHT NOMINATION GOOGLE FORM](#). You can also give your member nomination to any chapter board member.

We need your help: As an all-volunteer organization, we are looking for members who can fill our most pressing volunteer needs as well as volunteers who can help our event organizers. Opportunities and commitment vary, there is something for everyone. Please consider volunteering – the process is simple - talk with any current board member and we'll get you connected.

Nominations Committee - Volunteers needed –This committee meets briefly over the next few months to select the 2018-19 slate of board members.

ARCS Foundation OC Chapter Board 2018-19 - Volunteers needed – A great opportunity to network with and work with a wonderful group of women in a variety of positions. The board meets monthly, usually the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 4:00-5:00 at the Beckman Center. We share the workload – so it is quite manageable for all.

Would you like to have dinner in the United States Supreme Court? Registration on the ARCS Foundation website has officially opened for the annual **ARCS® Foundation conference** in Washington, D.C. taking place

from Wednesday, April 25 through Saturday, April 28. The conference features dinner at the United States Supreme Court and offers tours of the most prestigious museums in the country. Hotel accommodations for guests have been set up with the historic Willard Intercontinental Hotel. Early bird rates for the conference will be available until March 26, 2018.

Register for the Conference book your hotel through the [ARCS Foundation's website conference page](#)

If you are planning on attending, would you let us know so we can organize a meet-up in D.C. Send Patsy an email @ arcsocchapterpresident@gmail.com

Chapter Events

Lunch with a Scientist - Coming Soon – watch your email for notifications. A big thank you to Barbara Hamkalo for organizing this event. Join our members, scholars and friends of ARCS for lunch and hear a fascinating science presentation. Watch your email for announcements!

Field Trips – Coming Soon – watch your email for notifications. You will not want to miss the next excursion – still in the planning phase – watch your email for announcements! Thank you sooooo much to Judy Greenspon for organizing these wonderful excursions.

Members who attended the fall field trip (Sept, 2017) to Professor Khine's Research Lab Tour found this excursion to be awesome and inspiring, and Judy even arranged for lunch. Attendees learned about Wearable Health Sensors, Point-of-Care Detection, Human Cardiomyocytes and Drug Screening Educational Outreach.

If you have an idea for a field trip venue, be sure to let Judy know. Judy@npiservices.com

Scholar Awards Dinner: March 29, 2018 at The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center of The National Academies of Sciences and Engineering

This annual event features a reception and poster session where first year scholars showcase their research work, followed by a presentation in the auditorium by the second year scholars. Dinner in the atrium follows. Invitations will be sent out soon. Reservation can be made on the chapter web site or via mail. A big thank you to the organizing committee: Sue Alexopoulos, Diana Casey, Barbara Hamkalo, and Arzu Osborne.

Please consider underwriting some of the costs in putting on this event. **(see the attachment on how to help with underwriting this event)**

Dinner with a Scientist: (MAY 2018 -Day, Time, Location TBA) : This popular annual event features a dinner and science lecture. Watch your email for notifications.

All Members General Meeting: Wednesday, May 16, 4:00 – 5:00 – Location TBA. Please plan to join us as the Slate of New Board Members 2018-19 is introduced to all members. Snacks and Refreshments served. The nominating committee works hard in finding our next slate of officers and would love to have you attend this all members meeting.

Annual All Members Pot Luck & end of year meeting : June (tentative 6/20 date). This has always been a highlight of the year and a wonderful opportunity for members to meet and network in a casual ambiance. ARCS scholars are invited. Join us in thanking our outgoing and welcoming our incoming board members.

Would you be interested in hosting this event? We are looking for a member to volunteer to host this event. It is a pot luck affair.

Scholar Feature

Photo-Op: Annual Scholar Lunch in January where the scholars are introduced by our UCI partner school Deans.



ARCS Foundation Orange County supports American women and men in graduate programs at UC Irvine recognizing doctoral students exhibiting outstanding promise as scientists, researchers, and leaders from the UC Irvine Schools of Biological Sciences, Engineering, Information and Computer Sciences, Medicine and Physical Sciences. One hundred percent of donations to the ARCS Scholar Awards Fund goes to the scholars.

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