
ARCS Foundation OC Chapter News and Updates – Spring 2018

Dear ARCS Orange County Chapter Members,

It was great to see many members at the chapter's winter events, the Lunch with Social Scientist and the Scholar Awards Dinner. We are looking forward to seeing you at our May and June all members meetings.

Congratulations to Marie Richman, the Orange County Chapter's ARCS Light honoree, recognizing her extraordinary service and personal leadership benefiting the Chapter during the year. Marie has been an amazing liaison with our university partners (UCI's graduate division and STEM schools) and our ARCS scholars.

We have several volunteer opportunities and invite you to participate. During the spring our nominations committee will be looking for member participation as a 2018-19 Chapter Board member. As we share the workload, the time commitment for both opportunities is minimal and we work around each of our busy personal and work schedules.

Are you planning on attending the ARCS National Conference in Washington DC, April 25-18? Let us know and we will try to plan a meet-up event at the conference.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming all members meeting on May 16 and the end of the year meeting and pot-luck social in June.

Patsy Janda

ARCS OC Chapter 2017-18 President

ARCS Light member honoree:

Congratulations to Marie Richman as the Orange County Chapter's 2017-18 ARCS Light honoree. 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. Marie is well deserved of this recognition. The ARCS Light honorees will be honored at the National Conference in Washington DC in April.

Marie Richman is the newest ARCS Orange County Light Award recipient. When she joined ARCS in the fall of 2012, she immediately filled the recently vacated Scholar Relations position that has since merged into VP for University and Scholar Relations, the Board position that she holds currently. Her passion is working directly with our Scholars but during these past six years she has also served on other committees, including Data Administration as well as Fund Development and she has chaired the Nominations Committee. In addition, she has become our Chapter's unofficial copy editor for both printed and electronic media.

Thank you to all members who participated in the selection process via our google nomination form or by contacting a board member.

To learn more about this honor check out the [ARCS Foundation Recognition website page](#).

Help Us Grow

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.

Volunteer Opportunities:

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.

ARCS Foundation OC Chapter Board 2018-19 – Please consider being a chapter Board member.

This is 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.

Contact any board member or Patsy Janda: arcsocchapterpresident@gmail.com

ARCS Foundation 2018 National Conference, April 25-28 | Washington DC | Willard Intercontinental Hotel.

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

Register via the ARCS Foundation website, [ARCS Foundation's website conference page](#). The conference features **dinner at the United States Supreme Court** and offers tours of the most prestigious museums in the country.

Report on Chapter Events

Lunch with a Scientist, March 7, 2018 at the UCI Natural Sciences I, Room 1114

Thank you to Barbara Hamkalo for organizing a wonderful event. The lunch with a scientist featured: *Guest Speaker: Mamata Jain Valderrama. "The Truth About Human Organ Trafficking". Mamata is the Author of "A Girl In Traffick"*, While researching medical tourism as a student at USC, MJ learned about the black market for kidneys and recounted her findings.

18th Annual Scholar Awards Dinner, March 29 at the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center of The National Academies of Sciences and Engineering, Irvine

This annual event featured a reception and poster session where first year scholars showcased their research work, followed by the program in the auditorium where the Deans of the UCI STEM Schools introduced their ARCS scholars and a presentation by each of the second year scholars. Dinner in the atrium followed. I big thank you to the organizing committee: Sue Alexopoulos, Diana Casey, Barbara Hamkalo, Arzu Osborne and Marie Richman. Thank you also to all those who helped by underwriting some of the costs in putting on this event.

This was a great opportunity to hear, first-hand, about the scientific endeavors of our scholars and the significance of the ARCS scholar awards in their graduate studies.

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 soooooo 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

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 - DATE/LOCATION TBA 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.

Scholar Feature | Eva Louise Morozko

Eva is a fourth-year graduate student in the department of Neurobiology and Behavior studying how protein modifications impact the progression of Huntington's Disease, a neurodegenerative disorder, and how to target these modifications therapeutically. Her research group has shown that the balance of protein function in cells can change throughout the progression of the disease and that specific therapeutics may be more beneficial at specific states of the disease.



This year Eva became an ambassador to the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, participating in community outreach and education. As an ambassador, she teaches others about the brain and the research that is taking place here at UCI. She is also a coordinator of a student seminar series, NeuroBlitz, providing opportunities for trainees in the department to develop leadership and public communication skills.

As an ARCS scholar, Eva was able to purchase a state-of-the art laptop computer that is greatly increasing her ability to work on her project as well as business attire needed for presentations at conferences, community outreach, and networking events.

Scholar Feature | Kathryn E. Ringland

Kathryn is an Informatics PhD Candidate in the School of Information and Computer Sciences, under the advisement of Dr. Gillian Hayes. Her dissertation work is exploring how an online community for children with uses various social media, including the popular Minecraft game, to support socialization. Her work was recently featured in a TED talk, "How I use Minecraft to help kids with autism," given by a community member she has been working closely with in her research.



Kathryn has been using her ARCS funding to support her travel and to buy a computer to better complete her research. She will be defending her dissertation in April.

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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