



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Hello Gators! I'm Antoinette Franceschi, a senior here at SFSU. As you read this week's letter, I encourage you to make space for yourself and your needs this semester. When the world feels overwhelming, prioritizing your well-being is not just important, it's essential.

RPT & SFSU Updates

- Stressed? Pet some animals! Wags for Wellness Tuesday, October 14, 1:30pm -2:30pm in Malcom X Plaza!
- Check it Out! Career & Internship fair Thursday October 9, 2025, 12:00-3:00pm at MAC Gym!
- **Gator Health Services Center |Font Blvd** : The student health center, mental health, and wellness services have moved to our new Gator Health Services Center, located across the street from the Mashouf Wellness Center. This state-of-the-art facility which opened in Spring of last year consolidates health services, counseling, psychological support, and wellness education into one accessible space designed to promote holistic health.
- More News: <https://news.sfsu.edu/>

Student Spotlight



Stacey Nordman (2026)

Hello, I'm Stacey Nordman, a senior majoring in RPT here at SFSU. RPT has deepened my appreciation for parks and recreation and ignited my interest in sustainable tourism. Last November, I traveled to the island of Hawai'i with RPT 470: Travel with Purpose, led by Dr. Pavlína Látková. We met with Native Hawaiian elders, made lei, worked on a taro farm promoting local farmers, and explored volcanoes, waterfalls, and rainforests. We also supported cacao, salt, coffee, and vanilla farms. This experience proved how ecotourism can benefit communities, preserve culture, and foster connection. I am proud to now be an intern with Altruistas, the ethical, woman-led travel company that curated our visit. I also currently serve as President of the RPT Club, where we continue to build community through hikes, gatherings, and volunteer events. And I recently started working with SnapFiesta, an innovative photo booth company, thanks to a connection made while volunteering at the Society for Sustainable Events Spring Fling Gala—proof of how powerful networking in this field can be. This year, I was honored to receive the Mike Gallagher Scholarship, which will support my attendance at the Cal Travel Summit in October. After graduation, I hope to work in ecotourism, helping others connect with nature, community, and themselves.

Alum Spotlight



Jason Fornander (2020) [Financial Advisor](#)

After graduating from the RPT program in 2020, I was presented an opportunity to become a Financial Planner and run my own personal Wealth Management Firm. I decided to partner my practice with the long-standing financial firm, Northwestern Mutual, to make a difference in my community through the positive impacts of holistic financial planning - one relationship at a time built on trust and integrity. RPT was an important part of me becoming an entrepreneur today, as it is the degree of people! Super grateful! I'm still around SF growing my practice, love spending quality time and doing life with my amazing girlfriend and playing golf when I am not serving clients.

Academic & Professional Opportunities

Jobs & Internships

- Looking for an outdoor job opportunity? Check out: [ACE Emerging Professionals in Conservation](#):
- Private Recreation? Ladera Oaks are Hiring! [An Assistant Age Group Swim Coach & Lifeguards](#)
- Looking to work in Parks? [SFRPD has a spot for you!](#)

Events & Activities

- Stop by Golden Gate Park with friends to enjoy music [Hardly Strictly Blue Grass Festival: October 3-5!](#)
- Making a difference, check out [BORP Adaptive Sports](#). (Saturday, October 18, 10:00-4:00, Jame Kenney Community Center, Berkeley)
- Are you a Young Adult looking for essential skills? [Check out Life Unlocked : Thursday, October 23rd 6:30PM-9:00PM for 16- 24yrs.](#)
- Looking for some adventure? [Check out The Brisbane Derby: Oct 4, 2025. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM](#)
- Looking for some Night Life in the City? [Lightscape:\(November 21, 2025 through January 4, 2026\)](#)

News & Research

- [“Forever Chemicals” Called Pfas Show up in Your Food, Clothes, and Home.](#)
- [News Flash • Mayor Lurie Breaks Ground on Final Phase of Ind](#)
- [Grand Teton National Park Celebrations](#)
- [Are Our Public Lands on the Chopping Block Again](#)
- [White House Watch: Tracking Attacks on Our Environment & Health.](#)

Final Thoughts ...

“It is what you learn after you know it all that matters most” – John Wooden

Until next week,

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