



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Hello everybody! I'm Stacey Nordman. I'm a senior at SFSU and the current President of the RPT Club. As you explore this issue, I invite you to reflect on the ways we're all interconnected. Just like the ecosystems we strive to protect, our strength lies in collaboration and shared growth.

RPT & SFSU Updates

- BORP partners with RPT 230 Growth Through Adventure to promote inclusive outdoor recreation! BORP is providing tandem bikes to help make bicycling accessible for all participants. As part of this collaboration, RPT 230.04 will meet with program staff to explore ways to ensure outdoor activities—including cycling—are inclusive and adaptive for everyone.
- The RPT Club at SFSU is cooking up some fun for the semester. We want to get together outside of the classroom for hikes, movie nights, volunteering and more! Follow us on Instagram [@rptclub_sfsu](#) to keep in touch.
- Save the date!
 - What: RPT Students-and-Alumni Mixer
 - When: Thursday, October 23, 5:00 pm
 - Who: RPT Students, alumni, faculty, friends, and family
 - Where: Presidio [Rob Hill Campground](#)
 - Why: To bring our RPT community together for networking and edutainment
- [More news...](#)



Student Spotlight

Antoinette "Annie" Franceschi (2026)



"Currently I am an Aquatics & Youth Director for Ladera Oaks, a non-profit private club. I've have been working in aquatics for over 10 years, and I'm very passionate about the life skills that are essential to safety and water competency. In my free time, I enjoy outdoor recreations—may that be hiking, playing soccer, traveling, or anything beach related. I'd rather be outdoors than in. After graduation this Spring, I plan to stay committed to my current role but take the valuable skills from this major to make me a better professional and leader. After a few years, I plan to look into a general manager position of private recreation or shift to outdoor recreation."

Alum Spotlight

Alfredo Leon Orea (2021)



"After a 2021 graduation from RPT at SF State, I am now enrolled in the MBA Wine Management Program at the Culinary Institute of America and scheduled to graduate in the Spring of 2026. Completed a AS degree in Viticulture, and completing in the near future AS in winemaking and wine marketing. Bought a 187-acre property in Shasta Valley in 2022 and am trying to establish a vineyard as a destination for this this region. I own one of the highest mountains in the Valley, Mount Shasta is in my backyard."

Academic & Professional Opportunities

Jobs & Internships

- [Park Ranger Assistant](#) (City of Fremont)
- [Camp Manager](#) (City of Berkeley)
- [Active Older Adult Program Coordinator](#) (Mission YMCA)
- [Administrative Assistant, Public Works Department](#) (City of Millbrae)
- [Climate Justice Internship](#) (SFSU students apply!)

Events & Activities

- [Flower Piano at the SF Botanical Garden](#) (9/12 through 9/21, 1199 9th Ave, San Francisco)
- [Oktoberfest on Front Block Party](#) (Friday, 9/19, 2:00-10:00, Front St., San Francisco)
- [Access to Adventure](#) (Saturday, 9/20, 11:00-3:00, Crissy Field Center, San Francisco)
- [BaySpark](#) (Saturday, 9/20, 10:00-4:00, 1550 Evans Ave, San Francisco)
- [Fall 2025 Graduate School Fair](#) (Wednesday, 9/24, 12:00-3:00pm, The Quad, SFSU)
- [BORP Adaptive Sports Expo](#) (Saturday, 10/18, 10:00-4:00, James Kenney Community Center, Berkeley)

News & Research

- Read The Sierra Club's Sierra Magazine Fall 2025 digital edition [here](#)!
- (2025, September 6) [Californians urged to observe and report monarch butterfly sightings](#). California State Parks Foundation.
- (2025, September 5) [Peoples' Summit launches global call to action ahead of COP30](#). Friends of the Earth International.
- Qumsiyeh, Mazin (2025, September 2) [Ecocide and resistance in Palestine](#). The Ecologist.
- (2025, August 26) [Dogpatch Paddle expands kayak, paddle board programs at Mission Creek](#). San Francisco Recreation & Parks.
- Schueman, Lindsey Jean (2025, August 20) [How Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant bridges science, storytelling, and social justice](#). One Earth.
- Seekings, Chris. (2025, August 8) [Global renewable energy investment hits record high](#). Institute of Sustainability & Environmental Professionals.

Final Thoughts ...



[Nature's
Blueprint: How
Biomimicry
Draws
Inspiration from
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World](#)

Until next week,

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