

Tatum Bartlett

CLASS OF 2027 · ASPIRING VETERINARIAN

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Education

San Francisco University High School

2023–2027

- GPA: 3.85
- Challenging coursework: AP Calculus AB; Advanced Topics in Biology (Physiology and Neuroscience); Honors Biology; Honors Advanced Spanish Literature; Civilization and the Arts

The Hamlin School

2014–2023

Academic Enrichment

- University of Notre Dame, summer course: Biology: The Impact of Genetic Mutations
- Brown University, summer course: Psychology and Health: Emotions, Behaviors, and Diseases

Research & Animal Care

Research Intern, Modiano Lab (Comparative Oncology)

Jan 2026–Present

University of Minnesota · Remote

- Reached out to Dr. Jaime Modiano after learning of his lab's work with Irish Wolfhounds, the breed my family has raised for more than 50 years, and earned a remote internship
- Participate in weekly lab meetings on current canine cancer research
- Serve as a liaison between the lab and AKC breed clubs, recruiting dogs for oncology studies

Independent Study in Comparative Oncology

San Francisco University High School

- Designed and lead a self-directed study of how cancer in animals and in people can inform each other

Kennel Technician / Veterinary Assistant

Jun–Aug 2026

Jackson Animal Hospital

- Handled and restrained patients during physical exams
- Monitored vital signs during surgeries and procedures
- Helped care for trauma patients and was present for euthanasia appointments, supporting pets and their families
- Observed orthopedic specialists performing TPLO (cruciate ligament) surgeries
- Kept the clinic clean, safe and welcoming for patients and clients

Junior Zoologist

200+ volunteer hours

San Francisco Zoo · Animal Rescue and Conservation Center

- Care for rescue animals: preparing specialized diets, cleaning enclosures and setting up enrichment
- Teach visitors about conservation during Wildlife Theater shows

Honors & Awards

AKC Junior Showmanship · \$21,000 in scholarships awarded

- **Best Junior Handler, AKC National Championship (2025):** represented the USA at Crufts, the world's largest dog show; first to win handling a PBGV; \$5,000 scholarship
- **Westminster Kennel Club Junior Showmanship Finalist (2024 & 2026):** second place and a \$5,000 scholarship each year
- **California Junior Handler of the Year (2026):** \$3,000 scholarship
- **Southwest Regional Top Junior Handler (2026):** \$1,000 scholarship
- **National Pre-Show Runner-Up:** \$2,000 scholarship
- **#1 Ranked Hound Junior Handler in the U.S. (2024)**
- AKC National Championship invitee (2019–2026)
- Westminster Kennel Club invitee (2023–2027)
- 100+ Best Junior Handler awards

Leadership & Service

Show-Safe Educator & Junior Handler Mentor

- Lead workshops that help young handlers stay true to their values, set boundaries, recognize adults they can trust, and move through the dog show community with confidence
- Host monthly mentoring sessions and teach free handling classes for local junior handlers

Admissions Ambassador

San Francisco University High School

- Lead campus tours, host panels, bring visiting students to class, and help organize fairs and events for prospective families

Dog Show Experience

Fourth-Generation Breeder-Owner-Handler

Lifelong

- Raise, train and show dogs as part of my family's breeding program, which has produced Irish Wolfhounds for more than 50 years
- Built skills in animal husbandry, responsibility, resilience and poise

Show Assistant to a Professional Handler

AKC Dog Shows

- Completed two summer live-in positions with a professional handler
- Bathe, groom and gently handle client dogs, keeping them cool, safe and comfortable
- Developed client communication and time management skills

Athletics & Activities

Varsity Field Hockey

San Francisco University High School

- Started the sport as a freshman and made varsity as a junior; starting player recognized for versatility at every position

Scuba Diving

Certified 2023

- Earned SSI scuba certification after overcoming a fear of open water; goal is to dive with whale sharks like my grandmother

Interests

- **Baking:** I don't like sweets, so I bake for everyone else
- **Forensic science:** true crime podcasts sparked my curiosity about how investigators piece a case together
- **Taylor Swift:** please don't ask how many times I've seen her on tour

In the Media

[Meet AKC National Championship Best Junior Handler: Tatum Bartlett](#) · American Kennel Club · Article

[Tatum Bartlett Wins Best Junior Handler at the AKC National Championship](#) · Canine Chronicle · Article

[Junior Showmanship: The Stories Behind the Scenes](#) · Westminster Kennel Club · Article

[Catch Up with AKC National Championship Best Junior Handler](#) · Video

[Tatum Bartlett, AKC National Championship Junior Showmanship Winner](#) · Video

[And the Winner Is... Congratulations to 17-Year-Old Tatum Bartlett](#) · Video