

**Stefani Booroojian**  
Broadcast Journalism  
Class of 1981



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Thirty-two years ago Stefani Booroojian began working at KSEE-Channel 24 in Fresno and has loved it ever since.

Since graduating in 1981, Fresno State has provided a multitude of opportunities for Booroojian, many of which have changed her life drastically. Thanks to one of her instructors at Fresno State, she was notified of positions available at Channel 24.

“Had I not received that call, I may never have applied for a job here,” said Booroojian. “I appreciated that kind of support and concern about students. I know the program has changed a lot and they’re doing a lot of wonderful things.”

“I think the best part about the job is that it changes every single day,” said Booroojian. “It’s not like I’m doing the same work every day. The subject matter changes all the time and that makes it interesting. We get to do shows, which is fun, but I really enjoy the story-telling part of it. Telling stories, interviewing people, and then telling their stories; it never really gets boring.”

Being from and having roots in the valley has been a great benefit for Booroojian.

“I think the audience really appreciates the fact that they can watch local people that stayed here,” she said. “I do feel a great connection with this area because I grew up here, so it has been very positive for me.”

Prior to officially switching her major to broadcast journalism, Booroojian was unsure of what she really wanted to do. It wasn't until Candace Egan (a high school friend and now Fresno State professor), gave her a little push that she figured out what she wanted to do.

“Candace is the one who kind of directed me into that department,” Booroojian said. “I took news writing classes, and some journalism classes as well, and it seemed to fit better for me than what I was doing. That's how I got into the program and thank goodness I did because it's worked out into a really great career.”

Although Booroojian initially had not planned to become a broadcast journalist, she could not imagine it any other way.

“You have to do what makes you happy and this career has made me happy,” she said. “I don't know if the other careers may not have. You really have to follow your dream to make it happen.”

Booroojian credits her Fresno State education with providing her the foundation for a successful career as a broadcast journalist at KSEE 24.

“I actually met my husband through my job,” she said. “So my whole life, the path of my life really, changed because I became a broadcasting major. When I think about it, it really impacted everything. So I owe a lot to my school time at Fresno State.”