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The Link: Olin's Campus-Wide E-Bulletin April 13, 2012

This newsletter includes news and information that will keep you informed of campus happenings.

If you have information you would like distributed to the Olin community, please send it to Announcements@olin.edu

The next edition of **The Link** will be available on **April 27, 2012.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Busy Semester for Olin's Initiative for Innovation in Engineering Education

Recent I2E2 visitors include Singapore University of Technology and Design, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), Universiti Brunei Darussalam (Brunei), Instituto Tecnológico de Aeronáutica (Brazil), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Konkuk University (Korea), and Harvard University. In addition, I2E2 conducted workshops for King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (Thailand), Universidad Diego Portales, Chile (held at Olin) and Singapore Polytechnic (held in Singapore). If you would like to help welcome visitors to Olin, please do not hesitate to contact [Sharon Breitbart](#).

House Sitters Available

We are two Olin faculty members seeking a house sitting opportunity for our summer research students. Are you going away between approximately May 21 and June 1 (when the dorms are closed between graduation and summer session)? Would you like a team of ~5 fabulous Olin students to take care of your house? Tend to your pets? Mow your lawn? They come with the backing of two Olin faculty members for added security and peace of mind. (Alternately if you would like to foster a research student for 2 weeks in your home, we can talk. They can probably be asked to work for room costs.) If you can help us out with housing our research students, please let us know! Please contact [Alisha Sarang-Sieminski](#) or [John Geddes](#).

Attention Seniors! Return your Library Items by May 11!

Please make sure you return all of your library items, including any Interlibrary Loan books, by **Friday, May 11th, 2012**. Items which are not returned will be assumed lost and you will be charged for replacement and processing costs. **Please return all library items before you pick up your cap and gown. You must have a clear library record in order to receive your cap and gown.**

To check what items you have taken out, please sign in to ['My Account'](#) with your LIB ID (found on your Olin ID card) and your PIN - usually the last four digits of your LIB ID. If you have any questions, please email: library-circulation@olin.edu.

Olin's Emergency Alert System (EAS)

Olin EAS allows for rapid dissemination of news and instructions in the event of an emergency affecting the entire Olin community. Every staff, faculty and student at Olin is responsible for populating and maintaining their information in this important system. For information about the Olin EAS system, and instructions on how to register, or edit your account, please consult our online [Olin EAS FAQ sheet](#).

Support Olin Students Enrolled in Real Products, Real Markets

Real Products, Real Markets is an advanced design course taught by Lawrence Neelely

Discllama: In three simple steps, you can order a copy of all of your Facebook photos and videos to be mailed to you on DVD. Never worry about losing access to your photos or having to download them individually. And if you want to disable your account, you'll always have a digital copy of your photos to look at or share with others. This includes photos and videos you have posted, as well as those your friends and family have tagged you in. For just \$3 per backup (including shipping), you can order online at www.discllama.com. This business is being run by Tim Ryan and Ilana Walder-Biesanz (both '13). Please send comments and suggestions to discllama@gmail.com. Never worry about losing your online media again!

Wallet Kakapo: Want to support both entrepreneurship at Olin and saving an endangered species? The kakapo is a flightless parrot, indigenous to New Zealand, which is critically endangered. Jackie Rose '13 is selling 'Wallet Kakapo' cards in hopes of spreading awareness of the kakapo's plight. The cards contain information about the kakapo and can be purchased at <http://wallet-kakapo.myshopify.com/> (the last day to order is Wednesday, April 18). Profits will be split between funding future Real Products Real Markets student ventures and saving kakapo through the Kakapo Recovery Programme. Please direct any questions or comments to [Jackie Rose](#).

PGP Blog Features Stories about Olin Alumni and Students!

Post Graduate Planning (PGP) has some great student bloggers this year who are capturing very cool information about other Oliners and our Alumni. Our latest edition features how Olin Alumni can help current Oliners find a job or internship. Check it out at <http://blogs.olin.edu/pgp>.

Olin Family and Alumni Summer Parties

Why not consider hosting this year? It's fun! Start looking at your summer calendars now and plan to volunteer. More information, including a list of the hometowns of the new Class of 2016, is coming in early May. Please contact [Colleen Jones](#) with questions.

LivingHealthy Newsletter

Click [here](#) to read the April Prevention and Wellness newsletter with tips on how to live a healthy lifestyle.



ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

Save the Date: Olin EXPO and SCOPE EXPO

We invite you to join us in celebrating student projects, accomplishments and assignments at [Olin EXPO](#) and [SCOPE EXPO 2012](#). Day one (**May 14**) will feature work from underclassman at Olin and day two (**May 15**) will focus on SCOPE teams presenting their project findings and results. Both day's activities will include poster sessions, presentations and lunch. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the program. An RSVP (click event links above) is requested if you plan to join us.

The flyer is a vertical rectangular graphic with a color palette of olive green, light blue, red, and yellow. At the top, a light blue circle contains the word "DATE" in white, with a line pointing to the text "Tuesday, May 22, 2012" in red. Below this, the title "EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION BBQ" is written in large, red, serif font. The main body of the flyer is yellow and contains two paragraphs of text in a small, grey font. The first paragraph says: "Join us to celebrate your hard work and to recognize those employees who have dedicated themselves to Olin College with 5 or 10 years of service." The second paragraph says: "Additionally the Outstanding Employee Award will be presented to the recipient!". To the right of the text, there is a light blue circle containing the word "time" in white, with a line pointing to the text "12:00-1:00 PM Lunch" and "1:00-2:00 PM Awards" in red. At the bottom, a light blue circle contains the word "where" in white, with a line pointing to the text "OLIN OVAL" and "Olin College" in red. The flyer is framed by horizontal bars in olive green, light blue, red, and yellow.

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OFF-CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

Communicating Science Symposium at Wellesley

On Saturday, April 14, Wellesley Energy and Environmental Defense (W.E.E.D.) will present the 3rd Annual Communicating Science Symposium from 10:00 am-3:00 pm with a special focus on Hazardous Waste. The Communicating Science Symposium will bring together students, educators, scientists, and journalists in a day of dialogue and idea-generation intended to promote future understanding and collaboration. Through panel discussions and interactive workshops, we will tease out the real-life challenges of communicating scientific research to politicians, media, and the public. Click [here](#) for additional details and to register.

Call all Robot Enthusists: DARPA Robotics Challenge - \$2M Prize

DARPA's Robotics Challenge will launch in October 2012. Teams are sought to compete in challenges involving staged disaster-response scenarios in which

robots will have to successfully navigate a series of physical tasks corresponding to anticipated, real-world disaster-response requirements. The program is the brainchild of professor Gill Pratt who is currently on leave at DARPA. Click [here](#) for more information.

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OLIN FAMILIES, DID YOU KNOW?

THANK YOU to all of the Parents who have contributed to the College in response to the recent emails and phonathon. We are grateful for every contribution and know that every dollar makes a difference. If you have not had a chance to contribute to Olin this fiscal year, please **remember to make a gift by June 30th by visiting our [secure giving page](#).**

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ATTENTION SOON-TO-BE ALUMNI AND ALUMNI

THANK YOU to all of the Alumni who have contributed to the College in response to the recent emails. We are grateful for every contribution and know that every dollar makes a difference. If you have not had a chance to contribute to Olin this fiscal year, please **remember to make a donation by June 30th by visiting our [secure giving page](#).**

SOUTHWESTERN SENIOR SEND-OFF

Join your fellow classmates as we say "happy trails" to your student status and "yee-haw" to alumni world. Aside from this Southwestern Fiesta dinner, you'll learn the hot resources available to alumni. From communication and events to career services and volunteering, you won't have time for a siesta!

Seniors, don't forget to RSVP!



Hosted by The Offices of Family and Alumni Relations and Post Graduate Planning

Monday, April 23rd 6 to 7:30 pm - Crescent Room

SAVE THE DATE: June 7 - White Paper Feedback Session

What: [President's Council White Paper Feedback Session](#)

When: Thursday, June 7th, 7-9PM (PST)

Where: [Pocket Gems Office](#), 220 Bush St, Suite 750, San Francisco

Who: Olin Community

How: Attend in person and virtually

Can't make it to the events in person? Stay tuned on how to attend these events virtually. This event is brought to you in cooperation with the Events Committee of the Olin Alumni Council. If you have questions, comments and event ideas please email segalova@gmail.com. Stay up to date with all the regional alumni events by signing up for region-based Olin Alumni mailing lists [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: June 10 - Bay Area Brunch

What: [Continental Brunch](#)

When: Sunday, June 10, 10AM-12PM

Where: [Sheraton Palo Alto](#), 625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

Who: Olin Community

This event is brought to you in cooperation with the Events Committee of the Olin Alumni Council and the Office of Family and Alumni Relations. If you have questions, comments and event ideas please email segalova@gmail.com or kristina.raposa@olin.edu. Stay up to date with all the regional alumni events by signing up for region-based Olin Alumni mailing lists [here](#).

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KUDOS

Juliana Nazare '14 Accepted into Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals

75 total participants were chosen among a pool of over 500 applicants, and it is a great accomplishment that Juliana was awarded this unique study- and work-abroad fellowship! The [CBYX program](#) is made possible due to the ongoing support of the United States Congress and the German Bundestag. Participants are between the ages of 18 and 24 at the start of the program, and must be US citizens or permanent residents. Applicants do not need to be enrolled to participate, but should have well-defined career goals with related work/internship experience, flexibility, good communication skills, diplomacy, and a strong sense of American identity. The program is designed primarily for young adults in business, STEM (scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematical), agricultural, and vocational fields, though candidates in all fields are encouraged to apply. Congratulations Juliana!

Alumni Business DrawTop Makes a Splash at Stanford

In a recent trip to the [NCIA conference](#) in San Francisco, Calif. Olin professor Lawrence Neeley participated in a session led by the Director of Stanford's new [Epicenter](#), [Tina Seelig](#). Tina and her team were handing out Epicenter branded whiteboard "stickers" for laptops to promote creative ideation. Noting a familiarity with the product, Neeley asked the Epicenter team where they came from only to learn that they were from an Olin alumni run company [DrawTop](#). Ironically the idea for DrawTop was conceptualized by Ryan Mitchell '12 during her senior year when she was enrolled in Neeley's Real Products, Real Markets course. It was the perfect way to kick off the entrepreneurship education conference and a perfect demonstration of the power of engineering entrepreneurship education!

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JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND MORE...

Olin Library Seeks Summer Intern

Olin Library is seeking a student worker for this summer (June through mid-August). The position is for 30-35 hr/week and meets the housing requirement. Duties include working with the Library Staff on expanding Olin's Institutional Repository, building the tools and samples collection, organizing the library archives, assisting patrons, processing Interlibrary Loan requests, new book ordering, check in and check out of materials, shelving books, and helping with other special tasks. If you would like to work in the library and assist us with these and other exciting summer projects please contact [Lydia Zeglarsky](#).

Charles River Analytics Inc. – Cambridge, MA Scientist, Cognitive Systems Division

Charles River Analytics is developing a state-of-the-art user-centered enterprise system for members of the U.S. Armed Forces concerned with understanding and making decisions about human behavior, monitoring and optimizing

missions, and communicating and collaborating with other teams. This is an excellent opportunity to research, implement, and evaluate various human interface technologies within well-defined domains. The selected candidate will work directly with other scientists and engineers to determine the requirements of the domain, design user-focused and requirements driven systems, and assist in implementing these designs throughout the software development process. You will need to be able to quickly read and understand scientific papers, and apply previous research to create new designs, while remaining abreast of current best design practices. In addition to designing quality user interfaces, you will need to clearly communicate your rationale and underlying analysis through written and verbal means.

Bachelor's or Master's degree in Human Factors Engineering, Human-Computer Interaction, Cognitive Science/Psychology, or a related field (e.g., Computer Science with HCI or Interaction Design focus). **Click here to [apply](#).**

Jaybridge Robotics, Cambridge, MA Senior Software Engineer


Jaybridge Robotics develops software to control fully autonomous vehicles in complex real-world environments. Founded in 2008, Jaybridge is pushing true autonomy into real commercial systems at a phenomenal pace. Our software, our team, and our commitment to customers are having a revolutionary impact in diverse industries including agriculture, mining, and materials handling. [Click here](#) for the SW Engineering job description.

Don't forget, Alumni have access to the [Olin JobFinder](#) to help with your job search. Please see below for recent postings, just search by job number. Need your account updated? [Email Suzanne](#).

Kiva Systems – North Reading, MA Research Scientist #3047

Yelp, Inc. – San Francisco, CA Product Manager #3042 Software Engineer #3043

Agamatrix – Salem, NH Senior Manufacturing Engineer #3035

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TRIVIA

In the previous issue we asked "Which Olin alumni is eating Internet Explorer like a potato chip in [this](#) screenshot?" Charlie Nolan was the first to respond correctly, Grant Hutchins and a prize was also awarded to Julianna Stockton, our first alumni responder.

Trivia buffs, do you know...

Q: Which two Olin filmmakers were featured in this week's Truth North Documentary Film Festival?

A: First person to respond to [Alyson Goodrow](#) with the correct answer receives a prize.

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