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The Link: Olin's Campus-Wide E-Bulletin

May 25, 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 **June 15, 2012.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

25 Olin Staff/Faculty Members Recognized at Olin's Annual Employee Recognition Event

On Tuesday, May 22, all Olin employees gathered for the third annual Employee Recognition & Appreciation Event, which was designed to recognize Olin employees' dedication to the college. Fifteen employees received recognition for their five-year commitment to Olin and ten employees were recognized for their ten-year commitments. Click [here](#) to see a complete list of awardees. Additionally the Outstanding Service award was presented to Claire O'Sullivan for her "above and beyond" approach to her work in Academic Affairs!

Olin Family and Alumni Summer Parties are coming!

Many thanks to the gracious volunteers who will be hosting parties in lots of locations around the U.S. as well as two overseas events! We still need a few more hosts, specifically in Houston, so please contact [Colleen Jones P'13](#) right away if you can help. The invitation to parties everywhere, with all the details, will be coming very soon, so get ready to celebrate Olin and gather with new, current and alumni families at parties near you!

Commencement 2011: Photos, Diploma Frames and Video

It's hard to believe Commencement is behind us! We wanted to send one final reminder about:

- where to view [PHOTOS](#);
- how to order a copy of the [VIDEO](#);
- how to build your own custom [DIPLOMA FRAME](#).

I2E2 Summer Institutes Kick-off

Next week we will be joined by two dozen participants from around the world for I2E2's new Summer Institute short (1.5 day) programs, developed jointly with Dave Goldberg and ThreeJoy Consulting. Our flagship week-long Institute will take place the following week (Jun 4-8) and will include 50 faculty participants from around the country and the world. For more information on these programs, visit our new, updated [website](#)! We will continue to host visitors this summer, including folks from National Healthcare Group (June 15) and Sungkyunkwan University (July 12). As always, if you would like to be involved please

contact [Sharon Breitbart](#).

What's the Latest on our Alumni?

Our Commencement Social with Alumni was a big success again this year with attendance by all community groups nearing 100 and rave reviews of the Spanish cuisine. As part of our alumni social we ask alumni to submit a slide including a few bullet points of "what they are up to now." It can be an update about graduate school, employment, accomplishments, fun, travel...whatever they want to share! A copy of this slideshow can be found [here](#) for those who were unable to attend the social (or want to see again).

IT Department Summer Hours

The IT Department will modify its operating hours to our summer schedule. Help Desk support hours will be the following:

May 28 – August 17: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm*

* Beginning **June 8 thru August 10**, summer Friday hours will be in effect: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Regular hours of 8:00 AM –6:00 PM will resume on August 20.

A Single Thank You, Double the Impact

Each of our students and alumni has had one or two special mentors who have made a difference in their college or post graduate life. Staff and faculty may have a colleague who made a significant positive influence in their professional life, perhaps contributing to the success of a special project. The "Celebrate Olin Mentors, Engineers, Teachers and Staff" (**C.O.M.E.T.S.**) program is a great way to recognize these individuals by making a gift to Olin in their honor. By making a gift via C.O.M.E.T.S., you not only thank a member of the community but you also help our participation rates, which across all our constituents are some of the highest in the country. **Say "thanks" by giving a C.O.M.E.T.S. today and your gift will have double the impact!** (Note: The amount of your gift is confidential; thus, the recipient will not know the level of support you have chosen.).

PGP Blog: Featuring Olin's Class of 2012

Our latest entry introduces Olin's newest alumni. Check it out at <http://blogs.olin.edu/pgp>. Next up is a conversation with Matt Huang '12 who is heading to JP Morgan Chase as a Business Systems Analyst. [Back to Top](#) 

OFF-CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

XSITE 2012 - Discounts Available to Olin Community Members

You can feel it in the air: economic recovery. XSITE 2012 is all about exploring ways to fuel the momentum and hit the gas pedal on growth. What are the most successful strategies for launching, investing in, and managing new ventures in today's climate, and how can established companies capitalize on it as well? Which emerging areas--such as Big Data and analytics, mobile software, e-tailing, fashion-tech, healthcare, and advertising--offer the most promise for new exponential growth? Xconomy is convening top entrepreneurs, innovators from public companies, VCs, angel investors, and technologists from New England and beyond to address these questions and more. If you're interested in attending this high-spirited event taking place on **June 14**, click [here](#) to learn more and stayed tuned for information about discounts available to the Olin community.

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OLIN FAMILIES, DID YOU KNOW?**Reminder: Alumni Parent Employment Updates Needed**

The college is updating its database of alumni parent employment information to use in helping our current students and alumni find jobs. We also find this information to be helpful as we build relationships with corporations, private foundations, and other organizations that support higher education. On behalf of students and alumni, we greatly appreciate your participation. Volunteers will be contacting fellow parents to collect missing information beginning with the P'07s in June, as follow-up to an email sent on April 26. If you have questions, please contact Alumni Parent Employment Data project coordinator [Dan Kiser](#) or [Krissey](#) or call 781-292-2264. Thank you in advance for your help in building the Olin network!

We are getting closer! Only 30 gifts to go for your child's class!

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation this year! We only have 5 weeks until the end of the fiscal year and we need about 30 more gifts per class in order to reach our 80% cash participation goal for Parents. Please [donate today](#) (or fulfill your pledge for those who have one). **Every donation moves the needle more than one percentage point for your child's class!**

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ATTENTION SOON-TO-BE ALUMNI AND ALUMNI**Dreams Can Come True Thanks to You**

We need your support! Join your fellow alumni to make Olin students' dreams come true.

A BIG thanks to everyone who has made a donation this year! We only have 5 weeks until the end of the fiscal year and we need about 35 gifts per class in order to reach our 80% cash participation goal. With 95 outstanding pledges to be fulfilled we still have a ways to go. Please [donate today](#) (or fulfill your pledge for those who have one) to whatever project you are passionate about. **Every donation moves the needle and ensures we are able to make more Olin Students dreams come true!**

You're Invited! June 2nd



Hang out with fellow alumni at Fat Cat in NYC

Reconnect with old friends and make some new ones, all while enjoying ping pong, pool, shuffleboard and tasty beverages and snacks. Be sure to look for Grant Hutchins (Olin '06) who's spearheading this event.

June 2nd

3 – 6 PM (EDT)

Fat Cat

75 Christopher at 7th Ave.

New York, NY

RSVP by email ooaevents@olin.edu or on Facebook.

Guests are responsible for food, beverage and gaming charges.

Brought to you by the Events Committee of the Olin Alumni Council.

you're invited: june 7th



president's council white paper feedback session

the latest president's council white paper focuses on e-learning and undergraduate engineering education.

a feedback session will be held to help facilitate a discussion on this topic.

june 7th

7 – 9 PM (PDT)

pocket gems office

220 bush st, suite 750

san francisco, ca

rsvp on facebook or by emailing oaevents@olin.edu

can't make it in person? check out the link below to watch a live broadcast and write in with comments.

brought to you by the events committee of the olin alumni council.

For those unable to attend please click [here](#) to join virtually.

you're invited: june 10th



bay area olin brunch

join president miller,
alumni, members of the
president's council and the
board of trustees to catch
up on all things olin
tickets are \$15 per person

10 AM – 12 PM (PDT)

admission information session

join alumni and duncan
murdoch (director, western
region) to meet
prospective students and
talk about your olin
experience

charlie nolan really wants
you to attend this session!

2 PM – 4 PM (PDT)

sheraton palo alto, the reception room
625 el camino real
palo alto, ca

rsvp on facebook or by emailing oaevents@olin.edu by june 4th.
buy your ticket for brunch by following the eventbrite link below.
brought to you by the events committee of the olin alumni council,
family and alumni relations office and admission office.

Please click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

REMINDER: Alumni Directory is Live! Check It Out...Update Your Profile!

The OAA has worked with the College on this new Directory that is linked to Olin's official data system, and allows you to keep more comprehensive records and better privacy controls than the previous Directory and allow, over time, for the inclusion of current and former faculty and staff as well.

The new Directory can be accessed from <https://alumnidir.olin.edu/>. **You should have already received a personalized e-mail from Will Clayton '06 sent to your alumni forwarding account with your username and password for the new Directory.** If you have any issues (or don't receive another e-mail with this information) please contact Matt Tesch '07 and Will at OlinAlumniDirectoryAdmin@googlegroups.com.

This [Guide](#) demonstrates some of the functionality of the new Directory with screenshots and such. ****Please note that changes to your profile will not be saved until you click the appropriate "save" button on the field/entry you are editing.**** We realize this is a work in progress and we appreciate your patience while we work through the inevitable bugs that will come with this wider launch. Join the College in thanking Will, Matt, and others for all their hard work

in making this new Directory a valuable resource to us.

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KUDOS

Professor Caitrin Lynch Participates in Two Radio Interviews

Caitrin Lynch, associate professor of Anthropology recently released a book "[Retirement on the Line](#)," and has been interviewed by two very interesting programs in the last couple of weeks. Click [here](#) to listen to a 30-min interview on Voices of the World, with host, Kathy Golden and click [here](#) to listen to an interview with Jeff Schechtman at KVON in Napa Valley.

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JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND MORE...

Sovancier - Boston, MA

Application Designer

Sovancier is in the early stage process of creating an advanced mobile technology communications application. They are looking for a creative, innovative, user experience and user interface designer to work from their South Boston office space and perhaps remotely as well. The new team member will initially join them as a freelancer with the potential for a more significant role down the road. For more information [please click here](#).

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NEWS

- "[Foundation Grant to Olin College Aims to Promote Educational Innovation through Cross-Campus Collaboration](#)," News Release, May 24, 2012
- "[Powering Innovation with Education](#)," *WBGH Innovation Hub*, May 19, 2012
- "[Edgartown Fisherman Finds Mysterious Box at Sea](#)," *Martha's Vineyard Times*, May 16, 2012

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TRIVIA

In the previous issue we asked " Which three Olin students will be graduating as Grand Challenge Scholars this year?" We had two winners, Philip Loh and Gail Meyers Jaffe P'12, with answers of Jeffery Atkinson, Ananya Kejriwal, and Kevin Simon.

Trivia buffs, do you know...

Q: What Olin parent has delivered a Commencement address at Olin?

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

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