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**The Link: Olin's Campus-Wide E-Bulletin
May 11, 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 **May 25, 2012.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DATE Tuesday, May 22, 2012

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION BBQ

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.

Additionally, the Outstanding Service Award will be presented to the recipient!

time 12:00-1:00 PM Lunch
1:00-2:00 PM Awards

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Graduating Student Announcement

We're sure that you're probably ready to leave Olin, but is your laptop? This announcement is a reminder to review the answers to many of the questions you may have as you prepare to depart Olin. We'd like to direct your attention to the [IT website](#) and the Graduating Student announcement which contains a link to the document detailing the items you should familiarize yourself with, and take action on, prior to leaving campus. If you have any questions, issues, or concerns, please contact the [IT Help Desk](#) as soon as possible. Congratulations

and the best of luck to you all!

DeathClaw Final Presentations and Abstracts

Linearity 1, otherwise known as Deathclaw, is the new first year math class taught by professors Sarah Spence Adams, John Geddes and Aaron Hoffman. It includes treatment of discrete-time dynamical systems in the context of age-structured population models as well as continuous-time dynamical systems in the context of mechanical, electrical and chemical oscillators. For those interested in learning more about class's final projects, abstracts can be found [here](#).

Host an Olin Family & Alumni Summer Party!

It's fun. Welcome the entering Class of 2016 families and gather the entire Olin community together in parks, homes and clubhouses across the country and the world. Parents, alumni, current students or any combination all make great party hosts. The Parent Advisory Board (PAB) and Olin Alumni Council (OAC) look forward to hearing from you. Contact [Colleen Jones P'13](#) before May 21 to volunteer or for more information. Thank you.

Upcoming I2E2 Activities

I2E2 would like to thank everyone involved with the visits over the past couple of weeks, especially those who stepped in to help at the last minute! We will be visited by several groups (SkTech, NHN NEXT and Gogte Institute of Technology (GIT) for Olin Expo, If you'd like to be involved, contact [Sharon Breitbart](#). Additionally I2E2 is currently preparing for its Summer Institutes. We are expecting about two dozen faculty members to attend our (new) Short Programs (in collaboration with ThreeJoy): Start with Yourself: Personal Change for Educational Transformation -- May 29-30, 2012, and It Takes More than a Good Idea: Educational Transformation that Sticks -- May 31-June 1, 2012. Around 50 visiting professors will join us for our Week-Long Flagship Program, Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century: Designing for Student Engagement -- June 4-8, 2012.

Featured Video: The Olin Journey

[The Olin Journey](#): Admission to Olin in 35 seconds through the eyes of Google, by members of the Class of 2015: Shane Skikne, Lyra Silverwolf, Kevin O'Toole, Greg Edelston and Chani Martin.

WANTED: Artistic Talent!

The Family and Alumni Relations (FAR) office needs a cover for next year's Parent Handbook!

Every year the FAR office issues a *Parent Handbook* (similar to the *Student Handbook*) to all parents. The past several *Handbook* covers have been student or alum designed, and we'd like to continue the tradition, so we are looking for a volunteer to design this year's cover! It can be techy or establish a warm Olin family feel. The final draft is due by **Monday, June 4**, and the artist would receive credit in the acknowledgements section of the *Handbook* as well as a thank you gift from FAR. If you are interested in designing the cover for the *2012-13 Parent Handbook* please contact [Krissy Raposa](#)! Parents are welcome to submit ideas as well.

September Jimmy Fund Walk – Join the Olin Team Now

In fond memory of former VP of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Michael Moody, Olin has sent a team of 8 alumni, faculty and staff members to the Jimmy Fund walk for the past two years. This year we want to make the team even bigger and more fun than ever before. The walk takes place on Sunday, September 9, it's a 13 mile walk (the second half of the Boston Marathon route,

it's \$25 to sign up and each walker needs to raise \$300; BUT you're not alone in this fundraising effort! Thanks to President Miller and an anonymous donor, there will be \$100 contributed to the first 10 walkers that sign up! (which means you only need to raise \$200 – plus the registration fee – in the next 4 months!) And beyond the first 10 walkers, the anonymous donor will still contribute \$50 per person. AND you have until early November to complete your fundraising. [Here](#) is the link to sign up for the Professor Michael Moody Team – get your friends involved and do it today! Please contact [Sally Phelps](#) or [Allen Downey](#) with questions.

The PGP Blog: Meet Aarti Chellakere

Our latest entry introduces the newest member of the PGP team, Aarti Chellakere. Check it out at <http://blogs.olin.edu/pgp>. Next up is a conversation with Jillian Kiser '10 on life at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. [Back to Top](#) 

ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

Olin EXPO and SCOPE EXPO

We invite you to join us in celebrating another year of achievement and exploration at [Olin EXPO](#) and [SCOPE EXPO 2012](#). Day one (**May 14**) will feature work from underclassman at Olin; click [here](#) for a complete schedule of events. Day two (**May 15**) will focus on SCOPE teams presenting their project findings and results; Click [here](#) to access the detailed schedule and [here](#) to access the SCOPE EXPO Program. Both day's activities will include poster sessions, presentations and lunch. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the program.

Commencement 2012

Social with Alumni – Friday, May 18

*From 5:30 – 7:30pm, don't forget to salsa your way under the Oval Tent for tapas and alumni tales. This Spanish-themed social with non-alcoholic sangria, staff, students, faculty, and alumni will satisfy your craving to catch-up and celebrate the Class of 2012 commencement. **All** are asked to [RSVP by Wednesday, May 16](#) to help us plan accordingly (i.e., so we have enough food!). Immediately following this social a strategic planning session (for alumni only) is being held in the Crescent Room until 8:30pm. Refreshments will be served for those not able to attend the social.*

Traffic Alert

The Annual Wonderful Wellesley Weekend including [Wellesley Parade](#) is the same weekend as Olin's Commencement this year. Thus, traffic coming from Rte. 16 and 135 may be a challenge due to this event. Please plan accordingly.

Weekend Welcome and Recognition Event

All graduating seniors and their immediate families are invited to the Inaugural Commencement Weekend Welcome and External Achievement recognition event beginning at **3:30 pm on Saturday, May 19 in the Auditorium**, followed by the **President's Reception from 4-6 pm in the Oval**. Current Olin College staff, faculty and their spouses have also been invited to attend.

For additional details regarding commencement and its corresponding events please click [here](#) or visit <http://commencement.olin.edu/>. [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?

PAB Announces 2012-13 Leadership

Join the Office of Family and Alumni Relations (FAR) in giving a warm welcome to the new officers: Eric Becht, P'13 – chair; Michael Coleman P'15 – chair-elect; and returning secretary/treasurer - Michelle Noglows, P'13. Michael will also continue as Development Committee chair while Colleen Jones P'13 will continue as Events Committee chair. The remaining committees' new leadership includes: Marti Zavala, P'13 for Parent Networking, Susan Homans P'15 for Communication, and Brenda Campbell P'14 for Student Recruitment. These new leadership terms will begin on June 1. More information on these and other PAB members can be found after the new term by visiting the [Parent website](#). Remember, those not on the PAB are encouraged to get involved with Olin parent initiatives. Please visit the [volunteer opportunities](#) sign-up form for details and to express interest.

Again, we thank graduating members and leadership for their service and continued support. What a successful year! We also look forward to staying in touch as alumni parents.

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ATTENTION SOON-TO-BE ALUMNI AND ALUMNI

OAC Announces Newest Alumni Class Representatives

Governed by the Olin Alumni Council (OAC), the Olin Alumni Association welcomes Ananya Kejriwal and Meghan Murray as the 2012 Alumni Reps. They will look out for alumni interests, coordinate alumni events, and serve as liaisons between the alumni class of 2012 and the Olin community. Welcome, Ananya and Meghan and congrats Class of 2012 on your upcoming Commencement!

Seniors Announce Class Gift

The Class of 2012 narrowed their class gift options to three and in the end, the Tools Library Fund prevailed as the most preferred way to show their support, leave a legacy and have impact on the Olin experience as a class. This fund would be used to purchase community tools that Olin students could access and use 24/7 for class or personal projects. The tools would be stored in the library, and a check-out system would track use and inventory/damage of individual tools and kits. Nearly one-third of the class has already shown their support for their alma mater through single and multi-year pledging. The goal for this fiscal year (ending on June 30, 2012) is to increase their class pledging participation rate to more than 75%. Soon-to-be alumni, the clock is ticking... commemorate your commencement by pledging [here](#) (or submitting [this pledge form](#) to the Development office) today!

We need your support! Every Gift Counts!

Thank you to each of you who have made a donation this year! We are 7 weeks away from the end of the fiscal year and need over 200 gifts in order to reach our 80% cash participation goal. Please [donate today](#) (or fulfill your pledge for those who have one) to whatever project you are passionate about. **Every donation moves the needle more than one percentage point for your class!**

Commencement Events!

Olin College Commencement 2012 is upon us! There are some alumni events we'd love to see you at on campus and in Cambridge.

Friday, May 18th

5:30pm-7:30pm - Alumni Tapas Social with the Olin Community (*Tent in Oval*)
See details above in the On Campus Events section. We will be showing a CW inspired slideshow of alumni updates and enthusiastically invite your participation! **Even if you can't make it to the event, we'd love to know what you are up to! You can upload your slide [here](#).** (The slide template can be downloaded [here](#)).

7:30pm-8:30pm Strategic planning session with Alumni (*Crescent Room*)
Attend a moderated strategic planning session to discuss the Olin Alumni Council and learn about its role, current responsibilities and direction for the future. There will be a short presentation from OAC President Erin McCusker followed by break out groups to discuss some important topics to inform the development of the OAC.

Please RSVP [here](#) for Friday's events

Saturday, May 19th

8:00-11:00pm - Alumni Gathering, (Meadhall, Kendall Square, Cambridge)
Hang out in Cambridge with awesome Olin people!
We'll have reserved space at Meadhall, a great bar with an incredible draught beer list and delicious food. Cost of attendance is \$12, including reserved space on the top floor, appetizers, and dessert. We'll have a cash bar and a dedicated bartender. To [RSVP please purchase a ticket on the event page](#). Please **RSVP by Tuesday, May 15**, so we can give the venue a final attendance number.

Sunday, May 20th

2:30pm - Alumni seating for Commencement begins
3:00pm - Commencement 2012!

Watch the Commencement of the Class of 2012, with a reception to follow on the Great Lawn. Please visit the [Alumni Commencement website](#) for additional information.

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KUDOS**Professor Jon Adler Guest Blogging for WBUR Commonwealth Blog**

It's official, after doing several interviews with WBUR (Boston's NPR station) based on his latest research, Professor Jonathan Adler has become a guest blogger for WBUR's Commonwealth blog, his latest entry "How the Media Cover the Brain," can be found [here](#).

Member of Olin Class of 2007 Receives Prestigious Grant

Allison Schmidt '07 has received a National Defense Science and Engineering Grant! She is currently a Ph.D. student in Biomedical Engineering at Duke

University, congratulations Allison!

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JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND MORE...

Bloomenergy – Sunnyvale, CA Diagnostics Architect Intern

Bloomenergy, an energy storage company, has an exceptional internship opportunity for graduate students. [Click here](#) for the complete job description.

AmeriCorps New American Integration Program

The Massachusetts AmeriCorps New American Integration Program is a collaboration between the Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants, the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, and English for New Bostonians. For more information and application instructions please visit [the website](#).

Rockwell Automation – Chelmsford, MA Intern, Commercial Engineer

The Chelmsford office is looking for engineering interns for the summer, and they are specifically seeking applications from Olin students and recent grads. Interested applicants may contact [Guillermo Garcia](#) or apply through [the website](#).

PM Providers – West Boylston, MA Project Consultant, Training Manager

PM Providers is a local Microsoft Provider looking for talented individuals to join their team. For more information [please click here](#).

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NEWS

- ["Olin Engineers Take Design to Dining," Examiner.com](#), May 8, 2012

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TRIVIA

In the previous issue we asked "What animal is the official mascot of SERV? We received several correct responses "The dinosaur" and prizes were awarded to Kelsey Bresseman and Greg Edelston.

Trivia buffs, do you know...

Q: Which three Olin students will be graduating as Grand Challenge Scholars this year?

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

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