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

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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 14, 2013.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Miller to Appear on Innovation Hub Live: College 2.0

On June 4 beginning at 7:00 pm President Miller will participate in WGBH's Innovation Hub Live: College 2.0 hosted by Kara Miller at the Modern Theater in Boston. Tickets and additional information can be found [here](#).

Commencement 2013

Our weekend of commencement activities was a huge success. We kicked things off with a Diners, Drive-Ins and Dining Services themed [alumni social](#) under the tent in the Olin oval; on Saturday a number of seniors, and alumni were recognized during the second annual external achievement celebration (click [here](#) to see the slideshow) which was followed by the President's Reception and the weekend concluded with our commencement ceremony. Links to [photos](#) and [videos](#) can be found on the [commencement website](#); and DVD's of the ceremony are still available to order via [OlinGear](#).

Olin Partners with Top Brazilian Business School

Olin College of Engineering and Insper, a leading Brazilian business school, have signed an agreement for Olin to assist Insper in the creation of a new and innovative engineering school to complement its business program. Olin will provide workshops, consulting and assistance in several academic and operational areas, including program development, faculty hiring and admission. Olin will help Insper create a new curriculum based on pedagogical approaches developed at Olin, especially hands-on learning and entrepreneurial thinking. The new engineering program is scheduled to open in the spring of 2015 on Insper's campus in Sao Paulo. More information can be found [here](#) and a video of the signing can be viewed [here](#).

I2E2 Summer Institutes Begin Next Week

It is time for I2E2's Summer Institute! From June 5-7, we will be joined by 30 faculty members from Brazil, Belgium, Chile, France, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland and the USA (among others). They will participate in **Facilitating Change that Sticks: Becoming an Effective Educational Change Agent**, which we will present in collaboration with Big Beacon. The following week, June 10-14, will bring us 50 faculty participants from Brazil, Chile, Guatemala,

Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Russia, Thailand and the USA for our flagship program, **Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century: Designing for Student Engagement**. If you would like to stop by and observe, please let [Sharon Breitbart](#) know!

In addition, I2E2 continues to host visitors. We will receive Stephen Kosslyn, Founding Dean of The Minerva Project, on Tuesday, June 4.

Olin's first REU/RET Begins

Starting on Monday, June 3, Olin will welcome twelve undergraduate students and two K-12 teachers as the first REU/RET cohort. The goal of the Olin SEER (Summer Experience in Education Research) is to provide undergraduate students and K-12 teachers the opportunity to become part of a learning community in engineering education through collaborative, faculty-mentored research. Please help us make them feel part of the Olin family!

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

On May 21, all Olin employees gathered for the annual Employee Recognition & Appreciation Event, which was designed to recognize Olin employees' dedication to the college. Eleven employees received recognition for their five-year commitment to Olin and ten employees were recognized for their ten-year commitments. Additionally the Outstanding Service award was presented to **William Baez** for his "above and beyond" approach to his work in Facilities!

SERV: A Summary of Service

This year Olin's community service organization, SERV, helped plan, organize, and send volunteers to over 30 events! Students participated in annual activities, such as Race for the Cure, two blood drives, and Hub on Wheels, but also new ones, such as our very own fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, _____ for Life. From the annual SERV auction to smaller kickball tournaments, the Olin community came together to raise money for Minds Matter, Hurricane Sandy victims, and OneFund Boston.

As always, SERV also helped students participate in activities that benefited our local community! During candidate's weekend, hula hoops were made for low-income housing and local schools in Needham. Benches were built for the Dedham Animal Rescue League chapter of Boston. Students also walked in a fashion show for a Domestic Violence Action Committee in Needham, and helped create a meditative labyrinth for Needham's first Luminary Stroll.

These are just a few examples of the many things SERV did this year. We're looking forward to another year of awesome community service projects! If you have any ideas, or wish to see the complete list, please don't hesitate to email [SERV](#).

NEW: Minimum Amount for Online Gifts

There is a \$10 minimum for those who wish to give online. The reason for this is because it costs Olin \$5 to process due to credit card fees. If someone would like to make a smaller gift they can write a check payable to "Olin College" and mail to DFAR Office, Olin College, 1000 Olin Way, Needham, MA 02492. We apologize for the inconvenience this may pose.

Michael McPherson on the Costs & Value of a College Education

Spencer Foundation Chief Speaks on the Value of Higher Education Michael S. McPherson, the president of the Spencer Foundation, spoke about the costs and value of a college education in a speech given as part of the May 10, 2013,

President's Council meeting at Olin College. To view his talk, click [here](#).

Community Directory

Wondering where someone is, what they're doing or want to reach out to them? Access the Community Directory to keep in touch with one another! Previously known as the "Alumni Directory," the Community Directory has been renamed to reflect the all-encompassing users. Over the past couple of weeks we have added faculty and staff to the user groups. We have also invited students to [opt-in](#) to give us permission to add them. Alumni have already had great success using it. '13s, you will soon be added when the rest of your student accounts transition to alumni.

Remember, the Community Directory can be found once logged-on to the [Olin Portal](#), click on "Olin Community Websites" in the left navigation, and then select the link for the Community Directory. A user guide can be found on the Directory main page. Please [email](#) with questions.

Gordon Prize Update

The Gordon Prize is not only great recognition for the past accomplishments of the entire Olin community but also a boost to the College's future endeavors. Prize winnings of \$250,000 will be used to enhance Olin's efforts to revolutionize undergraduate engineering education, including working with other institutions. In addition, Rick Miller, David Kerns and Sherra Kerns have generously donated well over \$100,000 of their personal winnings to Olin to support need-based scholarships, the Moody Professorship Fund and an Academic Equipment Fund for use at the discretion of the Provost in consultation with the faculty. Bill Norden, Chair of Olin's Board of Trustees, thanked the trio for their generosity, commenting "Rick, David and Sherra continue to give selflessly to Olin, which in addition to their deep experience, multiple intelligences and innovative practice is why they won the country's highest recognition for innovation in engineering education."

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OFF-CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

XSITE 2013 - Discounts Available to Olin Community Members

The fifth annual XSITE conference - June 19 at Babson College - will focus on the biggest global opportunities and challenges facing Boston-area innovators. At the conference Xconomy will convene top leaders across sectors in which New England is particularly strong: education, e-commerce, healthtech, big data, security, devices/robotics, mobile software, and social marketing and media. If you're interested in attending this high-spirited event 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?

Parent Giving Reminder: 4 weeks left to make your impact this fiscal year!

The Olin parent community continues to be incredibly generous both in volunteer and financial support. With only 4 weeks to go, we ask you today to [make an immediate impact](#) on Olin by giving a gift that will move the needle by more than 1% in participation. Your contribution (regardless of amount) truly makes a difference at Olin and we could not do our work without the support of our parents and alumni parents. Olin College has a lot to be proud of this year and in the upcoming year there will be some amazing updates to breadth of impact. Don't miss being a part of it by giving a gift today so your gift will be recognized in our Impact Report 2013.

Please give your gift today or fulfill your pledge at Giving.Olin.edu or mail a check to DFAR Office, Olin College, 1000 Olin Way, Needham, MA 02492.

Volunteers Needed to Welcome New Olin Parents

Do you remember what it was like that first summer you were getting ready to send your child to Olin? You were probably very excited, a teeny bit anxious and had lots of questions about important things like “What is the food really like?” and “How will my child get to Logan airport to come home for Thanksgiving?” Hopefully you received a welcoming phone call from another Olin parent who not only reassured you, but who answered your questions.

Well, now it's your turn to do the same for the parents of the Class of 2017. You can help us by volunteering for the Parent Caller Program (PCP) or by adding your name and contact info to the Parent Resource List on the Olin web site. We need as many parents as possible to make these calls. We especially need parents who live on the Pacific coast, in Hawaii and in the Far East to make phone calls. **Can we count on YOU?** Please let us know as soon as possible by emailing the following information to Susan Homans P'15 and Chair of the PAB Communication Committee at sbzh.olin@gmail.com.

- Your name, your email address, your phone number (indicate home, business or cell), your city and state, your Olin student's name(s) and expected graduation year
- Willing to make international calls (perhaps you have Skype)?
- Please indicate if you are fluent in a foreign language in order to contact a non-English speaking parent. Which language(s)?
- Corrections/additions to Parent Resource List?
- Include your phone number on the Parent Resource List?

On behalf of the Parent Advisory Board (PAB), thank you in advance for your help in welcoming the new parents to the Olin Family. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

PAB Announces 2013-14 Leadership and New Members

Join the Office of Family and Alumni Relations (FAR) in giving a warm welcome to the new officers: Mark Burger, P'14 – chair; Michael Coleman P'15 – chair-elect; and secretary/treasurer – Dori Grimshaw, P'15. The following committee chairs will continue in their leadership roles: Marti Zavala, P'13 for Parent Networking, Susan Homans P'15 for Communication, and Brenda Campbell P'14 for Student Recruitment. Michael Coleman will continue as Development chair as we search for his successor. We also welcome two new P'16 members to the PAB: Margaret (Peggy) Jenkins and Daniel (Dan) Cooper. Peggy is the mother of Daniel Leong from Moscow, ID. Dan is the father of Myles Cooper from San Antonio, TX. These 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 P'13s Eric Becht, Colleen Jones, Michelle Noglows and Alumni Parent reps Ray Marra P'10 and P'12, and Trish Hafford P'07 as “graduating” members of the Board and leadership for their service and continued support. What a successful year! We hope you stay in touch and engaged as life-long members of the Olin Family!

Alumni Parents, Interested in Being a PAB Member?

Do you want to become more engaged with the Olin family? Want to give back to your Olin grad's alma mater in various ways? If "yes," read on...We would like to bring on two new members to represent the alumni parents on the [Parent Advisory Board](#), joining current parent members. The alumni parent representative membership is a two-year term starting in June. If you are interested in being a candidate, please visit the [volunteering sign up page](#) on the Parent website. Simply select the PAB membership (and other volunteer opportunities you may be interested in) option and click submit. To aid in the selection process, it would be most helpful if you could also email [Krissy Raposa](#) a brief bio **no later than Friday, June 7**. It will help give us background on who we are working with and what interests they have in Olin's PAB. Please include a few sentences on your background (career, experience, interest in the PAB, etc.). A resume is not necessary. The compiled bios will be shared with the rest of the PAB the following week. Feel free to contact any of the current [PAB members](#) if you have questions.

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ATTENTION ALUMNI

New Class of 2013 Olin Alumni Council Representatives

Hannah Sarver and Margaret-Ann Seger have been elected by their class to serve as the Class of 2013 Representatives to the Olin Alumni Council. For more alumni information, visit www.olinalumni.org.

Jerzy Wieczorek '06 Weds

On April 13, Jerzy Wieczorek '06 married Hilary Watts in the company of family and friends including several Olin classmates. Although Hilary grew up just down the street from Olin in Dedham, the couple met in the Washington, DC area where they now live. This summer they will be moving to Pittsburgh, PA, as Jerzy begins a Ph.D. program in Statistics at Carnegie Mellon.



Alumni Giving Reminder: 1 month left to stay at #1!! Your gift today gets us closer to 78% participation!

Each of you has enabled Olin to have unsurpassed Alumni Participation across the country and we thank you! As you know, this year our goal is to continue

with this remarkable achievement by staying at 78% alumni participation. Unfortunately, with only 4 weeks to go before the fiscal year comes to a close, **alumni cash participation is only at 18%** where last year alumni cash participation was at 38% and you all brought in another 40% by June 30th. We know you can do it this year! Please give your gift today or fulfill your pledge at Giving.Olin.edu or mail a check to DFAR Office, Olin College, 1000 Olin Way, Needham, MA 02492.

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JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND MORE...

Microsoft –Redmond, WA

Hardware Division

Microsoft is working on revolutionizing consumer electronic devices. The team that incubated Kinect and profoundly changed the way people interact with technology is forming a product development team to change the world again! As part of Microsoft's Interactive Entertainment Business, we are growing team of experienced device product developers, working in a startup environment on redefining experiences by making technology disappear. We are developing ground-breaking hardware, software and experiences across computer vision, machine learning, human-computer interaction, image and video processing, networking and graphics. We will transform our ideas into reality through shipping a first-to-market product. Electrical and Mechanical Engineers as well as Product Managers are needed. For more information please [click here](#). Please note: these are sample job descriptions, years of experience are suggestions. Interested applicants should contact Mark Dixon at markdixo@microsoft.com.

Boston Children's Hospital

Optical Equipment Research Engineer I

Under the direction of Principle Investigators, the Optical Equipment Research Engineer I will work with manufacturer and investigators to optimize the optical equipment used in the lab's research. The incumbent will work to improve and optimize optical, data collection capabilities by maintaining and modifying the equipment and software used in the project. The Optical Equipment Research Engineer I will interact with both study subjects and researchers. The Optical Equipment Research Engineer I will achieve success by demonstrating technical application of engineering concepts, productive project management skills, diligence in moving tasks and analyses forward within deadlines, clear and positive communication skills, effective collaboration skills, and leadership competencies. Leadership elements include timely and professional communication, judgment, team-building, and problem-solving skills that positively influence the overall hospital's missions.

Additional Job Details

- Maintaining and modifying the equipment, including electronics and software
- Developing new software
- Interfacing with subjects, engineers, neuroscientists and Doctors
- Some knowledge of signal processing
- In collaboration with investigators, you will participate in experiments, designing protocols and providing statistical data summaries.
- **Bachelor's degree in Science or Engineering and strong interest in retinal imaging and optics preferred.**

The complete job description can be found [here](#) search for job #29720.

TRIVIA

In the previous issue we asked "In what year was [this](#) photo taken?" Jay Gantz was the first to respond correctly answering 2003.

Trivia buffs, do you know...

Q: Can you name the past three winners of Olin's Outstanding Service Award?

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