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The Link: Olin's Campus-Wide E-Bulletin November 30, 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 **November 14, 2012.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunity to have your Headshot (re)Done - December 10

Michael Maloney will be on campus 12/10 to shoot headshots. First and second year students along with any faculty or staff highed in the last six months should come get their picture taken. Click [here](#) to sign-up sheet. 10 people every 15 minutes, pictures at the wooden waterfall.

Give Thanks to Olin

With the holidays in full swing and everyone reflecting on blessings we have, please remember Olin and the impact the College has had on you and your family. You can make a [one-time gift](#) or a [recurring gift today](#) and your contribution will not only help us maintain record-breaking participation rates but also demonstrate your support as we execute the strategic plan for Decade Two. *Together we will carry out the mission of preparing students to become exemplary engineering educators who recognize needs, design solutions, and engage in creative enterprise for the good of the world.*

WHERE IS ROD?!

From the co-conspirators in the Office of Student Life we bring you Olin's version of 'Where's Waldo.' Be the first to snap a photo with you and Rod's look-alike statue and post it on Facebook or tumblr and you'll win special OSL/StAR Center high-fives and a random OSL t-shirt from the past (for example, an x-small honor board tshirt from 2009). The statue will be hidden on campus with each new edition of The Link and he may be in disguise. Keep a sharp eye out for our soon-to-retire Dean of Student Life look-a-like! Post your pictures and follow the thread on [tumblr](#) or [Facebook](#).

End of Semester Reminders and Departure Notes

With the end of the semester coming upon us quickly, Student Life recently sent students [departure notes](#) about keys, parking, storage, mail forwarding, etc... so that they can begin planning. All further inquiries can be directed to Assistant Dean [Nick Tatar](#). Donation bins will also be set-up in the East Hall 1 lounge at the end of the semester to collect books and clean clothing.

Attention Alumni and Parents!

Candidates' Weekends 2013 are right around the corner and volunteer Alumni

and Parents are needed to answer questions from prospective students and their parents and to introduce them to the greater Olin family. Please consider coming to Olin and participating in one of the Candidates' Weekends this winter. The weekends are February 15-16, February 22-23 and March 1-2. They begin with registration on Friday afternoon and end with dinner on Saturday evening.

If you are a Parent, please respond to [Brenda D. Campbell](#).

If you are an Alumnus/a, please respond to [Kate Caulfield](#) in the Office of Admission.

Please include the following (with “**Olin Candidates' Weekend 2013**”) in **subject line**.

1. Your best contact phone number
2. Your email address
3. Which weekend will work best for you
4. If you would be interested in being part of the Parent/Alumni Panel
5. The year of your child's graduation or your graduation

SALE: Family Weekend T-shirts



Didn't have a chance to purchase one during the Weekend? Looking for a holiday gift idea? You're in luck! We have a limited number of Family Weekend t-shirts remaining. Please email [Krissy](#) if you're interested in purchasing one at a discounted price of \$12 each or 2 for \$20! Checks can be made out to "Olin College" with "Family Weekend t-shirt" in the memo line and sent to "Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering Olin Way Needham, MA 02492 attn: Krissy Raposa". Remember: all proceeds support the Senior Class particularly their senior week expenses.

12E2 update

The semester is winding down, yet the guests continue! In the next couple of weeks we'll host visitors from the Harvard University's Kennedy School (12/4) and The Webb Schools, college-prep boarding schools located in Claremont, CA (12/13). Please let [Sharon Breitbart](#) know if you'd like to be involved!

The PGP Blog

2012 Alum Kevin Simon chimes in this week on the importance of humility and his work in the design world. Check it out at <http://blogs.olin.edu/pgp/> Want to be an occasional writer for the PGP Blog? Have great video/photos about your summer experience you would like to share? Email [Sally](#) or [Suzanne](#).

HR-Related Policies and Newsletters

The updated Olin College sexual harassment policy can be found [here](#) and a link to the sexual misconduct brochure can be found [here](#). Also an updated Drug & Alcohol Policy for Olin can be found [here](#). Lastly, please click [here](#) to read the December 2012 Prevention and Wellness *Living Healthy* Newsletter covering **Holiday Weight-Losing It and Keeping It Off**.

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ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

Olin EXPO Fall 2012 - Monday, December 17

The faculty, students and staff of Olin College of Engineering warmly invite you to attend the “Olin Exposition: a Celebration of Student Learning” on Monday, December 17.

Projects will be presented in poster sessions, oral presentation sessions and artistic performances. There will be a wide range of topics, including both technical and non-technical subject matter. Detailed information about student presentations and topics will be available by December 12 at www.olin.edu/events.

If you plan to attend an [RSVP](#) by December 12 is appreciated, however it is not required. We hope you are able to join us!

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OLIN FAMILIES, DID YOU KNOW?

New Facebook Page: Olin College Parents

When alumni are asked what they miss the most about Olin, they usually say “the people.” When prospective students are asked what they like best about Olin, they usually say “because there are students there like me”. When students come home and inquiring minds want to know what they like best about Olin...you guessed it, the people. The Olin Community is like none other. There really is a family vibe.

The students keep that vibe fresh by interacting with each other at school and texting, skyping, IMing and the like during breaks. Well parents, it is our turn. The Parent Advisory Board (PAB) set up its own Facebook group, **Olin College Parents**, which is an easy and fun way for parents to interact with each other in an informal way. It is a **closed** group which means only requests from current and alumni parents will be accepted to join. Non-members will not be able to see anything posted by members. Members will not be able to see anything posted on your personal Facebook page unless you both agree to “friend” each other or if your privacy settings allow others to have access.

Please contact [Susan Homans](#), chair of the PAB Communication Committee, to request membership through a personalized link or if you have any questions, suggestions, etc.

Reminder: Join the Olin Group on Linked In

Did you know there is a Linked In group for the Olin community? If you are already a Linked In User, then join the Olin group and offer advice and job leads to alumni and students in need! If you aren’t a Linked In member, here is your chance to find out what it is about.

Linked In is the ideal place to share an Olin job, internship or networking advice or leads. Our group is called [Franklin W Olin College of Engineering group](#), and we need parents and professional contacts to use it. If we can build more of a professional base of regular users, we’ll have better luck getting students and alumni to use it. Do a search on Groups and you’ll find it, then ask to join and one of the moderators will let you in.

Here are just a few examples of how it might be used:

“Student looking for an ME internship in the LA area – suggestions?”

“Our company is hiring BioE’s in Chicago – Olin students and alumni would be perfect here - here is the link...”

Specifically, Sally Phelps of Olin’s Office of Post Graduate Planning is always looking for leads in different geographical areas (outside of New England, but

new leads there are OK too), including international locations. Also, disciplines such as ME, EE, BioE, Materials, Robotics are always welcome. Any questions? Contact [Sally](#).

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ATTENTION ALUMNI

Participate in the 2012-2013 Alumni Holiday Card Exchange!

Hey Alumni- In case you didn't see the recent email sent out, you should [sign up](#) to participate in the annual Alumni Holiday Card Exchange. Why?

- 1) You need an excuse to use those awesome Pixar stamps.
- 2) You really love drawing pictures of snowmen.
- 3) You miss the chance encounters with classmates in the dining hall.

The card exchange combines these into one awesome activity; you get semi-randomly assigned other Olin alums who will send cards to and/or receive cards from you. Sign up by Sunday, December 2, 2012, when the form will close. We'll then do some code magic, generate your card exchange matches, and send out the appropriate emails.

Happy December Eve! Jessi and the rest of the OAC

Please email jessi@jessimurray.com if you have any more questions about the card exchange.

You're Invited! Dec 3rd



Alumni Mixer / Happy Hour @ Petit Robert Central

Join host Kevin Tostado ('06) and fellow alumni from Olin, Wellesley, MIT, Brandeis, Emerson and Bentley for a few drinks after work! Come celebrate inter-college relations and make new friends!

Monday, Dec 3rd

5:30 – 8 PM

Petit Robert Central

101 Arch St, Boston, MA

(Entrance at 34 Summer St.)

Public Transit: Located directly above the Downtown Crossing station, which is on Red & Orange lines.

Parking: Discounted parking is available at The Hyatt Regency Boston Parking Garage located at One Avenue de Lafayette. With our validation stamp, parking is \$10 all night after 4 p.m.

Please RSVP on Facebook to help us with our head count.

Brought to you by the Events Committee of the Olin Alumni Council in conjunction with Wellesley College Alumni of Boston.

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JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND MORE...

EnergySavvy- Seattle, WA

Technical Program Manager

This message is from Jason Curtis '12 who is currently at EnergySawy...."We're still looking for new hires for PMs, Devs, and client engagement folks, *immediately* and for the foreseeable future. The biggest thing we need is more people like Oliners who want to help America (seriously, that's the scale we're aiming for here) be more energy efficient." The new Technical Program Manager listing can be [found here](#).

University of Kent – Canterbury, England

Developer/Researcher

Two positions open in the Programming Education Tools Group within the Computer Science Research Group. New hires will likely work on Greenfoot and BlueJ. [Click here](#) for the complete description.

Ford Motor Company

Engineers

We look forward to hearing from any of Olin College's esteemed graduates. If

anyone who builds a profile and expresses their interest in positions on the Ford Careers site, their resume and credentials will be reviewed by our Ford Recruiting team and possibly contacted directly by phone for screening by our leadership team for review and a potential interview. Additionally, applicants may inquire on the status of their application, by contacting Larry Hart, Staffing Consultant, at Ford Motor Company. He can be reached easily by email at LHART40@ford.com. Please be sure to have any of the interested parties input the following phrase in the subject line: **Olin College Applicant** Complete job description can be [found here](#).

**2013 MATE/UNOLS Six-Month Internship
R/V Knorr at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the R/V
Walton Smith at the University of Miami
Deadline: January 4**

This spring/summer (mid-February – August 2013), the MATE Center and the University National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) fleet will sponsor one marine technical internship onboard two research vessels: *R/V Knorr* and *R/V Walton Smith* (<http://www.unols.org/info/vessels.htm>). Interns will work with marine technicians on shore and at sea, learning how to operate and maintain a variety of scientific and navigational equipment in support of shipboard scientific research. The internship will begin in Cape Town, South Africa, on the *R/V Knorr*. The exact schedule through August will be determined before the acceptance date, but will involve work on the *R/V Knorr* and the *R/V Walton Smith*. Internship projects will be dependent on the funded science but previous interns have worked on projects ranging from chemical oceanography, marine biology, GIS/bathymetric surveys (seafloor mapping), geological studies, work with ROVs and much more! The position will last 6 months, and students will receive a stipend of \$500 per week, reimbursement for travel expenses, and on station housing while ashore. Application details can be [found here](#).

The MAHI Lab at Rice University (<http://mahilab.rice.edu>) expects to have at least one open funded position for a graduate student entering in Fall 2013. The student will participate in an exciting collaborative research project on the design and control of robotic exoskeletons with applications in clinical rehabilitation and potential applications for long-duration space flight countermeasures, in collaboration with NASA Johnson Space Center's Dexterous Robotics Lab. The project will primarily involve the design of an upper extremity exoskeleton, followed by implementation of control algorithms for upper extremity movements (with a focus on shoulder and elbow). The movements, facilitated by the robotic exoskeleton, could be aimed at rehabilitation after brain/spinal cord injury, or to prevent loss of bone and muscle mass often experienced during extended exposure to microgravity. The recruited student will be expected to work closely with the DRL on these activities, including spending meaningful periods of time embedded in the DRL. This effort is aimed at extending the DRL's existing efforts in exoskeletons (see <http://er.jsc.nasa.gov/er4/> for more information).

**blueEnergy – Bluefields, Nicaragua
Service Learning Internship Summer 2013**

blueEnergy provides students with a first-hand look at the internal operations and in the field projects of an international NGO and allows students to explore what it means to become a social entrepreneur. Bluefields, Nicaragua is located on the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua and serves as an incredible off campus classroom for students, who quickly discover that unearthing economic strategies for social impact, while working in an area of the world with little infrastructure and broken markets comes with great challenge and requires creative solutions. Since 2004, blueEnergy has worked to

provide energy access, water and sanitation solutions to the most isolated poor in this region of Nicaragua. As the "first in" to this area of the world, blueEnergy is paving the way and creating a foundation with hopes that market based solutions will soon find a place to thrive. Through this work, blueEnergy seeks to build a pipeline of leaders capable of tackling complex global issues to create a more equitable, sustainable world. [Click here](#) for more information.

Design by Educators, Inc. – Cambridge, MA Software Engineer

Design by Educators has just closed on their first round of funding for their new product and they would like to transition to an in house developer. [Click here](#) for more info on the company and its products as well as contact information.

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NEWS

- "[Drone Boats Chase Targets. Titles in SailBot Regatta](#)," November 20, 2012, *Wired.com*
- "[From Consumption to Creation: A New Way to Think About Ownership in Engineering Education](#)," November 19, 2012, *Huffington Post*

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TRIVIA

In the previous issue we asked "Which residence hall room in East Hall has a significantly shorter door than all the other doors?" Kelsey Breseman was the first to respond correctly, EH305.

Trivia buffs, do you know...

Q: How much money, in total, has SERV raised to date? The guess that is the closest to the actual answer will win!

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

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