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The Link: Olin's Campus-Wide E-Bulletin October 5, 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 **October 19, 2012.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



This wonderful and fast-paced evening will include great opportunities to celebrate Olin in action, including an IMPACT Lab where you can see first-hand the innovative efforts of our students, alumni and faculty, as well as sample "molecular gastronomy" food and drink. Space is limited, please [register today!](#)
 * *This event is a part of Family Weekend*

Innovation Fund Grant – Proposals Due October 12

With support from the Mellon Foundation, last year Presidents Bottomly, Schlesinger, and Miller launched the *Mellon Presidential Innovation Project Fund*, available to members of the Three-College community for projects that will enhance the collaboration and the overall student experience. Students, faculty and staff are invited to submit project **proposals by October 12, 2012** via this form, which can be returned to either Joanne (Joanne.Kossuth@olin.edu) or Janice (yellin@babson.edu). Click here for additional information.

ABET Visit - October 21-23

A four-person review team from [ABET](#) will be visiting Olin beginning on October 21, to review our three engineering programs. Here's what it means to you!

Students: The ABET team would like to meet with students from each of our degree program email will be sent to students inviting them to meetings with the review team.

Faculty: Many of you have already heard about scheduling meetings with the ABET team. Linda Miller will follow up to determine the best meeting times for you.

Staff: A huge thanks to all the staff behind the scenes that have been supporting our preparation for ABET. Additional logistical support will likely be needed as

we get closer to the visit, and folks will be contacted as needed.

Additional communication will follow. Please contact [Jessica Townsend](#) or [Jeremy Goodman](#) with questions.

Argosy Collaborative Faculty Exchange: Applications Sought!

Next fall, in partnership with the Argosy Foundation, Olin will debut an innovative faculty exchange program. The **Argosy Collaborative Faculty Exchange** is designed to catalyze educational innovation through cross-campus collaboration. We are currently soliciting applications from engineering educators and their institutions, so please help spread the word! For more info click [here](#).

Upcoming I2E2 Visits

In the next two weeks we look forward to welcoming visitors from the World Bank-Iraq Fellowship Program (Oct 16-17) and St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, (Oct 18). As usual, if you'd like to be involved, please contact [Sharon Breitbart](#).

LivingHealthy Newsletter

Click [here](#) to read Blue Cross Blue Shield's October Prevention and Wellness newsletter with tips on how to live a healthy lifestyle.



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ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

Fall Open House - October 21

The Admission Office will be hosting its annual Fall Open House on October 21 and would like to know if anyone is interested in helping with the day. They are seeking tour guides, greeters, parent panelists, alumni, faculty and current students to run activities. If you are able to volunteer, please email info@olin.edu with your preference and we will get back to you.

Family Weekend + DECADE ONE Reminder

Join us as Olin reunites for our annual Family Weekend fest and DECADE ONE celebration! Family Weekend will begin with registration at 4 pm on Friday, October 26. This is the perfect occasion for families to spend quality time with their students while visiting campus. The detailed schedule is available on the [Family Weekend website](#) and includes information about our special DECADE ONE celebration! The entire weekend will be filled with presentations, performances and project demos as well as fall festivities, fabulous food and more. Family Weekend will conclude at noon on Sunday, October 28. An invitation to Family Weekend and DECADE ONE was distributed to all current Olin Parents and current Olin students last Friday. The email came from our new event management system, CVENT. If you missed the email, please click [here](#) to RSVP. We hope to see you there! ([iCal](#))

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OFF-CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

Retirement on the Line Book Signing – October 18

Join Professor Caitrin Lynch for an inspiring talk and book signing on Thursday, October 18 at 7pm in the Druker Auditorium at the Newton Free Library. She will be presenting her new book, entitled [Retirement on the Line](#). Click [here](#) to learn

more.

Babson Food Day – October 23 and 24

Food is everybody's business – so Babson Food Days is for everyone. This event is come-when-you-can, FREE, and open to the public. Our MC Babson Entrepreneur-in-Residence [Andrew Zimmern](#) (of *Bizarre Foods* fame) has helped us attract celebrity-tier talent to campus for this nationally-recognized, event. (Agenda is [here](#) if you'd like to see the all-star line-up.)

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OLIN FAMILIES, DID YOU KNOW?

Summer Party Success Highlights

This summer's parties gathered 561 Oliners in 27 parties around the world. This year was the first time that **2** parties were hosted outside the US in the same summer: Taiwan and Singapore. Current students attended in larger numbers than ever with 132 attending parties. We had two parties that were the biggest EVER: Cambridge with 61 attending and Palo Alto with 59. Four (4) parties were hosted or co-hosted by alumni, with 3 additional parties hosted by alumni parents. California hosted the most parties, 4, with Texas second with 3. Family member attendance was up for this year and new student attendance was steady. We had our first Olin "Folk Music Jam" at an Olin party in Connecticut. We thank those who were able to attend and hope you had an enjoyable time. We appreciate our hosts kindness and generosity; these parties wouldn't happen without you! Lastly, we send our greatest gratitude to PAB Events Chair Colleen Jones and her husband Barry for all their hard work and dedication for coordinating such a successful program again this year.

Calling All P'16 s – Join the Parent Advisory Board

[The Parent Advisory Board](#) would like to bring on two members to represent the parents of the class of 2016. 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. You can also learn more at Family Weekend during the Parent Involvement Reception (note this is on Sunday this year). To aid in the selection process, it would be most helpful if you could also email [Krissey](#) a brief bio **no later than (Nov. 2)**. 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 by the end of that week. These bios will also be used to help with the selection process when we bring on two more members next spring. Feel free to contact any of the current [PAB members](#) if you have questions.

Calendar Clarification

For parents booking flights for their students, students can leave for winter session on the *evening* of December 17 or anytime up to 5 p.m. on the 19th. As the [Academic Calendar](#) mentions, the residence halls re-open on January 20 at 5 p.m. and classes begin on January 22.

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ATTENTION ALUMNI

Reunion Recap and Thank You

From reminiscing to catching up, making blankets for babies in Honduras to playing lawn games and hanging out in Boston to so much more, Reunion Weekend was a blast! Congrats again to the class of 2007 on celebrating 5-years since graduation! Remarkably, 75% of your class participated in this

milestone event. More than 100 other alumni, guests, students, faculty and staff joined in the festivities too. Many thanks to the '07 Reunion Committee for all your hard work and making the Weekend so much fun. For those who missed it, check out the [Alumni 2007 CW and Now Slideshow](#) and special [welcome message from President Miller](#). Stay tuned for pictures and more!

Pearl Donohoo Weds

On Sunday, September 2 Pearl Donohoo ('07) and Paul Vallett were married in the presence of friends and family in Fairfax, Vermont! The Donohoo-Valletts now live in Boulder, Colorado, where both are working on their doctoral dissertations.



Katie Kavett Receives Outstanding Stage Manager Award

On September 24, Katie Kavett '09 received the 2012 New York Innovative Theatre Award for Outstanding Stage Manager! The Innovative Theater award program is in its seventh year and this was the fourth year a Stage Manager was recognized. The award was presented to Katie in front a full audience at the Kaye Playhouse at Hunter College. Click [here](#) to watch Katie's acceptance speech (Rob Martello & FWOP, you may be particularly interested)!

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KUDOS

Olin in USA Today!

On September 24 an article titled "[Teaching for the Future: Engineers pursue big projects](#)," appeared in *USA Today*. President Miller was interviewed for the article and is quoted throughout; additionally Olin is lauded for its hands-on approach to engineering education. Please take a few minutes to read through this article and share it with anyone you think might be interested.

LittleBonsai Launches reBrush

Classmates and LittleBonsai founders Ollie Haas and Jake Felser have just launched reBrush, an ecofriendly line of toothbrushes with replaceable heads and handles made of wood or aluminum that last for months, if not years. The Boston Globe recently interviewed the duo, click [here](#) to read the article. Congrats Ollie & Jake!



Professor Allen Downey Publishes New Textbook

It all began in 1991 with a book called "How to Think Like a Computer Scientist" that Downey, dissatisfied with existing textbooks, created for his classes. He began refining it through student feedback and eventually, he self-published the book via his own outlet, Green Tea Press. From here the book took on a life of its own, inspiring both "Think Stats" and "Think Complexity." The latest title in the series, "Think Python," has just been published by O'Reilly Media. Downey estimates there are 10 - 20 books in circulation based on his original tome, and they are in use in some 200 colleges and high schools around the world—including Olin.



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JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND MORE...

The UPMC Technology Development Center (TDC) - Pittsburgh, PA Senior Designer

The TDC is a fast growing, interdisciplinary development group with unprecedented access to one of the nation's leading integrated health systems. As the Senior Designer, you will join a human-centered design group developing compelling new experiences for doctors, nurses, patients, providers, and families. The design group is a critical part of the TDC's process. As such, you will play an integral role in leading human-centered design, research, and analysis toward building some of the most innovative health solutions today. If you are passionate about helping to make the world a better place, and the skills to actually make it happen then learn more at

http://bit.ly/SrDesigner_2022054. Anna von Reden '09 is also more than happy to answer any questions at vonreden@upmc.edu.

Pearson Leadership Development Program

Deadline: October 15th (Applications accepted on a rolling basis, apply ASAP!)

[Pearson](#), the world's leading learning company, has created an exciting and challenging 24-month rotational program designed to create a pipeline for future Pearson leaders. Through the Pearson Leadership Development Program, participants progress through two twelve-month rotations across Pearson businesses, functions, and locations. All Pearson Leadership Development Program Associates will be challenged with key responsibilities, given opportunities for advancement, and work closely with senior executives. Pearson aspires to be "always learning" in everything we do, and we invite you to join us in our mission. [Click here](#) for instructions and an application.

USC Viterbi School of Engineering – Los Angeles, CA

Graduate Engineering Preview Day – Friday, October 26th

The Preview Day is a great opportunity for prospective students to learn more about pursuing graduate studies in engineering. Students who are completing a Bachelor's degree in engineering, math, or hard science (such as physics, chemistry, biology) are welcome to attend. [Learn more about Preview Day and register](#).

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TRIVIA

In the previous issue we asked "Which 2011 Olin alum appeared on Jeopardy this week?" A new record was set with four students answering correctly, Dan Elg, just one minute after the Link was distributed!

brTrivia buffs, do you know...

Q: What two members of the Olin community are citrus growers with orange groves located near each other and both with oranges that end up in the same cartons of Florida's Natural Orange juice?

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

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