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## The Link: Olin's Campus-Wide E-Bulletin November 16, 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](mailto:Announcements@olin.edu)**

The next edition of **The Link** will be available on **November 30, 2012.**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Olin is Co-hosting Sailbot 2013

Olin has partnered with the City of Gloucester to co-host the 7th International Sailbot competition on June 9-13, 2013, in Gloucester, Mass. The contest challenges student teams to design and build robotic sailboats capable of five on-water challenges which test the speed, maneuverability and navigational capabilities within the environmental variables. The deadline for teams to indicate an intention to compete in the regatta is **February 15, 2013**. Please visit the [2013 Sailbot website](#) for additional information and pass along this opportunity to anyone you think might be interested in participating.

### Film Crews Document Olin's Innovative Approach

Two film crews were on campus—one last week and one this week—shooting interviews and footage for planned documentaries on educational innovation. Last week brought producer Vicki Abeles of Reel Link films to campus. Abeles produced the 2010 documentary "Race to Nowhere," about hyper-competitiveness and obstacles to learning in traditional education. This week saw a crew from One Potato Productions on campus working on a feature about ground-breaking learning programs inspired by the recent book by Harvard educator Tony Wagner called "Creating Innovators." The Marketing/Communication office, which facilitated the crews' access to Olin, would like to thank the Olin community for their patience during the filming.

### Michael E. Moody Faculty Chair Named

It is our pleasure to announce that Professor Helen Donis-Keller will be the inaugural holder of the Michael E. Moody faculty chair. Helen embodies what Mike Moody valued most – rigorous scholarship, unbounded curiosity and appreciation for aesthetics. An internationally recognized scientist and artist, Helen received a Ph.D. from Harvard University in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology as well as an MFA from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts and Tufts University. Before coming to Olin, she held academic positions in the School of Medicine of Washington University as well as leadership positions at Collaborative Research, Inc. and Biogen, Inc. She has received numerous grants for her scientific work and awards for her art contributions. Helen has a long list of recognitions, including an honorary doctorate from her alma mater, Lakehead University. Helen Donis-Keller has had a profound impact at Olin, not only in the

science curricula but also as the embodiment of the visual arts. She has been an active member of the community and is an exemplar of faculty service. Helen and Mike also shared a strong mutual admiration as people and as scholars. This personal connection makes this inaugural appointment even more special. Please join us in congratulating [Helen](#).

#### **Reminder from the Student Accounts & Records Center**

Spring 13 bills are due on December 3, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Loretta Dinon.

#### **Upcoming I2E2 Visits**

The days before Thanksgiving are quiet, but in the following week we'll see folks from Northeastern (11/27), Bridgewater State (11/28) and The Academy of Singapore Teachers (11/30). As usual, please let [Sharon Breitbart](#) know if you'd like to be involved!

#### **The PGP Blog: Doing More than Just Working**

Check out Ellen Chisa's post 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](#).

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### **OFF-CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS**

#### **Wellness Program at Babson: Learn to Meditate**

On Tuesday, December 4, from 12-1 pm, Richard Geller of [MedWorks Corporate Meditation Programs](#) will teach a class on Learning to Meditate at Babson. Meditation is one of the best ways to reduce stress, improve your health and productivity, and generate an overall sense of well-being. You will learn: how meditation works, several simple yet powerful meditation techniques, and strategies for integrating meditation into your daily life. Upon completing this class, you will be able to practice meditation anytime, anywhere that stress occurs, and immediately feel the benefits. You will also take home a Meditation Guide to help you use the skills learned on a regular basis. You will need to eat either before or after the class since the program requires a quiet environment. Participants sit in chairs and wear normal attire. If you are interested in signing up please send an email to [hr@babson.edu](mailto:hr@babson.edu).

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### **OLIN FAMILIES, DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **REMINDER: Family Weekend Survey**

Family Weekend and Decade One celebration were A-M-A-Z-I-N-G. It wouldn't have been such a great success without your participation nor the help of our dedicated volunteers.



Your feedback is important to us. We're grateful for the positive remarks and ideas that have been shared thus far. To help us improve on future years planning, please take a few

minutes to complete this brief online survey. We appreciate the courtesy of your

submission **by noon on Tuesday, November 20, 2012**, at which time the results will be tallied.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OlinFamilyWeekend2012>

Again, thank you for your time in completing this survey. It was wonderful seeing all of you. For those families who were unable to attend, we hope you can join us for future events! Stay tuned to [Olin's Flickr page](#) for many more pictures to come.

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## KUDOS

### **Olin College is Founding Member of First-of-its-Kind \$15M USAID grant**

Olin has been selected by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) as a founding member of the Higher Education Solutions Network— a new, groundbreaking partnership among seven top American and foreign universities designed to develop innovative solutions to global development challenges. Olin faculty members [Benjamin Linder](#) and [Oscar Mur-Miranda](#), co-principal investigators of the grant, will use the Olin funds to engage undergraduate students in research, create novel engineering curricula, provide internship opportunities and facilitate summits, as well as participate in the network. They will also strengthen Olin's [Affordable Design and Entrepreneurship \(ADE\)](#) program. Please click [here](#) to learn more..

## **SERVice Success!**

This has been an incredibly busy semester for SERV! As many of you already know, with the help of your generosity, SERV raised more than \$10,000 during its annual auction. The money will be split between Minds that Matter and Hurrican Sandy Relief efforts. Additionally, SERV partnered with Needham Clergy Association to create Needham's first Luminary Stroll, a fundraising effort for a new community center. In the words of one of the lead coordinators... "The Luminary Stroll was an incredible success. I am very impressed every time I get the chance to work with Olin students. They are mature, responsible, and knock my socks off. Olin is doing something right.... a lot right."



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## **JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND MORE...**

### **Design by Educators – Cambridge, MA**

Quick Key is a smartphone app for teachers that uses optical mark recognition technology to grade quizzes simply by scanning them with a phone's camera.

Quick Key is created by Design by Educators, Inc. (DBE), a Cambridge, MA - based start-up founded by a Babson MBA alumnus and a veteran teacher. DBE is working with a top-tier software developer to make Quick Key, but has no internal IT staff. The Company is looking to build an internal IT capability at several levels and domains, including: consultants, employees, and advisers in the domains of software IP, iOS and/or Android coding, UX design, Web and Cloud services. DBE recently raised a Round A financing to complete the prototype of Quick Key, and will be developing the beta of Quick Key in the spring/summer. For more information about DBE and Quick Key, please contact Isaac D. Van Wesep, Co-Founder & President, at 617-233-6363 or [isaac.d.vanwesep@me.com](mailto:isaac.d.vanwesep@me.com)

### **QinetiQ North America – Waltham, MA Mechanical Engineer**

Minimum of 4 years experience; Experience in designing a fielded finished product; Solidworks OR Pro Engineer ; Worked in a process and schedule driven environment

You can view the full job description and apply online by clicking on either job # [2012-30654](#) and/or [2012-31135](#).

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### **NEW FACES @ OLIN**

- **Mr. Pito Salas** will be joining Olin as a **Visiting Lecturer in Entrepreneurship** for the Spring semester, which starts January 1 through May 31, 2013. Office and phone extension to be determined.
- **Ms. Sarah Bloomer** will be joining Olin as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Design for the Spring semester, which starts January 1 through May 31, 2013. Office and phone extension to be determined.
- **Dr. Jeffrey Carruthers** will be joining Olin as a **Visiting Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering** for the Spring semester, which starts January 1 through May 31, 2013. Office and phone extension to be determined.

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### **NEWS**

- "[A gamble in higher ed: Olin College Celebrates 10 Years](#)," November 9, 2012, *Needham Times*

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### **TRIVIA**

In the previous issue we asked "In what year did Olin's founding faculty arrive to being creating our unique educational program?" Asa Eckert-Erdheim was the first to respond correctly, Olin faculty began in 2000.

#### **Trivia buffs, do you know...**

**Q:** Which residence hall room in East Hall has a significantly shorter door than all the other doors?

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

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