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The Link: Olin's Campus-Wide E-Bulletin February 10, 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 **February 24, 2012.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Suggestions -- Main Speaker at Commencement '13 and Beyond

Members of the Olin community are invited to add names of potential speakers to the Commencement Steering Committee's working list. Suggestions may be sent to Dean Rod Crafts (rod.crafts@olin.edu) and should include your rationale, any relationship your nominee may have to Olin, and if you have any special connection to the nominee that would facilitate our contacting her or him.

Winter Town Meeting Now Available on YouTube

Please visit the Olin College YouTube channel by click [here](#) to watch a recording of last week's Town Hall meeting.

Recyclemania 2012

The facilities team at Olin has prepared to compete in [Recyclemania](#) for the third year in a row. The dates for this years' competition are Sunday, February 5 through Saturday, March 31. Please help by reading the number on the bottom of containers to see if they can be recycled. A list of what can be recycled as well as additional information can be found [here!](#) We have a reputation to uphold having won the 2010 award for the most paper recycled and 2011 award for the most bottles and cans recycled and we're competing against local schools including Wellesley, Babson, Brandeis, MIT and WPI.

SENIORS, SAVE THE DATE: 2012 Hours 'Til Graduation Countdown Party

The countdown has begun, Class of 2012, so let's start celebrating this soon-to-be alumni tradition! This Senior Class event, sponsored by the Office of Family and Alumni Relations, "2012 Hours 'til Graduation Countdown" will be held on **Monday, February 27** from **9-11:00pm** in **Roger's Pub @ Babson**. More details to come. This is a *seniors only* event. E-mail [Krissy Raposa](mailto:Krissy.Raposa) or your senior class reps [Connor](#) and [Natalie](#) with questions.

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OFF-CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS



CARNIVAL Experience Brazilian Culture & Dance
Monday, February 13 · 4:15pm-7:30pm · Knight Auditorium

Presentations:

- Brazilian Embassy: Hosting 2016 Rio Janeiro Olympic Games & 2014 Soccer World Cup
- Brazilian Babson students: Globetrotter about Brazil

Dance:

- Professional performances of Samba & Forro
- FREE Dance lessons in Forro

FREE AUTHENTIC BRAZILIAN FOOD AND DRINKS

Want to help? Questions? Please contact:
Dana Riechman in 1555 at driechman@babson.edu
Alfredo Gago at agago1@babson.edu

Sponsored by:

- 4th LATIN ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM
- Latin Student Council

Arts at Babson

Click [here](#) to access a full spring schedule of events.

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OLIN FAMILIES, DID YOU KNOW?

Reminder: Phonathon Volunteer Request

Thank you to the 14 parents who have already volunteered to join the PAB Development Committee in making calls as part of this year's Olin Parent Phone-a-thon which will take place mid-March. Given our number of alumni and current parents grows exponentially each year, we need even more volunteers to be a part of another "**ALL-STAR TEAM**" this year, and are asking you to join whether you have helped us in the past or are new.

Aside from sharing Olin parent experiences, these calls are to remind fellow parents of the importance of giving to Olin, and to ask for support in surpassing last year's participation rates of 76% current parent giving and 57% alumni parent giving. Given the comparatively small size of the Olin family, every gift truly helps "move the needle" and has impact on the Olin experience.

We hope you'll join us. Please contact [Krissy Raposa](#) or [Ken Stokes](#), P'12 and PAB chair, if you have questions, would like more details, or would like to volunteer. We would also be happy to put you in touch with a parent volunteer who is has done it in the past and is doing again thanks to such a rewarding, positive experience they had. A friendly reminder: your **response by Feb. 15 (next Wednesday)** would be greatly appreciated.

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ATTENTION ALUMNI



Do you miss these people?
Curious what they are up to now?
Then don't miss the ...

Olin College
CLASS OF 2007
5-YEAR REUNION!
September 21—23, 2012

Olin College, Needham, MA
reunion.olin.edu

Bay Area Alumni Social Summary

On Monday, January 23rd, approximately 30 Olin Alumni in the Bay Area gathered to welcome Rick Miller and Tom Krimmel on their west coast visit. The social was held at the rooftop office of Typekit, Inc. (employer of Matt Colyer '07 and Sean McBride '07) in the heart of San Francisco's Mission District. Guests enjoyed refreshments while mingling with friends old and new. The evening concluded with an Olin update from Rick and Tom, who fielded questions from the audience. Check out [photos on Flickr](#) capturing the event. To stay in the loop on future Bay Area Olin events and communication, please sign up for the Bay Area Olin Alumni mailing list: <http://lists.olinalumni.org/listinfo.cgi/bayarea-alumni-olinalumni.org>.

Alumni Giving: How Are We Doing? Alumni Participation Update

Thank you to the 194 alumni who have made generous donations this fiscal year representing an average gift amount over \$230! We could not do our work without you. Even with so many alumni donations to date we are only at 45% of alumni participation. *Every* gift, no matter what amount, is incredibly important to us and we want to continue with the stellar participation rates of past years. The alumni class of 2008 has set the participation threshold high, as they are already at 85% participation! With your contribution we can make every alumni class participation rate 85% or higher by June 30, 2012. Please consider giving to your alma mater by visiting [Olin's Online Giving page](#) to make a donation today.

Remember you can look up your outstanding pledge on the [Alumni Portal](#). If you don't have a pledge, you can make one on the [Make Your Pledge Online](#) page. Pledges are important to Olin, not only because they show the on-going passion of alumni for the College, but also because they enable the College to count on future contributions during the budgeting process for the next fiscal year.

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JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND MORE...

Olin Library Hiring Student Worker

The Library is seeking to hire a student for the spring semester for about 8 hrs/week to assist us with an exciting project we are working on. We need help with building Olin's Institutional Repository, which is a collection of faculty and student publications. Duties include checking copyright permissions, uploading Olin faculty and student publications into the repository, and maintaining data about the collection. If interested, please contact [Lydia Zeglarsky](#).

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KUDOS

President Miller Elected to National Academy of Engineering

He is one of 66 new members and 10 foreign associates [announced yesterday](#) by NAE President Charles M. Vest. Election to the National Academy of Engineering is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. Academy membership honors those who have made outstanding contributions to engineering research, practice or education. This includes contributions to engineering literature and to the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, making significant advances in traditional fields of engineering or developing/implementing innovative approaches to engineering education. Click [here](#) to read more.

Margaret Ann Seger '13 Named to KPCB Engineering Fellows Program

This summer marks the inaugural session of the [KPCB Engineering Fellows](#) Program and we are proud to announce Olin's very own Margaret Ann Seger '13 has been selected as the only female Fellow for 2012! She was chosen from a pool of nearly 1,000 applications from over 100 universities. The Engineering Fellows will be employed at KPCB portfolio companies, where they can develop their technical skills and be mentored by an engineering executive within the company. Fellows will also be invited to attend private events held by KPCB and events hosted by portfolio companies, where they can meet other talented engineering students, network with technology luminaries and explore the San Francisco Bay Area!

The Princeton Review Names Olin 'Best Value College' for 2012

Olin College of Engineering is one of the nation's "Best Value" colleges and universities, according to The Princeton Review. The Massachusetts-based education services company profiles Olin in its just-published book, "The Best Value Colleges: 2012 Edition" (Random House / Princeton Review, \$21.99, February 7, 2012) and on a special area on its [website](#). In its profile of Olin, the editors at The Princeton Review praise the school for its "tight-knit community, rigorous academics, project-based learning, and ingenuous approach to education." The profile also notes that Olin's innovative curriculum "bridges the gap between a traditional engineering education and [the] real world." Click [here](#) to read more.

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TRIVIA

In the 9/17 issue we asked "What significant milestone will Olin celebrate this Fall?" We actually had a two way tie, both Ariana Chae '15 and Paul Fong P'15 responded correctly: 10 years since our first classes began.

Trivia buffs, do you know...

Q: During this week's [Under the Boardwalk](#) screening with Olin alum Kevin Tostado '06, which cast member made a guest appearance during the Q&A session?

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

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