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## The Link: Olin's Campus-Wide E-Bulletin March 15, 2013

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 **March 29, 2013.**

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Olin Alum Tom Cecil Appointed to Board of Trustees

Thomas Cecil '06, an attorney with the law firm of Nelson Bumgardner Casto, P.C., in Fort Worth, Texas, has been [named an alumni trustee](#). A member of the first graduating class at Olin, Tom studied electrical and computer engineering and served for two years on the executive board of Olin's student government, including one year as president. Additionally, he worked on numerous Olin committees, provided guidance to students as a Resident Resource and contributed to several start-up ventures, including work on a solar-powered trash compactor. Please join us in congratulating Tom on his appointment as an alumni trustee, our second to date.

#### Applying for Need-Based Financial Aid for Next Year

If you plan on applying for any need-based financial assistance for the 2013-14 Academic Year, your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be received by Olin College by **APRIL 15**. It does take the Department of Education approximately seven days to process and send to the school, so plan accordingly. Please consult the [Financial Aid webpage](#) or contact [Jean Ricker](#) directly if you have any questions.

#### Announcement from the Student Accounts and Records Center (StAR)

The new rates for 2013-14 are available and provided for planning purposes. Please click [here](#) to review the appropriate costs based on the entering year. Contact the [Student Accounts and Records Center](#) with questions.

#### Applicants Sought for Babson's Summer Venture Program

The Summer Venture Program supports the most promising MBA and undergraduate entrepreneurs from Babson, Olin College of Engineering and Wellesley Colleges. Up to 15 teams are chosen to participate in the program each summer. Teams receive free housing, work space, mentors, a speaker series, and other resources to help their businesses develop throughout the 10 weeks. The program concludes with a Demo Day, a culmination of the students' hard work where they showcase their accomplishments to professional investors and the local community. More information including dates and the application can be found [here](#).

### **Olin Hosts SailBot Regatta in June 2013**

You may have heard about Olin's fairly new [SailBot team](#) but have you heard that Olin College and the City of Gloucester are hosting this year's [SailBot Regatta](#) in Gloucester from June 9-13, 2013? Sailbot is a relatively young competition, Olin first got involved last year when a group of students started up an extracurricular club to participate. Professor Drew Bennett advised the team and they had a very successful showing in Vancouver. At the suggestion of Iain Kerr of Ocean Alliance, Drew offered to help bring the event to the Massachusetts coast this year, and the City of Gloucester is an enthusiastic partner. It is expected to be a larger event this year, with engineering students from the U.S. and Canada including teams from the U.S. Naval Academy, Iowa State University, and the University of British Columbia; and possibly a few high school teams participating. This is going to be a great event and there is still time to get involved or support the regatta directly. Please visit the [Sailbot website](#) for more information.

### **Olin's Academic Program Goals have been Revised**

Following thorough discussions and dialogue with the community Olin's four academic program goals have been revised and approved. These goals are statements of what we hope Olin graduates have attained within a few years of graduation and are intended to help guide the revision of the Olin curriculum. The new goals can be found on the [Academics pages](#) of our website under majors or in the online [Course Catalog](#).

### **Commencement Greeters, Marshals and Announcer Selected**

The Commencement Steering Committee has selected the greeters, marshals and announcer for [Commencement '13](#). Zhenya Zastavker will provide greetings on behalf of faculty and staff. Samantha Yang '13 will greet the audience as a representative of the Class of 2013. CORE's Greeter Recommendation Committee, chaired by Shivam Desai '14, provided lists of potential greeters to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee made the final selections.

Marshals for the respective processional groups will be:

- Seniors – Samantha Becht '13
- Faculty – Allen Downey
- Staff – Nick Tatar
- Alumni Class Representatives - Erin McCusker '06
- Platform Party – Carla Gude

The announcer will be Harold Jaffe '12.

### **Olin Library Seeks Summer Worker**

The Olin Library is seeking a student worker for the summer (June through mid-August). The position is for 30-35 hrs/week and meets the housing requirement. Duties include working with the Library Staff on expanding Olin's Institutional Repository, as well as the tools and samples collection, helping with the library archives, assisting patrons, processing Interlibrary Loan requests, new book ordering, check in and check out of materials, shelving books, and helping with other special tasks. If you would like to work in the library and assist with these and other exciting summer projects please contact [Lydia Carver](#).

### **PGP Blog**

Up next for the [PGP Blog](#) Ari Chae '15 checks in with Ilana Walder-Biesanz. Ilana is the recipient of the 2013 Gates - Cambridge Scholarship. Have great video/photos about your work, grad school or 'fun/different/other' experiences

that you'd like to share? Email [Sally](#) or [Suzanne](#).

### I2E2 Activity

Visitors the week after Spring Break include Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands) on 3/25, National University of Science and Technology MISiS (Russia) on 3/27, and Niigata University (Japan) on 3/28. Are you interested in meeting any of these folks? If so, please contact [Sharon Breitbart](#).

Spread the word--we still have some spaces available for the 2013 [I2E2 Summer Institute](#)! This year there are two chances for participating faculty to conceive and catalyze change in engineering education:

- a [Personal Change workshop](#) that examines personal and institutional transformation (developed jointly with our colleagues at [Big Beacon](#))
- a [Curricular Change program](#) that explores and develops curricular innovation for the 21st century.

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## OFF-CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

### IEEE Consultant Panel Discussion

On April 24 beginning at 6:30 pm here at Olin College, the [IEEE Consultants Network](#) host a panel discussion "Everything you always wanted to know about consulting but were afraid to ask," featuring five consultants who will share their experiences and tips on how best to consult. Topics for discussion include:

- Specialization vs generalization
- On site vs Off site
- Your tools vs Clients tools
- Proposals
- Record keeping
- Corp, Sole prop, partnership
- 1099, Corp to Corp, W2
- Consulting, contracting, and employees
- Pitfalls and traps to avoid

The session will be an open discussion and questions are encouraged. Olin students are invited to attend free of charge. Click [here](#) for additional information.

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## OLIN FAMILIES, DID YOU KNOW?

### Spring Your Giving Forward



The snow is melting and spring will officially be here next week! Great new innovations and curriculum enhancements are continuing to spring up around campus. We need your support to ensure that all students, regardless of their financial need, are able to embrace the Olin and experience the exciting curriculum. Today, we ask that you consider investing today in our students' futures by making a one-time or recurring gift toward the **Parent Scholarship Fund** at [Giving.Olin.edu](#).

**Save the Dates Reminder:**

- Parent Reception in Hillsborough, CA – Saturday, April 6, 3-6 pm
- [Commencement Weekend 2013](#) – May 17 – 19
- Expo & SCOPE Expo – May 13 & 14

**P'16s – Join the Parent Advisory Board**

[The Parent Advisory Board](#) (PAB) would like to bring on two more members, to join David Dorsky and Susan Liebson in representing 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. To aid in the selection process, it would be most helpful if you could also email [Krissey](#) a brief bio **by Monday, Mar. 25**. 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 for their Spring Conference call on Mar. 28. Feel free to contact any of the current [PAB members](#) if you have questions. If you expressed interest last semester, you are automatically considered a candidate for this semester.

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**PocketGems**  
Hosts  
**Olin Happy Hour**  
Brought to you by the Events Committee of the Olin Alumni Council

Friday, March 22nd @ 6:00 pm  
Revelry, Food & Drinks on the House!

220 Bush Street, Suite 750  
San Francisco, CA 94104

**Save the Dates Reminder:**

- [Alumni Brunch in Palo Alto, CA](#) ~ Sunday, April 7
- Senior Send-off ~ Monday, April 29
- [Commencement Weekend 2013](#) ~ May 17 – 19
- Expo & SCOPE Expo ~ May 13 & 14

**LAST CALL: Help Plan Reunion 2013**

Class of 2008 Alumni: Many thanks to five of you who have already expressed interest...ask your friends and help us get a few more!

Any other '08s want to help plan your 5-year Reunion? Please contact [Krissy Raposa](#) to sign-up or get more information. Also indicate if you are interested in being a co-chair to the planning committee. [Reunion](#) 2013 will be held on **September 20-22, 2013** but there is much fun to plan beforehand. One of our goals is to have at least 75% of your class return to campus for this milestone celebration. Won't you help us?

**2013 Countdown Has Begun!**

On March 4, over 50 seniors kicked-off the countdown until their graduation at Babson's Roger's Pub. Hosted by the Office of Family and Alumni Relations, the party reminded seniors' that their time as Olin students is coming to an end and time in the real world and becoming an Olin alumni is right around the corner....or should we say clock! Festivities included a raffle, games, music and simply spending time together with their classmates. Togetherness could definitely be felt as nearly the entire group moved from one activity to the next. For a peek at the fun, stayed tuned to see pictures.

Next, these soon-to-be alumni will be voting on a class gift. Proposals are currently being reviewed. Forty percent of the class already demonstrated their support for Olin by submitting their [pledge forms](#) at the event. The goal is to reach 75% of the class pledge participation before graduating! Seniors who haven't pledged, team-up with classmates in commemorating your graduation and showing support for your soon-to-be alma mater! Please [pledge](#) today!

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**JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND MORE...****NSF Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge****Deadline: April 15th**

The National Science Foundation *Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge* is calling for entries from currently enrolled STEM graduate students and teams. They are invited to submit innovative ideas to prepare today's graduate students for tomorrow's opportunities and challenges. Entries are solicited for ideas with the potential to improve graduate education and professional development. Ideas can be directed toward students, faculty, departments, institutions, professional societies, and/or federal agencies. Winning ideas will be shared widely and winners will receive prizes between \$1000 and \$3000. For more information and to enter the challenge, go to [www.nsf.gov/gradchallenge/](http://www.nsf.gov/gradchallenge/).

**General Dynamics C4 Systems – Needham or Taunton, MA and Scottsdale, AZ****Software and Electrical Engineers**

Peter Massari '08 sent us this posting and interested Oliners may email him with questions at [peter.massari@gdc4s.com](mailto:peter.massari@gdc4s.com) More information on the jobs available can be found by [clicking here](#).

## **Astro Aerospace (business venture of Northrop Grumman) – Carpinteria, CA**

### **Engineer Systems I**

Performs technical planning, system integration, verification and validation, cost and risk, and supportability and effectiveness analyses for total systems. Analyses are performed at all levels of total system product to include: concept, design, fabrication, test, installation, operation, maintenance and disposal. Ensures the logical and systematic conversion of customer or product requirements into total systems solutions that acknowledge technical, schedule, and cost constraints. Performs functional analysis, timeline analysis, detail trade studies, requirements allocation and interface definition studies to translate customer requirements into hardware and software specifications. For complete details [please click here](#) and search for req. # 13003391.

## **Shaw Industries Inc. – Dalton, GA**

### **Operations Management Trainee Program – Mechanical Engineer**

Operations Management Trainees (OMT) with Shaw are college graduates that will utilize their engineering skills to complete high-priority project work to strengthen our competitive edge in the market. These projects will include working with a variety of business groups, being immersed in process optimization, and striving to achieve value-maximizing goals. During their time as an OMT, associates will build their knowledge base regarding manufacturing techniques, process knowledge, product development, customer service, human resource management, inventory control, product transportation, and shipping/receiving procedures. In addition, trainees will complete personal and professional development training courses such as Time Management and Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. After having sufficient opportunity to grow with the company and network with other Shaw management personnel, Trainees will interview for open entry-level positions in the company and will move into those roles when their projects have concluded. Initial training takes place in Dalton, GA but various permanent positions exist throughout the southeast. Search for job # 58442 on [the website](#).

## **Honda Research Institute USA, Inc., Mountain View, CA**

### **Graduate Research Internship**

#### **Deadline: March 31**

Honda is hiring grad school students with a strong background in CS or related areas and implementation skills. The complete listing can [be found here](#). **Leif Jentoft '09 also has a contact at Honda, please [email Leif](#) for additional info.**

There's more on the [OlinJobFinder!](#)

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## **NEW FACES AT OLIN**

- On Monday, March 11, **Toby Sandler** joined Olin as an Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs. Her office location is MH330 and phone extension is 2512.

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## **TRIVIA**

In the previous issue we asked "What Olin staff member was awarded the first Olin Outstanding Service Award?" The first person to respond correctly guessing Susie Johanson was George Jemmott.

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

**Q:** Which SCOPE sponsor has sponsored the most projects?

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

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