



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez November 2021

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To the wonderful members of the Catala family:

The season of gratitude continues and kicks into higher gear during this traditional month of Thanksgiving. We have much to be grateful for, a small sampling of which I include here:

- The return of students to campus. Fr. Jack tells me the energy on campus is unbelievable now that the students are back, and that life has gone from a leisurely stroll to a full gallop. The University is back in full swing!
- A successful Grand Reunion with over 5000 people attending the party. Even better, thanks to all the safety precautions, no Covid outbreaks!
- The official opening of the new Sobrato Center for Discovery and Innovation. This beautiful building is the backdrop for the placement of the Catala benches and willow trees — do take a look the next time you are on campus.
- The Catala Endowment continues to do well. With a current balance of \$23.4 million, we are paying out an average award of approximately \$30,000 to 32 students annually. Compared with a tuition bill of \$55,000, this moves the needle for a lot families. Nice work, ladies!
- Thanks to the superb work of our own Katy Kelly, we had a successful virtual reception for mothers of new SCU students. We had 30 in attendance, with Alisha Burch '24 as our guest student speaker. Alisha is a recipient of our Emma Anderson scholarship, and it will come as no surprise that she stole the show. With thanks in part to her enthusiasm, we recruited 12 new members out of this group.
- Last, though hardly, least, we are grateful for our beloved Chaplain, Fr. Jack Treacy, who does so much for us in the arena of spiritual guidance. He has prepared a special mass for us which will be held via zoom on November 17. Please join us if you can.

I will close with a couple of announcements:

Rosters will be going to print shortly and will hopefully be available later this month.

For complicated reasons associated with vaccination requirements, our Christmas Tea has been moved from the San Jose Country Club to campus. It will now be held in the Williman Room. Stay tuned for additional details!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Laurie Hernandez '85
President, Catala Club



**Dedication of the John A. and Susan Sobrato
Campus for Discovery and Innovation**



(bottom photo courtesy of Tom Bracco, S.J.)

**Catala Club's
Traditional Christmas Tea**

IS BACK!!!

MARK YOUR

"I'M GOING SOMEWHERE IN PERSON"

CALENDAR

December 15,

Williman Room, SCU

PLEASE NOTE

OUR NEW VENUE

FOR OUR

CHRISTMAS TEA



We are excited to announce our in-person Catala Christmas Tea is back and scheduled for December 15 in the **Williman Room, Benson Center, SCU Campus**. This is our Annual Tea to honor our Past Presidents and to celebrate the season.

In accordance with the University's policy on COVID and to ensure the health and safety of all guests, proof of vaccination will be required. Masks will be required unless you are eating or drinking. More information next month.

It will be so good to be together **in person** rather than on Zoom.

Peggy Anastasia and Pat DeMarlo, Co-Chairs

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCU!

Tuesday, November 2, 5pm Día de los Muertos; celebrate an All Souls/Día de los Muertos Mass in the Mission Church; Pan de muelro and Mexican hot chocolate will be served after mass.

Sunday, November 7, after 10am Mission Mass; Alumni for Others: Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen, assemble brown-bag lunches for those in need.

Wednesday, November 17, 5:30 p.m Bronco Expert Series: Alumna Brooke Simonson '07, certified nutrition coach, weight loss expert, author: No-Nonsense Nutrition virtual event

In just a few weeks, SCU's Stevens Stadium Buck Shaw Field will host the 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Soccer College Cup

This Advent season, embark on a spiritual journey alongside members of the Jesuit School of Theology and the SCU community. Receive daily Gospel reflections in your inbox throughout Advent as we await the coming of our Savior.

Go to scu.edu/alumni to learn more about and register



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| 1 Lois Anderson | 12 Mary Ann Stewart |
| 1 Michele Papay | 18 Louise Zarka |
| 4 Rosanne Adonna | 29 Linda Antonopoulos |
| 5 Mary Almassy | 28 Nirmala Patni |
| 5 Katie Mugnolo | 29 Cathy Bowers |
| 9 Rita Piziali | 29 Loretta Riddle |
| 11 Alma Bonino | 30 Linda Pfahl |
| 11 Julie D'Ambrosio | 30 Michelle Sola |

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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FROM THE DESK OF KATY KELLY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

We have had a very successful membership renewal season, thank you everyone!

On October 20, we had a Virtual Program to welcome moms of new students and to introduce them to the Catala Club. Our President, Laurie Hernandez, kicked off the program, and we had presentations from BC Gibbons, our Treasurer, about our endowments, from Joanie Cattermole, our First Vice President, about our programs and reflections from Past Presidents, Dianne Bonino and Debbie McBride, on what it means to be a Catala Club member! The true star however was Alisha - one of our scholarship recipients.

I encourage all of you to click on this link [video of the program](#) to view our program. If you watch this, it will remind you about why you are in the Catala Club, not to mention all the fun we have earning money for our worthy cause! From this event, we gained 12 new members and we're still counting! We also have had the pleasure to see our membership grow from other friends of our SCU! Within the next month, please look for your printed directory and instructions on how to view the online format. Thank you ladies!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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November 29

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August 31

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February 23

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August 15

We extend our Sympathy and Prayers for Comfort to June Luth on the passing of her brother.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Pat Mahan, Mary Ann Stowell; for all victims of Covid, injustices, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



MARK YOUR ZOOM CALENDAR . . .

November 17 Zoom Mass of Remembrance
December 15 Christmas Tea! – **IN PERSON!!**
Williman Room, SCU Campus
January 19 New Year Lunch,
Williman Room, SCU Campus



*“He seeks us before we dream of seeking Him;
He knocks before we invite Him in;
He loves us before we respond.”*

-Fulton Sheen