



# Santa Clara University Catala Club

## Service, Support, and Spirituality

**President's Message – Laurie Hernandez**  
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To the wonderful members the Catala family,  
Here we are at the start of October and the beginning of fall and our traditional season of Thanksgiving. I believe it is never too early to give thanks, so let's get going!

First and foremost, I give my gratitude to all of you, the members of our treasured Catala family. Some of us are new to the group, others have been carrying the flag for a long time, and there are plenty of us somewhere in between. Together we make up the fabric of this amazing organization that continues to innovate while staying true to its mission. I am deeply proud of the way our members have been caring for one another during this global public health crisis while raising money for SCU against all odds. It is truly an honor to serve as the president of such a special group of women.

Secondly, I extend my gratitude to those who support us, day in and day out. Our work would not be possible without the back up of the University which comes to us in the form of some very special people. These include the masterful Julie Stone and our fantastic Alumni Liaison Sarah Bonini, among others. I do not have room here to list the entire team of extraordinary talent, though give my heartfelt thanks to all. Together they make our work easier and more effective, and we are most grateful.

Last - and hardly least — I wish to pay tribute to the men of Catala. You have probably noticed my change in address from the "Ladies of Catala" to the "Family of Catala." This is intentional. I am the strongest supporter ever of "girl power"; I also know we cannot accomplish our work without the support of the men who love us. These include our beloved Jesuits, our husbands and friends, and several other special cats inside the University machine who work quietly in the background to help us make sure our trains run on time. Gentlemen, we thank all of you for what you do behind the scenes. Know that we are honored to have you in the Catala family.

With gratitude and blessings,

Laurie Hernandez '85  
Catala Club President 2021-2023

### ***LAST* REMINDER FROM KATY KELLY**

Membership Chair 2021 - 2022

Thank you so much to our members who have renewed their dues.

I have mailed reminders to those women who have not renewed as of September 20th. Next month we will be printing our updated roster and would love to include you and your information.

Anyone who received a letter from me, please return your check and updated information to me by October 8th.

Questions? Contact me  
at [katykelly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katykelly@sbcglobal.net) or 650-279-0330

### **The Stephen C. and Patricia A. Schott Athletic Excellence Center Dedication**



**WELCOME (BACK)  
NEW MEMBER:**

Winter, Patricia  
Maiden Name: Andreychuk  
Parent '83  
115 Calle Estoria  
Los Gatos CA 95032  
(408) 378-6000  
Year Joined: 1987  
July 20

**WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
at SCU!  
October 7  
October 10  
GRAND  
REUNION**

**MEET SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT  
SAMIRA BILLOW!**

Dear Members of the Catala Club,

As I start my freshman year at Santa Clara, I am excited to become a Bronco and represent this school for its astonishing, highly respected reputation. Even more, I am joining a community that values human dignity, diversity, and cultural awareness which are all values I

admire. More so, these values are what attracted me to this school and encouraged me to apply which increased my excitement. So, to see how much Broncos care for one another while coming from different backgrounds truly emphasizes the importance of a true community.

On top of that, I am excited to proceed with my pre-med track journey at Santa Clara and the opportunities that are provided for students here. For example, The Real program will allow me to earn research opportunities where I can get more insight into the medical field. Moreover, these research opportunities will help me to connect with my professors who will encourage me to develop even more interest in the medical fields by challenging me during the process.

Additionally, I believe that during my time at Santa Clara, I will encounter many Broncos who will make my surrounding environment safe, encouraging me to think beyond my current knowledge while increasing my awareness. Therefore, not only am I excited to attend this school, I am excited to see how much of a positive character development I can achieve while being a Bronco.

Growing up in a single-parent household, I have always worried about how I was going to pay college tuition since my family faces many financial difficulties. So, when I received the Catala Club Scholarship in Memory of Emma Anderson I was able to feel a sense of a burden being released from my shoulders and those of my family as we worried about whether I could afford to attend Santa Clara. Successfully, I can attend school because of this scholarship and change my dreams into reality. This scholarship allows me to fully focus on my academics without having to carry out a job, which could impact my potential as a student and my family does not have to work overtime to provide for my education while sacrificing their health in return.

I thank all Catala supporters for helping me have a chance at developing a successful future as I hope to become one of the first women doctors in my family. Additionally, this scholarship will give me the chance to bring awareness and help break the stigma surrounding Black women in STEM by installing encouragement to Muslim, Black, and immigrant girls to pursue their dreams.

With gratitude, Samira Billow



We extend our Sympathy and Prayers for Comfort to Debbie McBride on the passing of her sister, to Denise Rosati on the passing of her mom, Marge Rosati, a former Catala Club member

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Peggy Anastasia, Carolyn Ferrari, Loydene Kiley, Pat Mahan, Katie Mugnolo; for all victims of Covid, injustices, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

***Prayer for Generosity***

***“God, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give and not to count the cost. To fight and not to heed the wounds. To toil and not to seek for rest. To labor and not to ask for any reward. Save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen”***

**OUR CAMPUS KEEPS GROWING . . .**

The University's largest-ever gift, \$100 million from John A. and Susan Sobrato, has funded a 300,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility for transformational STEM education. This “campus within a campus” has been designed to promote cross-disciplinary exploration to enhance undergraduate student learning and discovery across science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).  
*(photo courtesy of Tom Bracco, S.J.)*







## Happy October Birthday

MARIGOLDS REPRESENT A WINNING GRACE, JOY AND CONTENTMENT

1 Margaret Shumm	13 Birdie Pacelli
5 Emily Branco	17 Kate Hogan
6 Vicki Pope	18 Carol O'Brien
6 Carol Sabatino	19 Catherine Keller
8 Marie Engh	20 Ginny Haughey
8 Mary Lou Lawrence	22 Emily Wilcox
10 Elizabeth Moul Smith	22 Sheri Zipse
11 Diana Jensen	24 Marianne Rhine
12 Ronnie Foley	25 Christine Wheeler
13 Shirley Dorsa	26 Merilee Amos

## U.S. News & World Report Ranks SCU No. 55 Among Nearly 400 National Universities

The ranking posted in the 2022 “Best Colleges” edition, again places Santa Clara University among the top 15% of national universities across the U.S. — a distinction it has held since first becoming a national university in 2019.

“These rankings reflect Santa Clara University’s unwavering dedication to offering a rigorous, transformational education to our students, even amid these difficult times,” said Acting President Lisa Kloppenberg. “We are gratified to see our faculty, staff, and students receiving recognition for their many exceptional achievements.”

U.S. News & World Report ranks universities on a variety of factors, including assessments from leaders of peer institutions, success in retaining students, graduation rates, resources provided to faculty, class sizes, and caliber of the student body.

“At Santa Clara University, we place strong emphasis on student engagement, small class sizes, and excellence across the curriculum—which have contributed greatly to our impressive student retention and graduation rates,” said Kloppenberg.

### MARK YOUR ZOOM CALENDAR . . .

October 20	Guest Speaker, Robert Vale, McDowall Cotter
November 17	Annual Mass of Remembrance
December 15	Christmas Tea! – <b>IN PERSON!</b> San Jose Country Club

### Wednesday, October 20 Guest Speaker & Program “ALL YOUR LEGAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED!”

Wills	Succession Planning
Trusts	Asset Protection
Estate Planning	Special Need Trusts
Selling your Home under Prop. 19 and Prop 13	Health Care Directives and More

The legal team from McDowall Cotter located in San Mateo, headed by Robert Vale, Esq., will give a short presentation followed by Q&A.

## FOOD INSECURITY

50 students have already reached out, needing support for the upcoming academic year. It is expected that around 100 students will need to use the Bronco Pantry for the Fall Quarter. It is critical that re-stocking be done daily to meet student needs. Thanks so much to all the members of the Catala Club who help the Bronco Pantry The updated Amazon Wish list for both items and gift cards is:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28QFAVUNFCU8K?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28QFAVUNFCU8K?ref=wl_share).



## Catala Club's Traditional Christmas Tea IS BACK!!!



### MARK YOUR “I’M GOING SOMEWHERE IN PERSON” CALENDAR December 15, San Jose Country Club

We are excited to announce that we are planning an in-person Catala Christmas Tea for December 15 at the San Jose Country Club. 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

