



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez February 2023

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Dear wonderful members of the Catala family,

Please meet two more of our Catala scholars who have graduated and are now making their way into the world. Such is the power of scholarships!



Anthony Hoyt '18
English Teacher,
Junipero Serra High School
San Mateo

Genevieve-Marie Nicolas '02
Senior Case Manager, Genentech
Also received MFA in Theatre Tech
& Diplôme de Pâtisserie



Thank you again for your ongoing love and support for all that we do to help our students.

Our Endowment numbers are in, and I am pleased to report that we are holding steady at \$32.6 million as of 6/30/2022. While this is down approximately 5.5% due to market conditions, it is an impressive performance thanks to the brilliant work of our investment advisors. Our Scholarship payout has actually risen to \$1,112,000 per year, providing 36 students with an average award of \$30,889 for all four years at Santa Clara. When we lay this up against an annual tuition bill of \$56,880, it is easy to see what an impact our scholarships have for our students and their families. We remain one of the largest Endowments on campus, holding our place as #4 following the Bronco Bench (#1), the Jesuits (#2), and the Alumni Family Scholarship Fund (#3). Well done, ladies!

In other fun news, Past President and Ambassador Extraordinaire Debbie McBride traveled with our Board of Regents to Seattle last Fall. Our group was hosted by the Regents of Seattle University for a joint lunch. At this lunch, Debbie was telling one of the Seattle Regents about Catala. This lady has subsequently expressed an interest in the formation of a similar women's organization there. We are in dialogue with them to try and help them get started — they are most interested in our wisdom and

experience, especially since we have a 92-year head start. Stay tuned . . . we may have a sister organization in Seattle soon!

Speaking of more people who want to meet us, we have a record number of new members in Catala's incoming class. My thanks to our leadership in this area, the amazing team of Katy Kelly and Kris Stanga. Many of our new members are the mothers of new Santa Clara students who do not live in the Bay Area, and we have been overwhelmed with their requests to meet us. Many will be on campus February 25-26 for Parents' Weekend, and we are planning to host a "welcome booth" — if you are in the area that weekend, do swing by to see us!

As I mentioned last month, we will lunch this month with our return to Kyoto Palace in The Pruneyard in Campbell. My thanks to our hostesses, Cathy De Maria and Julie Jaroshenko, for putting this great event together. Details are included in this newsletter.

This month also brings the beginning of the Lenten Season. Always a time for important reflection, we will hold our traditional Day of Reflection again at the beautiful church of St. Thomas of Canterbury. The date is **Thursday**, March 16 — note the change from our usual Wednesday to accommodate Fr. Jack's schedule. Details will be forthcoming shortly.

If you haven't yet met President Julie Sullivan, she wants to meet *you*. All are welcome to join a reception she is hosting at the Sharon Heights Country Club on February 15. Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm with her remarks at 6:30 pm. The event is free but you do need to register in advance. See the Alumni website for details and registration.

Happy February!

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez '85
President, Catala Club



February BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 Patty Boitano | 13 Shannon Potts |
| 3 Virginia Rose | 15 Ann Lindahl |
| 4 Cathy Avon | 18 Kimberly Moore |
| 6 Mary Blaser | 22 Mary Jane Vitkovich |
| 7 Anne Misner | 25 Cathy De Maria |
| 9 Alison Van Dyke | 25 Carolyn Ferrari |
| 11 Lisa De Lusignan | 25 Roseann LaCoursiere |
| 12 BC Gibbons | 25 Catherine Nunes |
| 13 Diane Ferrara | |

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to the friends and families of the victims of violence, fires, floods and disease.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Mary Atwell, Pat DeMarlo, Patty Mahan, Carol Sabatino, Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

♥ HAPPY Valentine's DAY ♥

Santa Clara Men's Basketball & Bronco Bash

Join fellow Catala members for some fun Catala Camaraderie at the Bronco Bash pregame tailgate party at the new Schott Athletic Excellence Center before the February 11th Bronco Men's Basketball game vs the LMU Lions. Featuring a live DJ, food, beverages (beer & mimosas), games, and plenty of Bronco Spirit!

- Date: Saturday, February 11th
- Time: 1:30pm (tip off vs LMU at 4:00pm)
- Location: Schott Athletic Excellence Center (directly adjacent to the Leavey Center)
- Ticket Options
 - \$20 for pregame event admission (includes beer and food)
 - \$35 for pregame event admission AND game ticket

Don't miss the action! Purchase your tickets for yourself, family and friends right away to join in this fun opportunity to socialize and enjoy the afternoon/evening event together this winter.

<https://mysantaclara.scu.edu/events/athletics/bronco-bash-lmu-2023?erid=4a8e60b2-00ad-433e-a197-948d1baa39bd&trid=4a8e60b2-00ad-433e-a197-948d1baa39bd>

FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Do you want to donate to the Bronco Food Pantry?

Below are three easy ways!

1. Donate directly through the [Amazon link](#)

Please ship to:

Kim Gilkey-Santa Clara University
Office of Student Life- Benson Room #205
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053

2. Cash donations directly through the [SCU Development Department](#) to purchase food for the pantry.

3. Donations such as soap, toiletries, non perishable food, etc. can be donated to the office noted above

Attention: Kim Gilkey

Please direct your questions to the Office of Student Life at 408.554.4583 or osl@scu.edu.

From the SCU Alumni Association

The Bronco Exchange, Student & Alumni

Connections networking platform is turning one and we're celebrating with a 🎉-worthy giveaway! Join by 11:59 p.m. PST on February 13 for your chance to win two free tickets to Vintage Santa Clara or a \$50 gift card toward your favorite SCU swag. Already a member? Even better! You'll be included in the raffle, too. Now get your friends and contacts to join so they can invite you to Vintage if they win!

www.scu.edu/broncoexchange

(Bronco Exchange is an exclusive platform connecting SCU alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends in a virtual community. Winners will be selected at random from among all Bronco Exchange users. No purchase is necessary to enter.)

**FROM THE DESK OF KATY KELLY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE –
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

I am excited to report that we will be launching our Online Roster in the next few weeks. As soon as we are live, all members will receive the protected link and password to access the membership portion. Our General Information, Bylaws and Standing Rules will also be available to view online and will not be password protected.

We will have a booth at Parent’s Weekend, February 25-26. Come say hi if you get a chance. More details to follow. Please don’t hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Katy

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March 27

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July 21

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September 22
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR-SAVE THE DATE

- February 11 Bronco Men’s Basketball Game and
Bronco Bash Pregame Tailgate
- February 15 Kyoto Palace, The Pruneyard, Campbell
- February 20 Presidents’ Day 
- February 22 Ash Wednesday
- March 16 Annual Day of Recollection
Thursday Becket Hall
St. Thomas of Canterbury Church –
NOTE DAY CHANGE please

**Tribute to Our Past Presidents
by Charlene Raisch**

Every SCU Catala Club President from Mrs. Sullivan onward has brought her own special talents enthusiasm and love of Catala and of SCU to our Club. There is a common thread that runs through each and every President’s bio which is the work we do to raise monies for our Catala Scholarship Fund to help undergraduate students receive an SCU Jesuit education.

We’re a diverse group of women brought together by our love and appreciation of this goal to help others experience it.

To you intelligent strong forward-thinking women of Catala today we wish you the very best and hope that you enjoy every moment of your Catala experience.

**MARY CONLON ALMASSY
2006-2008**

- I started as a member and then was asked to be on the Board, held most of the roles and when it was my turn to step up, I was not worried because I knew my peeps would be there for and with me.
- My favorite memories of my tenure as Catala Club President are all wrapped up in the relationships I developed with the Board members who supported me and the members who showed up to support our mission.
- I love when we get together to do mailings, wrap favors, make centerpieces, set up and take down for events – anything and everything we do together. We trade stories about and share tips learned from our previous volunteer activities, dispense advice to each other gathered from some with decades of life experiences and learn things from different perspectives.



“Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.”

Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

February 22

February 2



JANUARY LUNCHEON AND MEETING AT CHINA STIX
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, PAT SMITH, RN

“Stroke Awareness & Preparedness”



*Thank you
Birdie Pacelli
for your great photography!*