



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message –Charlene Raisch May 2021

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Dear Friends,

I hope you and yours have been able to get vaccinated against COVID19. Hopefully, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I hope your Easter was blessed and filled with Christ's Spirit.

Many thanks to Laurie Hernandez for scheduling Dr. Rose Marie Beebe to be guest speaker at our April 21 meeting. Her insights about our Club's namesake, Fr. Magin Catala, were enlightening and entertaining. Our Fr. Catala was quite amazing!

Thank you all so very much for supporting our Catala Club during SCU's Day of Giving on April 21. We raised \$15,715. Our goal was to raise \$20,000, and we got SO close! Right now, we are at \$35,715 which includes the generosity of our benefactors dollar for dollar.

If you missed the Day of Giving, and want to help get us to \$20,000 (we are roughly just shy by \$4,300), you can still send a check NOW:

Payee: Santa Clara University

**Memo line: Catala Club General Fund 2021 DoG
Mail to: Julie Stone, SCU Development Office
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053-1400**

I ask you to continue to keep our SCU family – our Catala members, our students, our Jesuit Community, our faculty and staff – in your prayers. I especially ask continued prayers for Fr. Kevin O'Brien. I also ask for your prayers for Fr. Michael Zampelli with his recent, successful cancer surgery.

It will soon be time for me to hand Catala's gavel to Laurie Hernandez, our next Catala Club President and my very dear friend. Laurie brings many talents and insights which will be invaluable to our Club. It is with joy that I will hand over the gavel to this wonderful, capable leader at our Zoom Installation Mass on May 19. I know you share my enthusiasm as we welcome Laurie and her Board of Directors.

Being a member of Catala has been an amazing gift in my life, an experience I will always treasure. I have met so many kind, generous and talented women – albeit through phone calls and Zoom meetings. I could not have led this fabulous Club without the help of my Board of Directors and Officers and Julie Stone and Mike Wallace in the Development Office. I am especially grateful to Fr. Kevin O'Brien for his support and to Fr. Jack Treacy, our amazing Chaplain.

Though my presidency was quite different from that of those who came before me, I am proud to say that our Club saw success after success. We were able to raise money for our Santa Clara undergraduates in the face of COVID19. Our Christmas Cocktail Party was a joyous affair. Our Day of Giving was successful. Our monthly meetings were well attended even though they were held on Zoom. We were involved, engaged, determined and creative. As we complete Catala's 90th year, let us reflect on our Club with its traditions of service, support and spirituality. These will never change as we continue to support our Santa Clara University community.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as your Catala President. It has been an honor and a joy! I have been truly blessed with your support and kindness. I could not have taken on this position without your support! May God's peace be with you all.

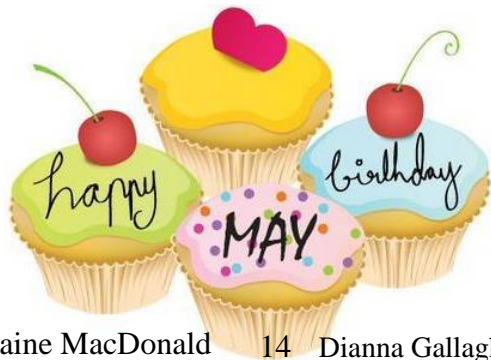
Charlene Raisch, 2020-21 President

Day of Giving 2021

LOOK WHAT WE DID!

\$15,715+ \$20,000 = \$35,715





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| 2 Carol Traub | 15 Gloria Citti |
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| 5 Betty Lohbeck | 17 Georgia Schon |
| 5 Sarah Bonini | 18 Penny Osorio |
| 5 Lynn Marinaro | 26 Lisa Marchese |
| 9 Diane Kardas | 27 Julie Jaroshenko |
| 10 Monica Fox | 28 Joy Ciffone |
| 10 Jan Berthold | 30 Pat Mahan |
| 12 Darlene Sorci | 31 Moureen Lennon |
| 13 Regina Colbert | 31 Kim Loquaci |

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health

for **Pat Mahan, Michael Zampelli, S.J.**

and for all afflicted with Covid-19;

May we entrust into God's hands

the ribbon of our lives as we pray

for all who struggle or suffer with illnesses –
mental, emotional or physical illnesses

Mark Your Catala Zoom Calendar

May 19 Zoom Mass, Father Jack Treacy
June 16 Zoom Meeting
Tony Cortese, S.J., Program Manager
for Ignatian Spirituality and
Special Projects, Ignatian Center



Recipient of the Catala Club William F. Donnelly, S.J. Endowed Scholarship, **Abigail Alvarez '22** has won the prestigious Truman Scholarship awarded annually to only 62 students nationwide

based on their outstanding leadership potential and commitment to public service. This year's 62 winners were selected by the Truman Foundation out of 845 nominees from 328 U.S. colleges and universities.

Abby is a political science and Spanish double major. She is a longtime advocate on behalf of the disability community and service workers and is Santa Clara's fourth Truman Scholar and its first in 36 years. The scholarship will help pay for leadership training opportunities and help fund her studies, hopefully at UC Berkeley Law as a springboard to a career as a policy advocate and future California state senator or assembly member.

"Santa Clara University is extremely proud of Abby for reaching this pinnacle of academic achievement," said Santa Clara's Acting President Lisa Kloppenberg. "She is a shining example of Santa Clara's Jesuit values, and a true woman for others, having dedicated her talents every step of the way to speaking out for marginalized or voiceless others."

In Abby's words: "Becoming a Truman Scholar feels like a golden ticket to join a community of passionate and accomplished young people who will go on to be our generation's most impactful policymakers, activists, and nonprofit leaders. Although the scholarship itself will help make grad school more financially accessible, I am most excited to bring my Santa Clara education to this Truman community."

An active changemaker minoring in Women's and Gender Studies, she co-founded Advocacy for Workers on Campus, a group that mobilizes students on behalf of campus service workers. An Associated Student Government senator currently running for student body president, she chairs the student government's Just Employment Task Force and Committee for Social Change, and she was a Jean Donovan Fellow the summer after her first year at SCU.

In her hometown of Portland, she transformed a small student club, Oregon Student Voice, into a statewide nonprofit organization focused on youth empowerment and education policy reform. She currently serves as head of its Board of Directors.

She hopes to use her career to promote just and equity-centered legislation while working to uplift disability rights in all policy areas, including labor, immigration, education and violence prevention.

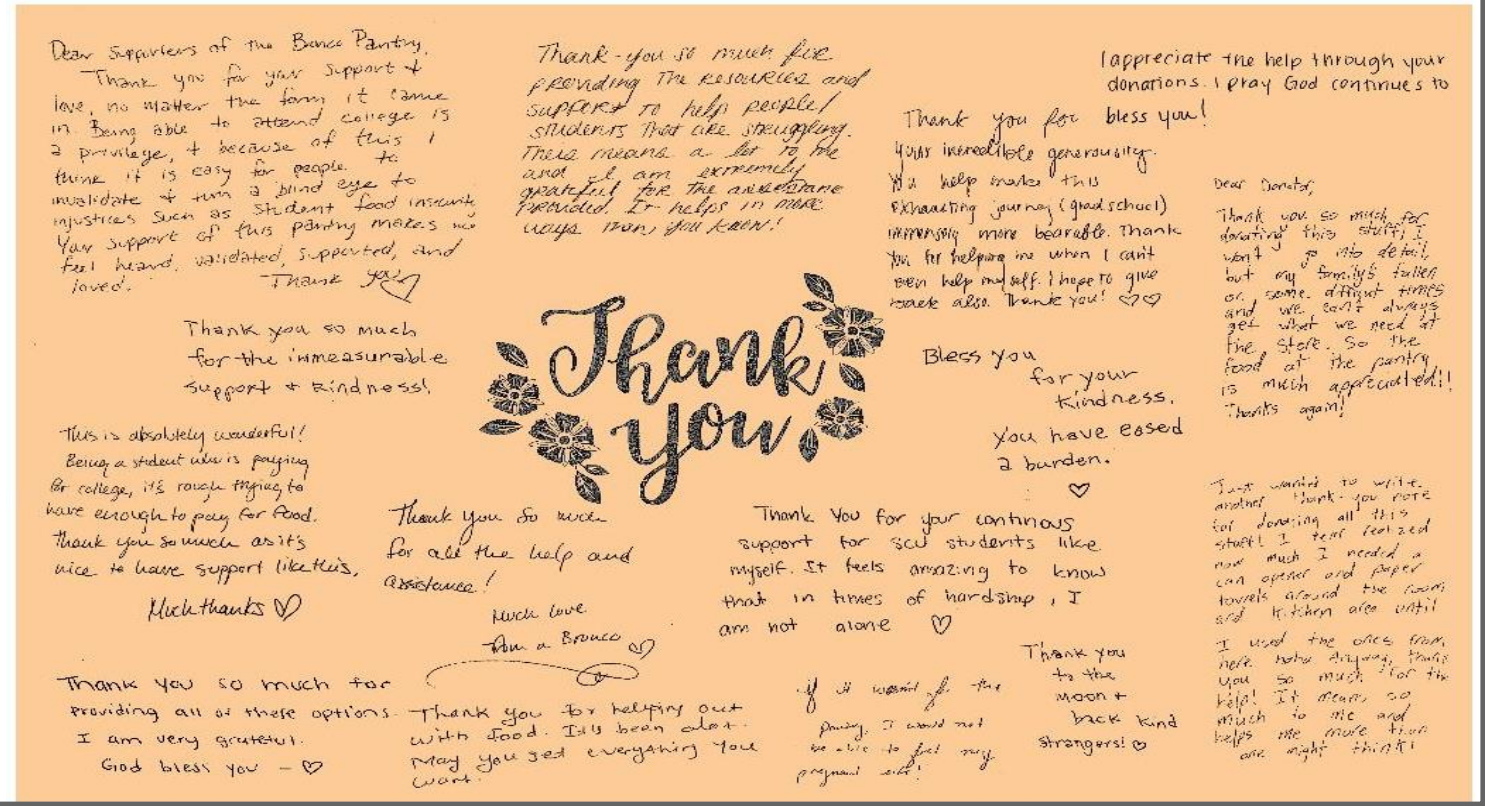
FOOD INSECURITY

The limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods

The Food Insecurity Program at SCU continues to be a mission critical program serving students' basic needs. Over 200 students used the pantry within the past year, and 160 are new participants since March 2020. The support of the community has helped provide food items like canned vegetables, canned proteins, dry pasta and rice and basic hygiene products like soap, laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner. [The Forge Garden](#) continues to provide produce to the Pantry. The students are grateful for the support from the SCU community during this difficult time.

If you would like to donate to the SCU Food Insecurity Program, please see these ways to do so.

1. **Gift cards (Target or Safeway):** E-gift cards can be sent to osl@scu.edu and will be distributed to students directly. Cards loaded with amounts of \$25 and \$50 are preferred.
2. **Cash Donations:** Donate directly to our program on the Santa Clara [website](#).
3. **Donated items:** During the COVID-19 crisis, a donation bin has been placed in the lobby of the Campus Safety Services office. The bin is available 24/7 for donation drop-offs. Most needed items include rice, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, canned vegetables, microwavable meals (vegetarian friendly), granola bars, dishwashing sponges and dish soap, paper towels and toilet paper. We, unfortunately, cannot accept homemade items.
4. **Amazon Wishlist:** Due to the COVID-19 crisis, we can only accept Safeway gift cards from our wishlist. To ensure quick retrieval, physical cards will be mailed to Assistant Dean Kimberly Gilkey by selecting "Kim Gilkey's Gift Registry Address" at checkout. Our staff will hand off these gifts directly to the students.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me be separated from You. Amen.

**You are called to be holy where you are,
wherever God has put you, right now.**

-Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta