



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez September 2021

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To the wonderful Catala family,

September brings us many good things, including this month's wonderful guest speaker. I hope you will be able to join us for the September 15th presentation of Acting SCU President Lisa Kloppenberg for her update on the current state of the University. Much has happened since we were together last September, and I know we are all interested in how the University has weathered the storm of the last 18+ months. Please join us via zoom for this session if you are able.

We extend a warm Catala welcome to Father Brad Mills, S.J. '06, who is newly returned to the Bay Area. Fr. Brad is a native of the Santa Clara Valley and a graduate of Bellarmine College Prep. Following an overseas study period in Chile, Fr. Brad graduated from SCU with degrees in psychology and environmental science. After Santa Clara, Fr. Brad joined the JVC, which sent him (and his beautiful Spanish language skills) on assignment in Peru. It was there that the already-planted seeds of Jesuit life began to bloom. At the end of his JVC service, Fr. Brad officially entered the Society of Jesus. After extensive graduate studies in both the U.S. and South America, he was ordained with final vows in June 2021. Fr. Brad is back with us, now missioned to the parish of Most Holy Trinity Church in San Jose. We welcome him back to the area, back to Santa Clara and, most especially, with open arms into the Catala family.

We also extend our congratulations to Fr. Brad's mom, Marilou Mills '73, on her son's impressive achievements. Santa Clara does not very often get many mother-Jesuit son duos!

Speaking of other good things to celebrate, Grand Reunion season is right around the corner. Our friends in the Event Planning and Alumni Offices have been hard at work, and the party the University is planning promises to be a doozy. Barring any changes to public health guidelines, this affair will be an in-person event that takes place on campus with

some virtual options also available. The magic is scheduled for October 7-10 — save the dates!

I will close with a couple of housekeeping items:

1) Last call for dues! Our new roster will be going to print soon, and we would love to include you. Please be sure we have any changes you might wish to make to your information. If you haven't already done so, please send your \$40 membership fee to Membership Chair Katy Kelly. See the attached flyer — there are several ways to do this. Please pick whichever option is easiest for you.

2) By now everyone should have received the proposed updates to our Bylaws. I will call for a vote of approval from the general membership at our meeting on September 15, following the presentation of our speaker. Please stay for the entire meeting if you can.

If you have questions or would otherwise like to discuss the proposed changes, please contact either me at Laurie.hernandez.12@gmail.com or our Parliamentarian Jeannie Mahan at 408-355-5944.

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez '85
Catala Club President 2021-2023

**Last Call!
Reminder!**

**PAY YOUR
DUES TODAY!**

**Your Catala Dues (\$40) is due!
See enclosed Dues Reminder
from Katy Kelly,
2021-22 Membership Chair**

**Our September Guest Speaker
Lisa Kloppenberg, Acting SCU President**



Lisa Kloppenberg, former Provost, Dean Emerita and Law Professor, is a well-known expert in Appropriate Dispute Resolution and Constitutional Law. Lisa will update us on the State of SCU as the University embarks on its 2021-22 academic year.

A West Coast native, she received her B.A. from the University of Southern California and her J.D. from the University of Southern California Law Center where she was Editor-in-Chief of the *Southern California Law Review*.

Lisa has been Acting SCU President since March 2021.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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September 1	

We extend our Sympathy and Prayers for Comfort to Maryrose Wall upon the passing of her husband, Phillip.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Carolyn Ferrari, Lexie O'Keefe (Leana Giannini's mother-in-law), Pat Mahan; for all victims of injustices, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCU!

September 11	Virtual Vintage Santa Clara 1:30pm-3:00pm
September 15	Examen with Father Jack 5:30 pm
September 20	Undergraduate Classes Begin
September 29	Mass of the Holy Spirit Noon
October 7 – October 10	GRAND REUNION!

**MEET SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
DELILAH GARZA!**

Dear Members of Catala Club,

My name is Delilah Garza and I am a sophomore double majoring in Psychology and Child Studies. I would like to express how grateful I am to be named a recipient of The Paul Locatelli, S.J. Endowed Scholarship.



My family is my motivation. My parents do not have a college education, but they work hard to provide for my brother and me. Both of my parents work in school districts and they have always valued education and promised that regardless of how much it would cost or how hard it would be, they would ensure that my brother and I received a college education. Despite how much they work, my dream school, Santa Clara University, would not have even been an option without the generosity of donors such as you. I never thought I would have been able to receive an SCU education, but your scholarship has made this possible. I wake up every morning and attend my classes still in awe of this blessing I have received. I am so thankful for it.

I am a member of the LEAD Scholars program and the University Honors Program. I am also a peer educator in a LEAD English class and a Mentor in the Honors Program. In addition, I work for MOBI, an on-campus office in the Business school that offers free online courses to help people start their business. I am also a member of a new organization called the Belles Service Organization. In this group, I volunteer 15 hours per quarter with companies and organizations that need help.

One of my best experiences at SCU was LEAD week in my freshman year. I moved in a week earlier than the rest of the incoming freshmen, along with 60 of my other LEAD peers. LEAD was one of the main factors that influenced my decision to come to SCU as I knew I would be welcomed on-campus as a first generation student and given the resources needed to succeed in a way that other universities could not. Another experience that attracted me to SCU was the exploration that was promised, and fulfilled. While COVID shut down our campus and many experiences were cancelled, I am still able to do all I wanted to do. SCU's commitment to social justice and to developing leaders of competence, conscience, and compassion is what encouraged me to apply to SCU.

Thank you for your generosity and for the gift of a bright future that accompanies scholarships such as yours.

Delilah Garza

CELEBRATE
SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 Betty Faultner | 22 Anne Middleton |
| 1 Martha Giannini | 27 Elizabeth Smith |
| 4 Theresia Binder | 28 Marie Brancati |
| 7 Katy Kelly | 28 Sandi di Bari |
| 7 Jeanne Schaefer | 28 Laurie Hernandez |
| 8 Leslie Leonetti | 28 Genny Luchessi |
| 9 Joan Ferrari | 29 Dianne Bonino |
| 17 Robin Ferrari | 30 Pat DeMarlo |
| 18 Mimi Avelar | 30 Virginia Hess |
| 19 Debbie McBride | 30 Shirley Pfenndt |
| 20 Donna Rubino | |

MARK YOUR ZOOM CALENDAR . . .

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| September 15 | Lisa Kloppenberg,
SCU Acting President |
| October 20 | Guest Speaker TBA |
| November 17 | Annual Mass of Remembrance |

The Catala Club proudly salutes the dynamic team of Betty Ford (Club President '79, '02) and the late Father Bill Donnelly S.J. for their vision and hard work in organizing the Club's benches and willow trees that have become a signature marker of our 75th anniversary and permanent tribute to our namesake, Fr. Magin Catala.

In storage for safekeeping during a recent campus construction project, the benches are now being reinstalled for all to enjoy.

Thank you, Betty and Fr. Bill!

"JUST A NOTE"

Katy Kelly, Membership Chair

To our members who paid their dues renewal by check, please note that those checks are being deposited this month. Because of SCU's fiscal year end and vacations, we waited until this month to process the checks. Please don't hesitate to contact me at katykelly@sbcglobal.net if you have any updates to your information or questions regarding your membership.

FATHER Brad Mills, S.J.!

Father Brad Mills, S.J. was ordained June 12th at Blessed Sacrament Church in Los Angeles and has been missioned to serve as Associate Pastor at Most Holy Trinity Church in San Jose.



Brad was born and raised in the Santa Clara Valley and graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory and from Santa Clara University, where he received degrees in psychology and environmental science. After college, he joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps for two and a half years serving in Peru and Bolivia. During this time, his desire to become a Jesuit priest became clear.

During his Formation, Brad worked at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in San Diego, teaching catechesis, helping people apply for citizenship and accompanying volunteer groups to Tijuana. In 2020, he received his Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia, and, after being ordained a deacon in November 2020, he served in several small villages in Cartagena, Colombia.

Brad says that during his time as a Jesuit, he has observed his Jesuit mentors work in simple ways: as pastors, spiritual directors or friends.

"I have come to see this as my call: doing small works of love for individuals, on a day-to-day basis. Focusing my life on this mission, I am more able to see clearly how God calls me to love others in the here and now: in hidden, simple, everyday ways that build community and fraternity."

And the Good News is that "rumor has it" . . . Brad wants to come to one of our Catala lunches or zoom meetings — and he can't wait to meet us as well!



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