



# Santa Clara University Catala Club

## Service, Support, and Spirituality

### President's Message – Laurie Hernandez June 2022

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Dear members of the wonderful Catala Family,

Here comes the month of June, bringing with it a celebratory spirit in the air that often comes with the end of the school year. And there is much to celebrate!

We begin with the graduation of the class of 2022, scheduled for June 11. Like last year, this will not be a traditional ceremony in the soccer stadium, but rather a procession of graduates with friends and family through the campus. The celebration will culminate with the students receiving their diplomas in front of the Mission Church. How's that for a photo opp? The event will be livestreamed for all to view.

As we proudly send our graduates off into the world, we also welcome the incoming class of freshman who will arrive at SCU this fall. At a time when college applications are down nationally, Santa Clara received its second highest number of applications in our history. Similarly, this freshman class will be our largest ever. It is bright, diverse, and promises to take SCU to yet another level. Here is a brief snapshot of the group as a whole:

- An average unweighted GPA of 3.73
- 50% of the students are from outside of California
- Top 10 majors include Computer Science & Engineering, Psychology, Finance, Biology, Marketing, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science & Mathematics, Management, Political Science and Economics
- The top 5 states represented by this class are CA, WA, CO, NY and IL
- The top 5 international regions represented by this class are China, India, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the Philippines (8% international students in total)
- 14.7% of the class are the first in their families to go to college

And one of my personal favorite stats: this class boasts the largest percentage of female engineering students in the past decade. Girl power is on the move again — you go, ladies!

In other good news, we also celebrate 5 SCU students who have been awarded Fulbright scholarships. They will be heading out shortly to either study or teach in India,

Italy, Ghana, Colombia and Mexico. Congratulations to these talented young people.

Catala has a celebration of its own this month as we gather to celebrate our 92nd anniversary with a party in the Mission Gardens. All are welcome, and the entire SCU Jesuit Community has been invited. Details are included in this newsletter.

Our beloved Chaplain, Fr. Jack Treacy S.J., and his sister are on the mend following their successful transplant surgery. Fr. Jack has a very long road to recovery ahead of him, where rest and sleep will be the order of the day for a while. He has requested not to be disturbed during his medical leave — this means cards and notes are fine; email, texts and phone calls are not. Thank you for respecting his wishes as he regains his strength and good health. Keep those prayers coming!

Cards and notes may be sent to Fr. Jack Treacy S.J., Santa Clara University, c/o Jesuit Residence, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara CA 95053.

We extend a big Catala hug with even bigger thanks to Fr. Rob Scholla S.J. and Fr. Erick Berrelleza S.J. for helping with Catala matters while Fr. Jack is on leave.

In closing, we offer a loving send off to Catala member and longtime Board member Peggy Anastasia, who passed away after an extended illness on May 14. A Catala member since 2013, Peggy loved Catala and was a wonderful asset to your Board. She was also a wonderful friend to many, and her army of loyal friends will deeply miss her. I know you join me with prayers for Peggy, her family, and her extraordinary legion of friends.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers in the Catala family!

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez '85, President, Catala Club

**It is not enough  
to have a good mind;  
the main thing is to use it well.**

-Rene Descartes



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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Allison Abbott-Kline   | 14 Mary Morris              |
| 1 Jackie Nichols         | 17 Talat Hussain            |
| 1 June Stolz             | 18 Susan Marquess           |
| 4 Father Jack Treacy, SJ | 20 Father Rob Scholla, S.J. |
| 6 Kathy Winkelman        | 21 Jeannie Mahan            |
| 10 Bridget Ivanov        | 26 Jill Woodford            |
| 12 Jinaye Conley         | 28 Kim Crary                |
| 12 Joanne Moul           | 30 Silvia Scandar Mahan     |
| 13 Susan Carter          |                             |

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

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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Year joined: 2022  
April 21

**Congratulations**

**2022-23 OFFICERS**

President	Laurie Hernandez
First Vice President	Joan Cattermole
Second Vice President	Katy Kelly
Secretary	Rosanne Adona
Treasurer	BC Gibbons
Historian	Mary Atwell
Immediate Past President	Charlene Raisch

**2022-23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

One-Year Board (voting power)

Kate Canessa	Leana Giannini
Sue Davison	Fran Lowry
Cathy De Maria	Kathleen Nygard
Joan Ferrari	

Two-Year Board (voting power)

Lisa De Lusignan	Shannon Potts
Julie Jaroshenko	Kris Stanga
Ann Lindahl	Nancy Taratino
Birdie Pacelli	Mary Jane Vitkovich

Advisory Board (no voting power)

Mary Conlon-Almassy	Joanne Moul
Dianne Bonino	

Appointed by the President  
Assistant Treasurer, Pat DeMarlo  
Parliamentarian, Jeannie Mahan  
Alumni Liaison, Sarah Bonini

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to friends and family of our member Peggy Anastasia, to Sylvia Romero with the passing of her mother, to Michelle Sola with the passing of her mother, to Rosanne Adona with the passing of her brother-in-law.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Betty Ford, Loydene Kiley, Debbie McBride, Father Rob Scholla, S.J., Father Jack Treacy, S.J., Sandra Treacy, Michelle Sola's grandson, Aedan, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
SAVE THE DATE**

June 18	Catala Anniversary Party - SCU
October 7	Inauguration of the 30 <sup>th</sup> President of Santa Clara University, Julie Sullivan
November 4	Catala Retreat Jesuit Retreat Center, Los Altos from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.



# A GREAT DAY AT CATALA'S 2022 INSTALLATION LUNCHEON



**Presentation of our \$10,000 Gift to SCU for our Endowed Scholarship Fund!**

**with Four of Our Scholarship Recipients Joining Us**



# *Anniversary Party News!*

## *Santa Clara University Catala Club "Catala Club through the Decades"*

*Celebrating the past, inspiring the future of SCU Scholars*

You should have received your invitation to the long anticipated  
**SCU Catala Club Anniversary Party on Saturday, June 18th**

Please let us know if you would like additional invitations sent.

If you would like to help us with this fun event, contact one of the Co-chairs:  
Katy Kelly, Charlene Raisch or Leana Giannini

These are a few enticing "Live Auction" items available the night of our party:

- 1) **Dinner for 12** hosted by our incoming **SCU President Julie H. Sullivan, Ph.D.**
- 2) A 2-night **Seascape getaway**
- 3) **4 game tickets and a tailgate parking pass** for a **49ers 2022 season game**

Finally, only "92" tickets will be sold for the

### **JEWEL TICKET**

Lovely, delicate red garnet and diamond earrings  
set in 18K white gold, 3.83K red garnets,  
10K diamonds



**Generously donated by  
Eichhorn Jewelers**

**Retail Value: \$1,080  
\$50 per ticket**

Raffle tickets are available to purchase the night of the event or  
by contacting Charlene Raisch [charlene.raisch@gmail.com](mailto:charlene.raisch@gmail.com); 408/202-3121

The winning ticket will be drawn  
the evening of our Anniversary Party  
Saturday, June 18, 2022

And Check-out another treasure that was discovered by Dianne Bonino  
in the *Catala Club Archives* →

February 27, 1935

Mrs. Herbert C. Hoover  
623 Mirada  
Stanford University  
California

Honored Madam:

May I invite you to be the guest speaker for the Catala Club on Friday afternoon, March 22, at 2:30 o'clock, here at the University of Santa Clara.

The Catala Club is a group of university women, composed of the mothers of our students, past and present, of the wives of alumni, of feminine benefactors of the Mission and University of Santa Clara and of all ladies interested in the said Mission or University.

The Club has been addressed by many prominent speakers, the last one being Ruth Comfort Mitchell. The ladies have asked me to request this gracious favor of you, and if the date is acceptable, we would like to have you speak on the subject of your experiences in Washington or your interest in and work with the Girl Scouts.

I, myself, still have pleasant recollections of the two times I heard you speak during the past year. The first, at the installation of the new President of Whittier College, and more recently, your introduction for Amelia Earhart.

It would give us the greatest pleasure to have you with us on the afternoon of Friday, March 22, and I feel sure that the ladies will accord you a most enthusiastic reception in this atmosphere of Old Mission hospitality.

With the kindest personal regards to yourself and Mr. Hoover, I remain,

Most gratefully yours in anticipation,

JAMES J. LYONS, S.J.

And - Mrs. Hoover DID indeed speak to the women of Catala on March 28, 1935!