#OlinLoveStories

To complement Valentine’s Day and Candidates’ Weekends this month, check out more “Olin Love Stories!” Read about how families first fell in LOVE with Olin and the stories of the alumni who first met their best friends or significant other!

Read more HERE

Messages from the PAB

P’18s, Are You Interested in PAB Membership?

Just a friendly reminder that we would like to bring on two more members to join Amy Ballin and Burton Sutker in representing parents of the class of 2018 on the PARENT ADVISORY BOARD. To those who already expressed interest during Family Weekend last October or at a later date, please let us know if you are still interested. If you have not already expressed interest but would like to, now is the time. To aid in the selection process, it would be most helpful if you could EMAIL a brief bio no later than March 6th. Please include a few sentences on your background (career, experience, interest in the PAB, etc.). A resume is not necessary. We’ll be sharing the compiled bios with the rest of the PAB for discussion during our spring conference call. (Members are selected by MARY KAY MCFADDEN, VP of Development, Family and Alumni Relations, at the recommendation of Krissy Raposa, Director of Family and Alumni Relations, and the PAB). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact KRISSEY. We look forward to hearing from you!

Join our Team

Congrats...

Life Sciences Foundation Magazine Features Work of Olin Professor of Biology and Art Helen Donis-Keller, a teacher, a scientist and an artist. Her artistic and scientific work investigates the relationship between genotype (hereditary information) and phenotype (observed characteristics). It is this unique perspective that has led to her artwork (including the cover shot) being featured in the fall 2014 edition of Life Sciences Foundation magazine, for a feature on the “Changing Face of Biotechnology.” Helen's story appears on page 60.

Read more HERE

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has once again placed Olin College on the list of top producers of U.S. Fulbright students, in the specialized institution category. Top-producing institutions are highlighted annually in The Chronicle of Higher Education. Two Olin students were awarded Fulbright fellowships in 2014-2015. Ilana Walder-Biesanz ‘13 received a U.S. Fulbright Scholarship to Germany. Walder-Biesanz is exploring the use of technology in theater and opera and is also involved in theater at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich as an actress and director. Erika Boeing ‘10 is pursuing a Master's in European Studies on Society,
During the month of March, Olin parent volunteers will be calling fellow Olin parents to connect, thank you for past giving, share the impact parent giving has, and asking you to participate towards our shared goal of 322 gifts by March 27th if you have not already given this year. High parent participation rates show potential future major investors and collaborators your satisfaction with Olin and support in the revolutionary mission. Your teamwork is needed.

How?
1. Save yourself, Olin and a volunteer from a call by MAKING YOUR GIFT TODAY.
2. Volunteer to be a caller, but perhaps you're thinking, "What? Calling people to ask for money? Sounds awkward." That's what I thought too when the Phonathon started a few years ago. However, I gave it a try anyway and have had lots of enjoyable conversations with my fellow Olin parents since then. Turns out many of them were already planning on donating anyway and appreciated the reminder. Through making these connections with other parents, you are able to share experiences and encourage parent participation, regardless the amount of a donation. Isn't talking about Olin a great ice breaker? If you'd like to sign up to be part of the calling team or you just have some questions, contact DAN KISER P'10 (cell: 614.506.6660). I'll be happy to add you to the list or answer those questions. Thanks for your teamwork in advance!

Charlie Nolan Candidate Endowment Fund

As you may know, CHARLIE NOLAN will be retiring at the end of this academic year. While we are sad to see him go, we are happy that he has exciting things planned for his retirement. To honor Charlie's lasting legacy, David Wurtz '07 has initiated a fund which will support a need that Charlie feels strongly about. The Charlie Nolan Candidate Endowment Fund will ensure that no student is unable to attend Candidates' Weekend due to financial constraints. Read more HERE and please consider supporting the fund by going HERE.

Upcoming events!

Feb 20-21: Candidate Weekend I for Class of '19
Feb. 27-28: Candidate Weekend II for Class of '19
Mar. 6-7: Candidate Weekend III for Class of '19
Mar. 23-27: Spirit Week

During Spirit Week, we want to show our support for each of Olin's amazing 322 students by raising 1 gift for each student by the end of the week. Stay tuned for more exciting information and how you can impact an Olin student and what is happening on campus! You will see the latest news about Spirit Week on the FAR FACEBOOK page and in your email.

End of March: Olin on the "Slopes"
Interested in going skiing with other Olin parents, alumni and students? The FAR office is looking for interested community members to take a day ski trip towards the end of March. If you are interested, tell us by emailing the I.A. Coordinator ALEX MILOT.

May 16-17: Commencement Weekend 2015
The Commencement WEBSITE has been updated with details to help you make your plans accordingly. On Saturday, May 16 a Commencement Weekend Welcome and External Achievement recognition event will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Milas Hall Auditorium followed by the President's Reception 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Olin Oval and Campus Center. Both events are for graduates, their families, staff and faculty. On Sunday, May 17 the Commencement Ceremony will take place at 3:00 p.m. on the Great Lawn followed by a brief reception at 4:30 p.m.

Check our LODGING page for our updated arranged room blocks and group rates. Please note these blocks expire one month prior to the event. Other hotel recommendations, dining options and more can be found on our "LODGING & TRANSPORTATION" section of our website. Don't forget to make reservations early other area colleges' commencements are the same weekend. If you have questions, you are welcome to contact COMMENCEMENT@OLIN.EDU. We look forward to seeing you in three months!

Student Life has a new name!
What you knew as OSL and STAR will be the Office of Student Affairs and Resources. Student Affairs better represents all of the functions of that team, and Resources points to the support and service functions that we continue to provide. Kudos to A.J. Pave, East Hall Director, for synthesizing our many discussions to create the new name! You will also begin to see a common tagline about what we do collectively as a team and that is, "Engaging Students in All Dimensions."

As part of this process, they also spent much time rethinking their presence on the Olin website. You will now see a more cohesive set of information about Student Affairs and Resources. This SET OF PAGES is still under construction, so expect additions and changes over the spring semester. Many thanks to the Student Affairs team for their work on the web pages and to Nick Tatar for coordinating the effort.

VIDEO INTERVIEW

Add a tasty something to your food
Ben Linder, Associate Professor of Design and Mechanical Engineering teaches a beekeeping co-curricular at Olin and for the past five years, we have run a honey CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) we call Parcel Bees. We currently have over eight colonies in Parcel B and a nearby farm with many busy bees making honey for you to eat!

CSAs involve both the beekeepers and honey eaters sharing in the risk of beekeeping. We are proud that Parcel Bees is one of the first honey CSAs in the country! We are also providing bees with homes in hopes of fighting Colony Collapse Disorder.

As a Parcel Bees shareholder, you will help finance the bee colonies and be part-owner of thousands of busy bees, in exchange for honey. By having multiple honey shareholders, we're able to spread the honey over all CSA participants.

Interested? Fill out THE FORM! Have questions? How about DONATE? E-mail Ben Linder.

Resources
- Parent website
- Follow the Family and Alumni Relations office Facebook Page
- Request to become a part of the Olin College Parents Facebook
- Flickr (Olin Photos)
- Olin Gear website
- Check out the on-campus community oLink
- Giving.olin.edu
- Course Catalog
- OLINsider