Messages from the Parent Advisory Board (PAB)

Olin Connect Webinars
We hosted our first Olin family conference call/webinar on February 27. Director of Family and Alumni Relations Krissy Raposa hosted a conversation on *What it means to be part of the Olin family?* She focused on the importance of engagement with parents and other family members in the Olin community and the benefits received as part of the Olin family. PAB Chair Mark Burger P’14 spoke about the role of the PAB and volunteer opportunities within Olin. You can request a link to the recording of this webinar [HERE](#).

The next “Olin Connect” will occur at noon EST on April 23. This webinar will feature Director of Post Graduate Planning Sally Phelps as she shares tips and timelines to help support your students as they explore internships, research opportunities, jobs, grad school and more. Learn how you can assist your student and others by expanding the Olin network. Instructions on how to participate in this webinar will follow for those who sign up [HERE](#). Space is limited but a recording will be available after the webinar. If you have any questions you can contact Institutional Advancement Coordinator, Alex Milot.

Calling All P’17s – Join the PAB
The Parent Advisory Board would like to bring on two more members to join Nagib Hakim and Marci Sapers in representing the parents of the class of 2017. If you are interested in being a candidate, please visit the volunteering sign up page on the Parent website. Simply select the PAB membership (and other volunteer opportunities you may be interested in) option and click submit. You are welcome to check out the recent Olin Connect webinar for more details on the PAB initiatives. To aid in the selection process, it would be most helpful if you could also email Institutional Advancement Coordinator Alex Milot a brief bio [no later than March 31](#). It will provide background on who we are working with and what interests they have in Olin's PAB. Please include a few sentences on your background (career, experience, interest in the PAB, etc.). A resume is not necessary. The compiled bios will be shared with the rest of the PAB and aid in the selection process. We are thankful for those who have already expressed interest and would appreciate your letting us know if you are still interested and have any updates to the bios you previously submitted. Decisions will be made by April 15 and the terms begin June 1. Feel free to contact any of the current PAB members if you have questions or would like further information.

Help Our Students and Alumni Network
As parents we know the result of a top-notch undergraduate education is a great job or
graduate school. We can support our students and alumni by identifying job and internship opportunities, benchmarking industry trends, discovering design competitions, researching scholarships and fellowships, conducting mock interviews and more. Here are two easy ways you can join and help expand the Olin Network:

- **Utilize the Networking Toolkit** - Many of you have passed along leads for internships, jobs, grants, and other promising opportunities to the Office of Post Graduate Planning (PGP) using the Networking Toolkit that was introduced to you by the PAB Networking Committee last year. The Networking Toolkit has been updated to reflect Olin’s new website. This Toolkit is a resource to guide you as you interact with others interested in Olin as well as share consistent, up-to-date, and valuable information about our unique students and alumni. As a reminder, the most effective way to utilize this Toolkit is to send the follow-up email (templates included in the Toolkit) after the initial contact.

- **Join PGP’s LinkedIn Group** - Benchmarking and statistics show that students and alumni are increasingly using LinkedIn for career support and networking. For this reason and as mentioned in Toolkit, LinkedIn is a great way for you to communicate these opportunities to our students and alumni. You can help by actively participating in Olin’s Post Graduate Planning LinkedIn Group. Whether it is to start discussions, respond to other discussions, post opportunities or make connections between people, interests and companies, your engagement with our LinkedIn Group can make a big difference. Please be sure your settings are adjusted to receive periodic updates. CLICK HERE to learn how. You can also send leads and inquiries to Post Graduate Planning (PostGrad@olin.edu).

### Student Accounts and Records update

*eTranscripts and Order Tracking*

Linda Canavan is pleased to announce two new services available for current and former students. One is eTranscripts and Order Tracking! The other is 24/7 Enrollment Certifications. More information is also available at [http://star.olin.edu](http://star.olin.edu) (and accessible by students and alumni through the MyStAR tab of the Olin Portal).

### Financing Your Olin Education for 2014-15

Olin’s newest Cost, Aid and Scholarship document is now available HERE with the newly approved tuition and fees for the upcoming academic year. Please contact the Student Accounts and Records Center (StAR), star.center@olin.edu, if you have questions.

### Check out the Cambridge Science Festival

If you are in the area, the Cambridge Science Festival is being held April 18. The first of its kind in the United States, it is a celebration showcasing the leading edge in science, technology, engineering and math. A multifaceted, multicultural event every spring, the Cambridge Science Festival makes science accessible, interactive and fun! CLICK HERE for the 2014 Festival events from crash-happy robots, to a block party, to big ideas.

### Two months until…Commencement Weekend 2014

The Commencement WEBSITE has been updated with details to help you make your plans accordingly. On Saturday, May 17 a Commencement Weekend Welcome and External Achievement recognition event will be held at 3:30pm in the Milas Hall Auditorium followed by the President’s Reception 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Olin Oval and Campus Center. Both events are for graduates, their families, staff and faculty. On Sunday, May 18 the Commencement Ceremony will take place at 3pm on the Great Lawn followed by a brief reception at 4:30pm. We have arranged room blocks and group rates at the following hotels: Babson Executive Conference Center (sold out at this time), Sheraton Needham, and Holiday Inn Boston-Dedham. Please note these blocks expire one month prior to the event. Other hotel recommendations, dining options and more can be found on the “Area Accommodations” section of the event.
website. If you have questions, you are welcome to contact commencement@olin.edu. We look forward to seeing you in two months!

Also Check Out

- Check out what is going on the BOW Three College Collaboration. Read the Annual Report
- Art Exhibit at Olin College earns Boston Globe Review
- Olin College Assistant Professor of Psychology named Associate Editor for Scientific Journal
- The Town Meeting video is on YouTube. Thank you for all who participated and for the terrific Q&A session!
- EE Times: 10 Engineering Schools You Should Know But Don't
- Huffington Post: Engineering 2.0: Rekindling American Ingenuity
- VOA News: What Engineers Do, and How They Learn

Upcoming Events

- May 2 - Build Day
- May 12 - Olin Expo
- May 13 - Scope Expo
- May 18 - Commencement Ceremony

Resources

- Parent website
- Request to become a part of the Olin College Parents Facebook
- Flickr (Olin Photos)
- Visit the Olin Gear website
- Follow the Family and Alumni Relations Office Facebook Page
- Check out the on-campus community oLink

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