



Santa Clara University Catalá Club

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President's Message - Nancy Tarantino

Dear Members of Catalá,

March sure brought a big Shout Out to Santa Clara Men's Basketball. They earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament, otherwise known as March Madness. This is the first time in 30 years and what a great tribute to the hard-working basketball players and their coaches. Go Broncos!!

Special thank you to Mary Atwell, Cathy De Maria, Leana Giannini and Fr. Treacy for the wonderful March retreat. The morning started with a presentation led by Fr. Jack, a tour of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, noon mass, and ended with lunch at Il Fornaio. Thank you to everyone who attended. The 2026-27 Catalá Board slate was approved so we are set for another year!

We will be returning to Palermo Restaurant on Wednesday, April 15, for our next General Meeting and Luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Elyse Raby, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at SCU. Her presentation will focus on the first year of Pope Leo XIV. We hope to see you there.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Summer Social on Saturday, August 15. Carol Traub has graciously offered her home. More details to come as we get closer.

Happy Easter to you all, Nancy



Congratulations to Our 2026-27 Officers and Board of Directors



OFFICERS

President	Nancy Tarantino
First Vice President	Leana Giannini
Second Vice President	Lisa De Lusignan
Secretary	Dianne Bonino
Treasurer	BC Gibbons
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Advisory Board

(no voting power)

Mary Conlon-Almassy	Charlene Raisch
Joanne Moul	

Appointed by the President

Assistant Treasurer, Cynthia Hanz
Parliamentarian, Jeannie Mahan



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Two-Year Board

(voting power)

Rosanne Adona	Shannon Potts
Julie Jaroshenko	Georgia Schon
Katy Kelly	Stacie Solari-Callas
Birdie Pacelli	



One-Year Board

(voting power)

Maureen Cronan	Fran Lowry
Sue Davison	Mary McCurdy
Cathy De Maria	Glenda Rasmussen
Joan Ferrari	Nora Ritchey



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SAVE THE DATE**

- April 1 Virtual Holy Week Examen, Zoom
4:30pm-5pm; register on the Alumni website
- April 5 Easter “He is risen, He is risen indeed”!
- April 8 **SCU DAY OF GIVING**
- April 15 Palermo Restaurant, San Jose
SCU Professor, Dr. Elyse Raby
“First Year of Pope Leo XIV”
(invitation attached)
- May 31 “Head Over Heals” – Mayer Theater
- October 2 Fashion Show, Luncheon
DoubleTree Hotel

**Happy April
Birthdays!**

Mary Atwell	Sherry Kaufman
Elaine Bruni	Mona Lisa Blouin
Betsy Caffell	Annamarie Louie
Joanie Cattermole	Nirupa Patel
Dora Cuadra	Charlene Raisch
Sue Davison	Ursula Szeles
Andrea Holtan	Deborah Winter

**Save
The
Date**

*Friday, October 2, 2026
DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton
Fashion Show and
Luncheon Fundraiser*

THINKING OF YOU

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to Carol O’Brien with the passing of her husband, Tom, and to all who grieve.

We extend our Prayers for Healing and Restored Health to Roseann LaCoursiere; Jeanne Torre; Jeff Stanga, husband of Kris Stanga; Diana, daughter of Nancy Tarantino; Michelle Sola’s grandson, Áedán; for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

**OUR ARTS LIASION
MARY MCCURDY**

“Head over Heals” – Sunday, May 31-2pm
Mayer Theater

We Got The Beat in this exciting, bold and fun forward musical. Vacation to the land of Arcadia where a Greek Oracle warns the kingdom they will lose their Beat unless they heed the prophecy and embrace love in all forms. What will happen? Our Lips Are Sealed. Everybody, get on your feet as you dance and sing-along to the music of the Go-Go's.

Come join your fellow Catalá Club members for the performance on Sunday, May 31, in the Mayer Theater at 2pm.

RSVP by May 15

Follow the link below to purchase tickets for seating with your Catalá friends.

<https://scupresents.scu.edu/event/68c744aa43c6a4f24ad18642/69bcbfa4f2a0f345e5a1773c>

Click on "Buy Tickets"

Enter Code: catala (lower case)

**Nominating Committee
by Sue Davison**

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for their time dedicated to completing the nominating slate. Lisa DeLusignan and I chaired the Committee which consisted of Tina Corcorran, Mary McCurdy, Joanne Moul, Shannon Potts and Georgia Schon with Lisa Clancy and Laurie Hernandez as alternates.

Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

INSTALLATION MASS AND GENERAL MEETING

Please join us on **May 20** at 10:30
in the Mission Church for Mass
and our annual Catalá Board Installation.

Immediately following Mass will be our luncheon and
general meeting in the Nobili Dining Room with our
special guest speakers,
our Catalá Scholarship Recipients.

A formal invitation will follow soon. If you would like
to reserve your place now, you may register online at
<http://scu.edu/catala>

We are proud to
announce that our total
Catalá Endowment is
\$35,794,844.79.

It awards 41 students
an average gift of
\$35,609.76!

*We are a pilgrim people. Your pilgrim road might be cobbled and worn
or it might be full of potholes, sinkholes, or broken concrete,
but all of us walk this pilgrim road together.*

On this pilgrim road, believe that . . .

Who you are is enough.

You carry the spark of divine love within you.

You are loved just as you are.

You are a gift.

You matter.

You are precious.

You are a beloved child of God.

-Loyola Press, A Jesuit Ministry

