



# Santa Clara University Catalá Club

## Service, Support, and Spirituality

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### President's Message - Nancy Tarantino

Dear Members of Catalá,

Happy Summer! I hope you all have had a chance to “vacation” and relax. Catalá will be “back in school” before we know it!

There has been a change in our 2026-27 Board of Directors. Georgia Schon has opted to take time off from the Board. She has made us all smile over the years with her creative Board snacks and endless thoughtfulness. She will be missed. Hopefully we will see her at our general lunches. Mary Blaser will join us as a two-year Board Member. Mary is a past Board Member so has lots of experience, plus she is one of our key players for the Fashion Show. Welcome back, Mary!

Speaking of the Fashion Show.... Our theme this year is “Women in Motion Empowering the Next Generation.” The numerous committees have been hard at work all summer from creating invitations, gathering silent auction items and underwriting and, of course, creating the fashion. I hope you can join us on Friday, October 2, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in San Jose. Tickets frequently sell out.

In the meantime, please complete your Membership form, and sign up for the Summer Social at Carol and John Traub's home on Saturday, August 15.

With appreciation, Nancy Tarantino

#### Catalá Club 2026-2027 Dues Renewal Reminder

It's membership renewal time! We hope you'll continue to be part of the Catalá community for another year. Annual dues are \$50.

You should have received an email last week with everything you need to renew your membership and submit any updates for the membership directory. Please renew by **September 15** to ensure you're included in the new directory.

If you've already renewed, thank you! **There's no need to email us to confirm your payment—we're keeping track of all renewals.**

We truly appreciate your prompt response and your continued support. We look forward to another wonderful year together!

**Lisa de Lusignan, Shannon Potts**  
Membership Chairs

#### A RE-NAMING ON CAMPUS!

As of July 1, Santa Clara's **Office of Campus Ministry** is formally being renamed – and reimagined – as the **Center for Spirituality and Faith**. Two new leaders have been added: Kathleen Quiazon, who will serve as Director of the new Center, and Andrew Laguna, SJ, who will serve as Director of Catholic Life.

Why the Center for Spirituality and Faith? Students want to explore life's big questions, especially those that touch on issues of meaning, belief, purpose and belonging. Yet many find the term "Campus Ministry" unfamiliar. At the same time, an increasing number of students express interest in the wisdom and perspective that faith traditions and spiritual practices can bring to their lives. Some are especially interested in going deeper in their formation and development as Catholics and members of the world's diverse faith traditions. It is because of this new context that we are relaunching our shared work as the Center for Spirituality and Faith.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE

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| August 15    | Members' Summer Social –<br>Home of Carol and John Traub                                                                                |
| September 12 | Vintage Santa Clara                                                                                                                     |
| September 21 | Undergraduate Classes Begin                                                                                                             |
| September 23 | Guest Speaker: Dr. Julie Sullivan,<br>University President –<br>“State of the University” California<br>Mission Room, Downstairs Benson |
| October 2    | Fashion Show, Luncheon<br>DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose                                                                                 |



Cathy Bonnici  
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Kate Buenrostro  
Jennifer Butler  
Clara Carrasco  
Anna DeBrine  
Dawn Feuerberg  
April Halberstadt  
Gigi Harvey  
Lori Johnson  
Bitia Karabian  
Margaret Kelly  
Loydene Kiley  
Rose Marie Beebe

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Kay Morrison  
Kathy O'Connell  
Leslie Orta  
Helen Owen  
Vickie Poitevin  
Glenda Rasmussen  
Sally Scott  
Ida Skikos  
Suzanne Soares  
Stacie Solari-Callas  
Joan Stoelker  
Jeanne Torre

## OUR ARTS LIASION MARY MCCURDY

Wednesday, August 5; Noon to 1:00pm  
A Webinar: AI and “Magnifica Humanitas”

“The Encyclical and Disarming AI”  
Register online

[markkulaethicscenter@scu.edu](mailto:markkulaethicscenter@scu.edu)

“Jesus is real, He is fully human, and He loves each of us in a deeply personal way. He knows and loves the real you-and He knows that’s the best you.”

-Dynamic Catholic

## THINKING OF YOU

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to all who grieve.

We extend our Prayers for Healing and Restored Health to  
Jerry Mugnolo, husband of Katie Mugnolo;  
Jeanne Torre; Jeff Stanga, husband of Kris Stanga;  
Michelle Sola’s grandson, Áedán;  
for our SCU Community  
and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

## Save The Date

SCU Catalá Club Welcomes you to

# WOMEN in MOTION

– Empowering the Next Generation –

*Fashion Show - Luncheon - Fundraiser*

Friday, October 2, 2026

11:00am – 2:30pm

DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose

2050 Gateway Place

San Jose, CA 95110

*Proceeds Benefit the Santa Clara University  
Catalá Club Endowed Scholarship Funds*



**Invitations coming soon to your mailbox!**

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## FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Sue Davison

Hope you are enjoying warm and busy summer days!

A reminder: the Bronco Pantry is open to serve our students over the summer. If you would like to make a donation now, please visit the Amazon wish list from the QR code.

Donations to the Food Insecurity Program at SCU may also be made via Amazon at Amazon Wish List. Please search "SCU Students: Food Insecurity at SCU" for the public wish list of items on Amazon.com or use the QR code below. Please select "Basic Needs Program, Dean of Students Office, 500 El Camino Real," as the mailing address. Gift Cards and purchases from the Amazon Wish List may also be dropped off at the Santa Clara University address noted above.





# WOMEN in MOTION

## FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

The Women in Motion Fashion Show, Luncheon & Fundraiser is just around the corner on Friday, October 2, 2026! We're looking forward to a wonderful afternoon of fashion, friendship and fundraising to support the Catalá Club Endowed Scholarship Fund.

For your enjoyment, the following stores will be showcasing their fashions for us:

Chico's  
J. McLaughlin

Mélodie  
Eli Thomas

Bloomingdale's  
Title Nine

This Fashion Show aims to please with a variety of looks and styles and our theme Women in Motion is perfect for today's modern woman. Please know that we are looking for models sizes 2, 4 and 6 with some height! If that's YOU, please contact Mary Blaser, 408/309-4049; maryblaser86@gmail.com.

This year's Silent Auction promises something for everyone, including; getaways to Carmel-by-the-Sea, Healdsburg Wine Country, Disneyland, Pismo Beach, Mark Hopkins Hotel SF, Sporting Events, Golf Packages, Shopping Sprees, Wine and Whiskey Tasting and many exciting Gift Certificates and Gift Baskets!

Every donation to the Silent Auction and Opportunity Drawing helps provide scholarships for SCU undergraduate students. Please bring any items or gift certificates that you are donating to our Catalá Summer Social on August 15 or make arrangements for pickup by contacting Katy Kelly at 650/279-0330 or [katyelly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katyelly@sbcglobal.net). Items may be display-ready or simply bagged—we'll take care of the presentation.

Come ready to have fun... Bid Often • Bid High • Bid for SCU Students!

## Catalá Club's Summer Mass & Social Join us!!

**Saturday, August 15, 2026**

*at the home of*

**Carol and John Traub**

**1024 Emory Street, San Jose 95126**

(Park at Odd Fellows Community Center Hall across the street, 1035 Emory Street)

**Mass 5:00 p.m.**

(Plan to arrive around 4:30 p.m.)

**Buffet Dinner 6:15 p.m.**

Including Grilled Chicken Breast, Sirloin Tri Tip Steak, Tortellini Pasta Salad & More!  
(time approximate)

**\$65 per person**

**Please make your reservation by August 6**

Online: <https://mysantaclara.scu.edu/Catala/MonthlyReg>

**OR** mail your Check Payable to SCU Catalá Club to:

Nancy Tarantino, 635 San Mateo Drive, Menlo Park CA 94025

Questions?

Contact Nancy:

650/619-8683 ; [nancytarantino126@gmail.com](mailto:nancytarantino126@gmail.com)

### A Message from Board of Fellows Chair, John Traub



Welcome to the 61st year of the Board of Fellows! I am honored to be part of such a special group of individuals. The Board's commitment to the University is reflected in the over \$2.6 million raised this past year.

I am looking forward to celebrating the 61st Annual Golden Circle Theatre Party with you all on February 13, 2027. We can all take pride in the fact that we can have a blast while making a difference hosting the last remaining VIP Black Tie Gala in Silicon Valley!!