



Santa Clara University Catalá Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

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President's Message - Nancy Tarantino

Dear Members of Catalá,

There have been a lot of highs and lows amongst our Catalá members this year. But through it all, we have had the support of each other and a common goal of loving Santa Clara University and our Catalá Club. I personally am so grateful for every one of you.

On May 20, our 2026-27 Board of Directors and Officers were installed at Mass. Fr. Matt Carnes was our celebrant, and his thoughtful message of noting our strengths and support of each other was appreciated. The music was beautiful and personal with Catalá member Glenda Rasmussen at the piano. We welcomed new members Cynthia Hanz and Stacie Solari-Callas to the Board.

The climax of the year was the luncheon after Mass that was organized by Mary Almassy and Joanne Moul. Special guests were President Julie Sullivan, Mike Wallace and four Catalá scholarship recipients. Their stories noting how Catalá Club has changed their lives inspire all of us to keep fundraising and friend raising. Many are first generation college students who would not have this opportunity without our Catalá Scholarship. They will make a positive difference in the world. We presented President Sullivan with a \$25,000 check which brought our total fiscal year contribution to \$110,000. Great job ladies!!!

Mark your calendars for our Summer Social which will be on Saturday, August 15, at the home of Carol and John Traub. Our first General Luncheon for 2026-27 will be on Wednesday, September 23, in Nobili Hall with guest speaker President Sullivan. Last but not least is our big fundraiser, the Fashion Show, which is early this year so mark your calendars for Friday, October 2. (See the Save the Date Notice in this Newsletter.)

Have a safe summer, Nancy Tarantino

Catalá Club 2026-2027 Membership Renewal

It's almost time to renew your Catalá membership for the upcoming year!

Membership renewal opens July 1, and we encourage all members to renew promptly to ensure uninterrupted communication and inclusion in our activities.

Our annual membership dues is \$50. While we do accept checks, we strongly prefer that members renew **online** for convenience and faster processing. **We will send another message with the link prior to July 1 to make it easy for you to renew online. We will also send the mailing address to where to send your check if you choose to renew your membership that way.**

Please note that **the deadline to renew your membership and be included in the 2026-27 Roster is September 15.** If your renewal is received after that date, your information will not appear in the Roster.

As summer is a busy travel season, we recommend you plan ahead—especially if you anticipate being out of town—so you don't miss the deadline.

Thank you for your continued support of Catalá Club. We look forward to another great year!
Lisa de Lusignan and Shannon Potts, Membership Co-Chairs

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SAVE THE DATE**

- June 13 Undergraduate Commencement
- August 15 Members' Summer Social –
Home of Carol and John Traub
- October 2 Fashion Show, Luncheon
DoubleTree Hotel

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

We extend our Prayers for Healing and
Restored Health to Mike Guerra, husband of
Jane Guerra; to Genny Luchessi; to Jeannie Mahan;
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.



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| Allison Abbott-Kline | Mary Morris |
| Susan Carter | Trish Morse |
| Sarah Christie | Joanne Moul |
| Jinaye Conley | Laura Norton |
| Kim Crary | Desiree Rogers |
| Jane Guerra | Stephanie Rosas |
| Veronica Hamstreet | Father Rob Scholla, S.J. |
| Bridget Ivanov | Samina Shetty |
| Katherine Long | June Stolz |
| Jeannie Mahan | Father Jack Treacy, S.J. |
| Silvia Scandar Mahan | Kathy Winkelman |
| Susan Marquess | |

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*



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**KUDOS TO SANTA CLARA'S
ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPERS**

Santa Clara Ranks Number 6!

15 Most Beautiful

**COLLEGE CAMPUSES
IN THE U.S.**

1. Sewanee: The University of the South, Tennessee
2. Indiana University Bloomington
3. University of Colorado Boulder
4. Kenyon College, Ohio
5. St. Olaf College, Minnesota
6. Santa Clara University, California
7. Rhodes College, Tennessee
8. William & Mary, Virginia
9. Vanderbilt University, Tennessee
10. Pepperdine University, California
11. Berry College, Georgia
12. Duke University, North Carolina
13. Cornell University, New York
14. Rice University, Texas
15. Williams College, Massachusetts

**Happy First Day
Of
Summer**



**Sunday,
June 21**

The Mark & Mary Stevens School of Medicine

On May 15, Sutter Health and Santa Clara University announced the launch of the Mark & Mary Stevens School of Medicine. Funded in part by a \$175 million gift from Mark and Mary Stevens, it will be the first new medical school in the San Francisco Bay Area in more than a century.

The collaboration brings together two mission-driven organizations to redefine how physicians are trained and how care is delivered in a rapidly changing healthcare landscape.

The site of this future campus is an 82,000 square-foot facility approximately five miles from the University's campus and adjacent to the Sutter East Santa Clara Campus in Silicon Valley.

This alliance with Sutter Health will train physicians to lead with competence, conscience, compassion and a commitment to community.

This is a new chapter for Santa Clara University, grounded in our Jesuit mission to care for the whole person.



FOOD INSECURITY at SCU by Sue Davison

Thank you, thank you to all who donated to The Bronco Pantry by purchasing opportunity drawing tickets at our May luncheon in Nobili Hall. We received \$400 in donations! We appreciate your generous support!

It was such a pleasure to meet a few of our Catalá Club Scholarship recipients at the luncheon and so heartwarming to hear their stories and how grateful they are of the education a Catalá Scholarship offers them. The Bronco Pantry is another wonderful way we can support them through the Basic Needs Program.

If you would like to make a donation over the summer months, please visit the Amazon wish list from the link below. The Pantry will remain open to help students on campus.

Ways to Support the Basic Needs Program

- Cash Donations You can donate directly to our program on the Santa Clara website [here](#) under the designation: Food Insecurity Gift Fund.
- Food Donations We accept non-perishable, shelf-stable food items and toiletries at the Dean of Students Office located on the second floor of Benson, Room 205. These items are available to our students without any expectation of re-payment through our Bronco Food Pantry. We unfortunately cannot accept homemade items due to food safety regulations.

- Amazon Wish List Donations can be made via our SCU Amazon wish list.

Please search for "SCU Students: Food Insecurity at SCU" for the public wish list of items or click [here](#) to access the wish list directly. Please select "Food Insecurity SCU," 500 El Camino Real, as the mailing address.

- Gift Card Donation E-gift cards can be sent to dso@scu.edu and will be distributed to students directly. Physical gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to the Dean of Students Office in Benson, Room 205. Please see the full mailing address below.

Cards loaded with amounts of \$25 and \$50 are preferred. We ask that gift cards be donated from Safeway or Target for ease of student access to local stores.

- Mailing Address for donations:

Basic Needs Program
Dean of Students Office
Benson 205
500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara CA 95053

THANK YOU!

Come to the quiet. God speaks in the silence. If you yearn to hear His voice, increase the amount of time you spend in silence each day, and wait patiently for Him to speak to you.

WOMEN in MOTION

FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER Donations Needed

We invite all Catalá members to help support our *Women in Motion Fashion Show, Luncheon and Fundraiser* on Friday, October 2, 2026, at the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel in San Jose.

This cherished event is more than a celebration — it is the cornerstone of Catalá's fundraising efforts, providing vital support to students as they pursue their education and dreams at Santa Clara University. Thanks to the generosity of last year's supporters, 41 students received life-changing scholarships this past year, with an average award of \$35,610 per student.

To continue this success, Catalá Club's Silent Auction Committee and Opportunity Drawing Committee need your help. Please donate or join with other members by donating in one of the following ways.

1. Monetary Donations: To supplement silent auction and opportunity drawing items.
2. Gift Certificates: Restaurants, hotels, spas, golf, department stores, boutiques, etc.
3. New Merchandise
4. Event tickets or Unique Experiences: Theatre Tickets, 49ers, Warriors, Giants, Valkyries, concerts, trips, vacation homes, time shares or condos etc.

Soon you will be receiving an email with a solicitation letter and donation form. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact katykelly@sbcglobal.net or 650 279-0330.

Your generosity opens doors, creates opportunities and transforms lives. Thank you for being an important part of this meaningful work!

CATALÁ CLUB IN MAY

Our Annual Installation Mass was celebrated in the Mission Church by Father Matt Carnes, S.J., Vice President for Mission and Ministry, because our Chaplain, Father Jack Treacy, S.J. had another commitment that morning.

The altar was adorned with a beautiful pink floral arrangement graciously donated by Citti's Flowers. Each of the Officers and Board Members received a pink rose, symbol of the Club, from President Nancy Tarantino.



After Mass, we enjoyed a Fiesta Buffet Luncheon in Nobili Hall at which time we welcomed four of our Scholarship recipients as our guests along with President Julie Sullivan joining us briefly and Mike Wallace, Assistant Vice President for Development. Father Jack was able to join us at lunch too!



Another successful Club calendar year came to a close, highlighted with the presentation of a check in the amount of \$25,000 to President Julie Sullivan by Club President Nancy Tarantino, which brings the Club's total contribution for the year to an extraordinary \$110,000! (A check in the amount of \$85,000 had been gifted in December.)

Today, 41 scholars benefit from Catalá's Scholarship Fund — a remarkable achievement. Hooray, ladies! Dr. Sullivan spoke about the exciting recent announcement of the gift of \$175 million from Mary ('84) and Mark Stevens to help fund the collaboration between Santa Clara University and Sutter Health to build the Mark & Mary Stevens School of Medicine.

During the luncheon, the scholars in attendance shared their personal backgrounds, experiences at SCU and heartfelt gratitude for the scholarship support they have received. Their inspiring stories made the event a joyful and memorable conclusion to a magnificent Club year.



Bravo, ladies! Thank you, Catalá!
Thanks to
Joanne Moul and Mary Conlon Almassy,
Co-Chairs of the luncheon,
for organizing such a wonderful celebration.



