



Santa Clara University Catalá Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

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President's Message - Nancy Tarantino

Dear Members of Catalá,

We were so blessed to have our Mass and Summer Social at Carol and John Traub's home. Did you know that Carol and John have their own personal chapel in their backyard? This made for an amazing mass celebrated by our own Fr. Jack Treacy. After Mass, we were met with a plated salad, appetizers and a delicious buffet dinner. The dessert table had so many options! Everyone was so comfortable - no one wanted to leave. Fortunately, it started to get cold. Always a sign of a successful party when no one wants to go home. (see photos pages 4-5)

We will start off the year with a "State of the University" presentation by President Julie Sullivan on Wednesday, September 23rd. This year's luncheon will be in the Mission Room with social time at 11:30 and lunch at 12 noon. The Mission Room is on the lower level of Benson Center. Please find more information on the attached invitation flyer.

And right around the corner, we have the "Women in Motion" Santa Clara University Catalá Club Fashion Show. This is our main fundraiser of the year, so we really hope you can all join us. It will be on Friday, October 2, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in San Jose. We have had a sellout crowd over the last few years, so get your reservations in quickly!

With sincere appreciation, Nancy

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



*Be mindful of God's presence.
Intentionally call to mind
God's presence throughout the day.
Recall that God is near while
working, walking,
cooking or speaking with others.
God sees your circumstances.
He understands better than anyone
what you are dealing with.
He sees the intentions of your heart.
He sees your love for Him and
your desire to put Him first.*

-anonymous

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE

- September 12 Vintage Santa Clara
 September 21 Undergraduate Classes Begin
**September 23 Guest Speaker: Dr. Julie Sullivan,
 University President –
 “State of the University” California
 Mission Room, Downstairs Benson**
 October 2 Fashion Show, Luncheon
 DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Mimi Avelar
 Dianne Bonino
 Marie Brancati
 Wendy Cross Burns
 Marcia Daszko
 Sandi di Bari
 Joan Ferrari
 Cynthia Hanz
 Laurie Hernandez
 Katy Kelly
 Leslie Leonetti
 Lisa Clancy
 Genny Luchessi
 Debbie McBride
 Anne Middleton
 Mary McCurdy
 Donna Rubino
 Elizabeth Smith
 Sirirath Wen

FOOD INSECURITY at SCU Sue Davison

Our SCU students are preparing to return to campus for the Fall Quarter. Let's have a well-stocked pantry awaiting them as they move into their dorms/apartments!

We will have our 50/50 raffle at our September luncheon. If you would like to make a donation now, please visit the Amazon wish list from the QR code below.

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, 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.



THINKING OF YOU

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to Dianne and Mark Bonino with the passing of Mark's mother and our member, Alma Bonino;
 and to Joey Vaudagna with the passing of her husband, Dr. James Vaudagna

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 have been mailed –
Send-in your reservation!!!**



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.

Our Silent Auction is packed with unforgettable experiences—from exclusive wine tastings and championship & major league sports adventures to luxury getaways golf and some of the Bay Area’s finest dining.

Looking for a unique escape, an unforgettable experience or the perfect gift? You’ll find something extraordinary to bid on at our Silent Auction! Check these out . . .

FEATURED AUCTION ADVENTURES

#1 • NOB HILL ESCAPE

Broadway • The Big Four • The Mark Hopkins

Tickets to **The Outsiders**, dinner at the legendary **Big Four Restaurant** and a luxurious stay at the **InterContinental Mark Hopkins** in a room overlooking the Bay; top it off with a nightcap at **The Top of the Mark!**

#27 • BATTER UP!

VIP Giants Experience + Dinner

2 tickets — just 8 rows back + 2 Field Passes!

Step onto the field, enjoy **2 seats adjacent to home plate** and dinner at **Momo’s**. A **Giants Fan Experience of a Lifetime!**

#32 • GEAR & CHEER!

The Ultimate Giants Fan Collection

Go, Giants! Bid on an authentic MLB collection featuring: Nike Bomber Jackets • Nike Customizable Jerseys • City T-Shirts • Caps; PLUS 2 tickets to premium seating to show off your Giants gear and cheer your team to victory!

#30 • 49er TICKETS FOR 4

For the 49er Faithful: 4 Premium Seats + Parking Pass

Enjoy an unforgettable afternoon at **Levi’s Stadium** for the Rams game on **December 13**—with incredible views and some of the NFL’s largest 4K video boards!

#29 • THE PERFECT GOLF DAY

Silver Creek Valley Country Club • Golf for 4

Experience one of San Jose’s premier gated country clubs in a spectacular panoramic setting. Enjoy exclusive access to this **Gold Member Course** and take on the **par-72 challenge!**

**BID BIG • BID BOLD • BID JOYFULLY
BID FOR THE STUDENTS!**

Catalá Club's Annual Summer Social was enjoyed by many of our members and their family members at the Rose Garden home of Carol and John Traub. Thank you, Carol and John, for opening up your lovely home and extending your gracious hospitality! The evening began with Mass celebrated by our Chaplain, Jack Treacy, S.J., and the celebration continued with the conviviality of friends enjoying one another while sipping and noshing on the bountiful buffet supper! Another Good Time Enjoyed by All! Check out the photos (thank you, Birdie!)



