



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez February 2022

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Dear wonderful members of the Catala family,

A few months ago, I wrote to you with a message of gratitude — to you and for you. I cast this net broadly: to all of our Catala sisters, our amazing Jesuits, the wonderful men in our lives and those within the University machine who work quietly in the background to make sure Catala's trains run on time. As an organization, we are truly blessed to have such an extraordinary army of love and support.

I would like to focus on one of those “quiet machines in the background,” and one that does not get much press. Being a retired banker, I can tell you that this group is near and dear to my heart — no surprise given my background. It is none other than the investment management group of the University, led by our own brilliant Chief Investment Officer, John Kerrigan. The function of this group is to steward the

University's money, both for endowment and operating purposes. As you can imagine, the latter has been a Covid rollercoaster, and the group has done a fantastic job of keeping the University on an even keel when it comes to things like cash flow, paying current bills, etc. No small job, to be sure.

This group of rock stars has also been quietly managing the University's endowment funds, including ours. This naturally has a direct impact on Catala and our ability to fund the student scholarships that we all hold so dear. It is my pleasure to announce (and yes! I burst into tears when the University called to tell me this) that thanks to the wise investment prowess of this team, Catala's endowment balance has increased over the last year from \$23.5 million to \$34.4 million. That's right — an approximately 45% increase. Here is the current snapshot:

SCU CATALA CLUB ENDOWMENT SUMMARY AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

| <u>Name of Endowment</u> | <u>Market Value as of June 30, 2021</u> |
|---|---|
| The Catala Club Endowed Scholarship in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kreuzer | \$262,516.44 |
| William Donnelly, S.J. Endowment | \$407,044.49 |
| Catala Club Endowment in memory of Annette Bertram | \$2,583,072.16 |
| Paul Locatelli, S.J. Endowment | \$1,976,067.65 |
| Catala Club Endowment | \$5,206,251.46 |
| Catala Club Endowment in memory of Emma Shane Anderson | \$18,433,948.32 |
| James L. and Eileen Murphy Endowed Fund | \$5,403,769.54 |
| The Santa Clara University Catala Club Michael E. Engh, S.J. Endowed Scholarship | \$213,854.36 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$34,486,524.42</u> |

While we are on the subject of money, I am reminded that the Day of Giving is coming up on April 6. As you know, we measure the success of this effort in two ways: 1) dollars raised and 2) the number of people who participate. I have every confidence that the girl power of Catala will crush the participation goal. Please remember that every gift — large and small — matters . . . it all adds up! Thank you in advance for considering Catala in your Day of Giving plans.

Ladies, we are within striking distance of hitting the \$35 million endowment mark for the first time in Catala's history. Shall we give it a try?

In other news, with the current Covid surge, the University is rapidly changing its safety protocols. All student in-person classes were converted to an online format for the month of January, and SCU is canceling all indoor meetings for non-SCU personnel through at least February. In addition to the existing guidelines for proof of vaccination, proof of a booster shot will soon be required.

This has ramification for our February luncheon. The committee hosting the event and our wonderful speaker, Katie Mahon'06, has decided — based on their view that Katie is too special of a speaker to relegate to video — that we will reschedule her visit for a time when we can safely be together in person. Effective immediately, our in-person February luncheon which was on the books for February 16 is canceled. We will instead meet on 2/16 via zoom to elect your new Board members to fill upcoming Board vacancies. As a quorum is needed for this meeting, I would be grateful if you would join us for this short business meeting. Following the business portion of the session, there will be some Catala fun — please join us if you can!

I close with a prayer for all members of the Catala family who have been touched by Covid. As careful as we all try to be, Covid unfortunately has found *us*. I know you join me in sending good thoughts to all affected.

Stay safe!

With blessings and gratitude,


Laurie Hernandez'85
President, Catala Club

Celebrating FEBRUARY Birthdays

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| 2 | Patty Boitano | 18 | Kimberly Moore |
| 3 | Virginia Rose | 19 | Patti Denevi |
| 4 | Cathy Avon | 22 | Mary Jane Vitkovich |
| 6 | Mary Blaser | 23 | Laurie Bushell |
| 11 | Lisa De Lusignan | 25 | Cathy De Maria |
| 12 | BC Gibbons | 25 | Carolyn Ferrari |
| 13 | Diane Ferrara | 25 | Roseann LaCoursiere |
| 15 | Ann Lindahl | | |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and SAVE THE DATE

February 16




5pm

March 16

ZOOM Happy Hour"

Cheers! and General Meeting /
2023 Board Election

Day of Reflection, Becket Hall
St. Thomas of Canterbury
Catholic Church



WHAT'S HAPPENING at SCU!

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| February 2 | 5:30-7:00 Ignatian Spirituality Reflection: Contemplation on the Incarnation: How the Trinity Sees Each of Us Alumni House |
| February 17 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm Bronco Expert Series: Zoom Fireside Chat with Academy Award Winner Blye Faust '97 |
| February 22 | 4:30-5:00 Virtual Examen with Father Jack Treacy |
| March 2 | 5:30-7:00 Ignatian Spirituality Reflection Evening: Seeing God In All Things |

Register on the Alumni Website

*Learn to Waste Time
With the People You Love*

-Matthew Kelly

MESSAGE from MATTHEW CARNES, S.J., CHAIR, SCU PRESIDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

January 25, 2022

We hope that your new year is off to a very good start. I am pleased to share that our search process for the next president of Santa Clara University has been proceeding very well over the last several weeks. After considering more than one hundred expressions of interest and nearly sixty formal applications, the search committee interviewed six semi-finalists and it has now advanced three candidates to the finalist stage. We believe we are on track to make our final recommendation to the Board of Trustees for the next president of SCU during the coming spring.

The University has been very successful in attracting a remarkable pool of diverse candidates — across race, gender, background, and areas of impact — whose accomplishments and leadership as scholars, educators, innovators, and change-makers reflect the very best of Santa Clara's mission and tradition. All of our finalists are laypeople who have been drawn to Santa Clara because of that distinct Jesuit, Catholic mission, and they have the deeply grounded personal experience and commitments to embody that mission in ways true to our history and that freshly respond to the needs of our present and future.

Over the next few weeks, the finalists will be meeting with key university leaders, drawn from the faculty, staff, students, administration, and trustees. While the identities of the candidates will need to remain confidential, due to their high-profile positions in prominent institutions, we are grateful for the participation of these University leaders who represent important viewpoints from throughout the community. We are also deeply indebted to the many members of the university community who participated in our forums and survey regarding the needs of the University; this input gave rise to the Leadership Profile that has informed our search, recruitment, and evaluation of candidates.

We look forward to continuing to offer updates as the process moves forward.

With all best wishes,
Matthew Carnes, S.J.
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees,
Chair, Presidential Search Committee

Larry Sonsini
Chair, Board of Trustees

SCU Presidential Search Committee Members

Matthew Carnes, S.J., M.Div.'03, Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees
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Professor of Theatre Arts
Laura Doyle, Lecturer in Civil, Environmental and Sustainable
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University Relations
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Professor, Communication Department
Agnieszka Winkler, MBA '81, Trustee

We extend our Sympathy and Prayers
for Comfort to
Brother Tom Bracco, S.J.
on the passing of his sister.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good
Health for Peggy Anastasia, Loydene Kiley,
Debbie McBride, Michelle Sola's grandson and
for all victims of Covid and of injustices;
for our SCU Community and for all who have
nobody to pray for them

Save The Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022
SCU's Annual Day of Giving!

Please give to Catala Club on this Special Date!
Your giving helps us give Scholarships!

Save the Date!!!
Saturday, June 18, 2022

Help us Celebrate
"Catala Club
through the Decades"

Details Coming Soon!