



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez May 2023

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Dear wonderful members of the Catala family,

This will be my final message to you as your president. It has truly been both an honor and a pleasure to serve you in this role. I am deeply grateful to each of you for your grace and support throughout my term and for your unwavering commitment to our work. Thank you for all you do for Catala!

Later this month, I will be succeeded by our very capable First VP, Joanie Cattermole, who will formally take the helm at our Installation Mass on May 17. Thank you for supporting her in the same generous way you have supported me.

With the help of each of you, we have had quite a two-year success story! Our energy and momentum have never been better and the results show it. We have much to be proud of. A few examples:

- The benches, which were our 75th anniversary gift to the University, were kept safe in University storage during the demolition of the Bannan building and construction of the new Sobrato building. Now rescued, they are re-installed in a beautiful location in front of the Sobrato building for all to enjoy. New willow trees included!
- Upon emergence into a new post-Covid world, we (slowly) reinstated in-person gatherings: Board meetings, general meetings, masses and special events. We hit some speed bumps on re-entry, but girl power being what it is, we did it!
- The return of in-person lunches required a reboot in our approach there too. Congratulations to First VP Joanie Cattermole for her reinvigoration of our monthly speaker series! A few Catala favs included SCU President Dr. Julie Sullivan (a new Catala member), SCU Law Professor Ellen Kreitzburg, former San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White '86 and author Katie Mahon '78.
- Our monthly lunch parties do not throw themselves. My thanks to each of you who stepped up to act as hostesses in the welcome return of this fun Catala tradition. The same goes

to those who put on two gorgeous Christmas teas, another beloved Catala favorite.

No recap would be complete without a shout out to all who came together to put on our beautiful anniversary party. It was a lovely evening that, in addition to being great fun with fabulous attendance, raised over \$60,000 for us.

With Catala firing on all cylinders, we also:

- increased membership from 210 to 244 ladies, a 16% increase
- added 4 new Board members — fresh energy and ideas for the road ahead
- made record gifts totaling \$115,000 to our Endowment over the last 24 months
- with the combination of our hard work, generosity, and the brilliant effort of our investment management team, Catala's Endowment over the past 2 years has grown from \$23.8 million to \$32.6 million, a 37% increase. This now increases our annual student scholarship payout to \$1,112,000, benefitting 36 Catala Scholars for all four years with an average award of \$30,889. Wow-za!

No Catala president walks this road alone. I thank each of you for joining me on the journey, and I hold each of you close in my heart for your love and support though it all.

I have been blessed with many great mentors in my life, both personally and professionally. Among my favorites is Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth II — a wise lady who said many wise things. Let her guidance to me be my gift to you:

- 1) Look at every situation from all angles and consider all points of view
- 2) Consider every situation in proportion to the circumstances and possible consequences
- 3) Always take the long view

With her spirit sitting on my shoulder, I now sign off. Thanks for a great two-year run! My love to you all,

Laurie Hernandez '85, Outgoing President 2021-2023



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FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Want to donate to the Bronco Food Pantry?
Below are three ways to do so:

1. Donate directly through the [Amazon link](#) and ship to
Kim Gilkey-Santa Clara University
Office of Student Life- Benson Room #205
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara CA 95053
2. Donate cash directly through [SCU Development Department](#) to purchase food for the pantry.
3. Items such as soap, toiletries, non-perishable food, etc. can be donated to the above Office,
Attn: Kim Gilkey

We have been given an opportunity for a great service project. The Bronco Pantry needs help reorganizing their food pantry. Save the date - Tuesday, June 20. More details to follow.

Questions? Contact Office of Student Life at
408.554.45 83 or osl@scu.edu

Come "Into the Woods" with Your Catala friends

Sunday, June 4, - 2:00 PM
SCU Mayer Theater

You are invited to join the Catala fun on Sunday, June 4, for a 2 p.m. matinee performance. We will first gather at the Bannan Alumni House for a Champagne Reception at 12:30 and then proceed over to the Mayer Theatre to enjoy this performance together.

Dare to venture "into the woods" with this unexpected twist on the beloved fairy tales you *thought* you knew. Through achingly beautiful melodies and clever wordplay, this Tony Award-winning musical from Stephen Sondheim intertwines classic characters in surprising stories as they pursue their deepest desires. Shortly after their wishes are granted, the consequences of their actions return to haunt them, and they must work together to save their world from destruction.

Use our Catala group promo code to purchase tickets online and attend this event at a discounted group ticket price of \$20 with no additional fees.

We have reserved 30 seats to secure them for the next 3 weeks. If there are special seating requests like wheelchairs or walkers, please specify when you purchase tickets online.



There are two ways to purchase tickets:

1. Follow the instructions below to purchase your tickets online 24/7 with our Catala promo code:

Go to <https://scupresents.universitytickets.com/>

Create an account

Choose "into the Woods" June 4 at 2pm

Click senior ticket price

Choose seat/s

Delivery method "print at home and mobile"

Type in the code Catala2023 in the "Coupon Code"

Proceed to finish the sale

-OR-

2. Purchase your tickets live at the May 17th General Meeting luncheon from Kate Adams Canessa.

Secure your tickets by May 17 for group seating and before they sell out to enjoy together this wonderful opportunity to socialize at an afternoon performance of "Into the Woods"!

Call or text Kate Adams Canessa, 650/743/3008 with any questions.



*Thank you Mary Atwell
and Birdie Pacelli
for the great photography
at our April Lunch! See page 5*

**Tribute to Our Past Presidents
by Charlene Raisch**

Every SCU Catala Club President from Mrs. Sullivan onward has brought her own special talents enthusiasm and love of Catala and of SCU to our Club. There is a common thread that runs through each and every President's bio which is the work we do to raise monies for our Catala Scholarship Fund to help undergraduate students receive an SCU Jesuit education.

We're a diverse group of women brought together by our love and appreciation of this goal to help others experience it.

To you intelligent strong forward-thinking women of Catala today we wish you the very best and hope that you enjoy every moment of your Catala experience.

**JEANNIE MAHAN
2012-2014**

- I remember the support, involvement and camaraderie of such a wonderful Board and the involved members.
- It wasn't an easy job, but was very rewarding in so many ways. Helping the students, being part of the University of Santa Clara Community and working with the wonderful Jesuit priests made being president so fulfilling.
- It was an honor and a joy to be part of this wonderful Catala Club.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-SAVE THE DATE

- May 17 Annual Installation Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Mission Church and Lunch In Nobili Hall
- May 23 Virtual Examen; Father Jack Treacy, S.J.
4:30 p.m. (register on line)
- June 4 Mayer Theatre production "Into the Woods"
2 p.m. Matinee Preceded with 12:30 p.m.
Reception, Aumni House
- June 20 Bronco Pantry Service Project
- June 20 Virtual Examen, Father Jack Treacy, S.J.
4:30 p.m. (register on line)
- August 13 Summer Social
Home of Katy and Tom Kelly
- October 20 Luncheon and Fashion Show – see Page 4
11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Santa Clara Marriott Hotel

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to the family of former member Martha Giannini, to Rina Holman and Family with the passing of her son, Tom Holman, to Carol O'Brien and Family with the passing of her son, Thomas John O'Brien, to the family of member, Virginia Rose, and to the friends and families of the victims of violence, fires, floods and disease.



Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Pat DeMarlo, Mary Lou Lawrence, Patty Mahan, Carol Sabatino, Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



*Whenever you sense some uneasiness arising,
run to God
and abandon yourself to him
with complete childlike trust.*

-Padre Pio



Calling all Catala members to volunteer for our Forever Fabulous Fashion Show - Luncheon - Fundraiser! After a three-year hiatus, we are back stronger than ever and excited to enjoy friendship and excitement on Friday, October 20, 2023, at the Santa Clara Marriott.

Please volunteer to share your time, talent or treasures. Chairs and helpers are needed for silent auction, donation drawing, invitations, decorations, modeling, set-up and clean up. To volunteer, please call or email one of the Co-chairs, Debbie McBride, Mary Blaser or Sandra McMahan.

We need everyone's help to make this a successful event for our Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Catala is Forever Fabulous!!

Catala Club April Luncheon

Our April Luncheon featured Dr. Alison Benders, SCU Vice President for Mission & Ministry. Special thanks to Joan Stoelker for sponsoring Catala Club at the Saratoga Country Club. Grand gathering with special guest, John Mossi, S.J., Director of Advancement, Jesuits West, and a "Happy Birthday" serenade to Joanie Cattermole, Catala Club First Vice President!

