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President's Message-Joanie Cattermole

Dear Friends and Family of Catalá,

Spring is here! As the world gets more complicated, it's so nice to be able to just sit in the sun and breathe outside.

Catalá was blessed to experience a meaningful and lovely retreat led by Fr. Jack Treacy a week ago. Thank you to Cathy De Maria and Fran Lowry for all their efforts in making this event very special. Thanks also to Fran Lowry, Joanne Moul and Charlene Raisch who brought morning goodies and coffee respectively and to Julie Jaroshenko for helping set-up and clean-up. It was lovely to reflect and pray amongst our members.

Coming up - Catalá is going to try a new restaurant! I hope you can join us for our general meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at Palermo Restaurant in San Jose. Palermo has 4.2 stars on YELP and is known for its great Italian food. We will enjoy a delicious Italian buffet lunch! (See details on the attached invitation flyer). Our very special guest speaker is Vice Provost for Student Life, Jeanne Rosenberger.

Also, the Day of Giving is upon us, scheduled for April 23. I hope you will consider any amount of gift to Catalá Club if you are able to donate. It's always gratifying to see our participation numbers, irrespective of the dollar amounts. And, every dollar donated goes to our scholarship funds to help deserving students. Click on this link to hear from one of our scholarship recipients <https://givingday.scu.edu/giving-day/93068/departments/93072>.

Did you know: U.S. News & World Report has named Santa Clara University one of the top 22 "Colleges With the Best Return on Investment (ROI)" in the United States, reaffirming its reputation as one of the best investments in higher education? "This recognition underscores Santa Clara's ability to provide students with an education that leads to strong career outcomes and long-term financial success."

Spring is here and we can be proud to be affiliated with such an amazing school that is making a difference in the lives of so many students.

May you enjoy the warmer weather,

Joanie Cattermole

"Pilgrims of Hope"

We are a pilgrim people. Your pilgrim road might be cobbled and worn or it might be full of potholes, sinkholes, or broken concrete, but all of us walk this pilgrim road together.

On this pilgrim road, believe that . . .
Who you are is enough.
You carry the spark of divine love within you.
You are loved just as you are.
You are a gift.
You matter.
You are precious.
You are a beloved child of God.

Excerpted from *Braving the Thin Places* by Julianne Stanz





FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Bronco Pantry Update by Sue Davison

Happy Spring from the Basic Needs Program!

We have just under 190 active student users for the Pantry among undergraduate and graduate students. We thank you all for your support and donations that help us provide for our student needs.

We will have our Opportunity Drawing at our April Luncheon at Palermo Italian Restaurant, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Pantry. Remember to bring your cash to participate!!

The Pantry is always in need of hygiene items and gift cards. Your generous contributions allow our program to provide our students access to nutritious meals and personal hygiene products. The updated wish list is available on Amazon.com. Please scan the QR code below or go to the Amazon website to make your donation. Gift cards are also often requested and easy for our students to access. Your generosity and kindness are so appreciated.



FROM THE DESK OF OUR SCU ARTS LIAISON, LISA DE LUSIGNAN

Many opportunities continue to be available to see some fantastic shows at SCU. Please go to <https://scupresents.org> for additional information and to purchase tickets.

The Bill Stevens Trio,
Mike Stevens and Kristin Kusanovich
April 4; Music Recital Hall

Rush Hour
April 10; Free Concert

Spring Dance Festival
April 12 and 13; Fess Parker Theater

Fusion of Ages
April 25' Music Recital Hall

FROM THE DESK OF OUR SERVICE OUTREACH LIAISON, JOANNE MOUL

Project Linus, A Community Service Opportunity with SCU Belles

We have been invited by the SCU Belles, a women's student service organization, to a blanket "tying" event. It will take place on campus May 22 from 6pm to 8pm. Alongside SCU students, we will work in support of the Project Linus mission that provides blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need, ages 0 to 18 years. This event is an opportunity to serve our community while getting to know some of our SCU students.

Please text Joanne Moul, 408-421-5276, if you can attend. Thank You!

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ALUMNI LIAISON CHARLENE RAISCH

Monthly Virtual Examen is scheduled for April 16; Father Orobator, Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology, will facilitate; Check the Alumni Calendar to sign-up.
FREE/ALL ARE WELCOME!

Education that Pays Dividends

SCU's strong career outcomes make it one of the best investments in higher ed! **U.S. News and World Report** has named Santa Clara University one of the top 22 "Colleges with the Best Return on Investment (ROI)" in the United States. SCU ranks alongside Yale and is one of only two Jesuit universities on the list, along with Georgetown. SCU and Stanford are the only Bay Area schools included.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATE

April 16	Palermo Restaurant, San Jose Guest Speaker: Jeanne Rosenberger, University Vice Provost for Student Life
April 23	Day of Giving
May 22	Community Service Project
August 23	Summer Party – Mass and Dinner Home of Katy and Tom Kelly
September 6	Vintage Santa Clara “Sip, Snack and Give Back”
September 17	Guest Speaker: Dr. Julie Sullivan University President
October 17	Fashion Show & Luncheon “Celebrating 95 years of Catalá Club” DoubleTree Hotel, San Jose



CONGRATULATIONS SCU President, Julie Sullivan

on being named one of twenty-one Women Leaders in the Ignatian Family during Women’s History Month for her service “to the church and the world through her leadership in Jesuit and Ignatian ministries.” From her interview: **“What’s one of your favorite quotes about leadership or the best leadership advice you’ve ever received?”** God has a better imagination than you do. Don’t overplan your leadership path and always keep yourself open to God’s next step in your journey.”

We extend our Prayers of sympathy and consolation to the victims of violence, terrorism, fires and disease.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Pope Francis, Joe De Maria, Lexie O’Keefe, mother-in-law of Leana Giannini, the mother of Kate Canessa, Jeanne Torre, Michelle Sola’s grandson, Áedán, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



A small yet enthusiastic Catalá community gathered at **Catala’s Annual Day of Reflection** with Father Jack Treacy to continue their Lenten journey as “Pilgrims of Hope.” Gratitude to Cathy De Maria for coordinating this special time together, to Fran Lowry for planning the liturgy, to Mary Blaser and Glenda Rasmussen who provided our Mass music and to Fran Lowry, Joanne Moul and Charlene Raisch who brought morning refreshments. Thank you, Mary Atwell, for the lovely photos! Our beloved Pope Francis “joined us”!!

