



Santa Clara University Catalá Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

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President's Message-Joanie Cattermole

Dear Friends and Family of Catalá,

Spring forward as they say! Catalá continues to be busy.

We had a great monthly luncheon at a new location for us, Palermo Restaurant in San Jose. The food was delicious and the atmosphere was charming. Thank you to Nancy Tarantino and Georgia Schon for putting this successful event together. The Easter centerpieces were an especially nice touch.

Next up is our Installation and Mass on May 21. This is always a moving time to welcome new members to our Board and hear from some of our student scholarship recipients at the lunch. I hope you can join us.

Thank you to all who participated in the SCU Day of Giving. The final numbers are not in, but we are very grateful for all of the donations made to Catalá; once again, Catalá members are a wonderful giving community.

With the Installation, the role of President will be passed to Nancy Tarantino. Catalá is in good hands with the gracious and organized Nancy. I look forward to Nancy's leadership.

It's been an honor and a privilege to hold this office of President. I was surrounded by an amazing Board who constantly rose to the occasion. They made my life easier, and are a source of true friendships. I am very grateful to each and every one of the Board members. Catalá remains strong and is getting stronger every day.

Thank you also to Julie Stone, Senior Director of Gift and Data Services, and to Mike Wallace, AVP of Athletic and Annual Giving. They help our cause in so many ways. I especially want to thank University President Julie Sullivan for recognizing us and supporting us. The University is in good hands with all these dedicated people.

God Bless Pope Francis and God Bless Catalá Club,

With gratitude, I will always be a proud member of Catalá Club!

Joanie Cattermole

Pope Francis

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

Eternal *rest* grant unto him,
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon him.





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

There's always something exciting happening in the performing arts at SCU! From theater and dance to music and special events, there are plenty of opportunities to catch a great show. For upcoming productions and ticket information, visit scupresents.org.

I'm currently working on selecting a spring production for us to attend together. The event will likely take place in late May or early June. Keep an eye on your email for more details, including the production name, date, time and ticket information.

**2025 DAY OF GIVING
APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE!**

As of now, the Santa Clara family raised nearly \$6 million for over 400 funds across the entire University. Bronco alumni from 46 states and 20 countries rallied during this special day to support our students and their excellent Jesuit education. And, so far, **Catala Club raised \$11,990 from 47 gifts!!**



FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Bronco Pantry Update by Sue Davison

Thank you, thank you to all who donated to The Bronco Pantry by purchasing drawing tickets at our April luncheon at Palermo. Not only was it a fun and delicious luncheon, we also raised \$336 for The Bronco Pantry. Thank you all for your generous support!

If you would like to make a donation, 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 "Jason Fitzer 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 above.



**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 on May 22 on campus from 6pm to 8pm in Sobrato Campus for Discovery and Innovation Room #1308.

Alongside SCU students, we will be working in support of the Project Linus mission to provide 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 plan on attending.

**FROM THE DESK OF OUR
ALUMNI LIAISON, CHARLENE RAISCH**

May 14: Monthly Examen on Zoom. Check out scu.edu/alumni to register. NO CHARGE! ALL are welcome! Check the Alumni Calendar to sign-up.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

May Birthdays

Jan Berthold	Lynn Marinaro
Sarah Bonini	Sandra McMahan
Joy Ciffone	Penny Osorio
Gloria Citti	Angie Robbiano
Michele Barnett Gaskill	Georgia Schon
Julie Jaroshenko	Alexandra Stein
Moureen Lennon	Carol Traub
Betty Lohbeck	Caroline Wolf
Kim Loquaci	Rose Wong
Li Lu	Lynette York
Lisa Marchese	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATE

May 21	Annual Installation Mass 10:30am Mission Church; Father Jack Treacy Luncheon Immediately following Nobili Hall; Special Guests: Catalá Student Scholarship Recipients Come meet our world's future leaders
May 22	Community Service Project (see page 2)
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 Nobili Hall
October 17	Fashion Show & Luncheon “Celebrating 95 years of Catalá Club” DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton, San Jose

Memorial Day

Remember & Honor

We extend our Prayers of sympathy and consolation to Kathy Bonfiglio with the passing of her husband, Joe; to Mary Blaser with the passing of her mother-in-law, Bonnie Koojoolian.

Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Griffin Bonini, husband of Sarah Bonini; Celeste Dier; Toni Gonzales, mother of Ann Lindahl; 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 little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
 "Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference.
 May we strive instead to live global solidarity."
 "Let us care for one another and let us be loving custodians of creation."
 "We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented,
 but at the same time, important and needed, all of us called to row together."
 -Pope Francis

Santa Clara University Director of Athletics Heather M. Owen recently announced that a new age for Santa Clara women's basketball has arrived with the Broncos naming Loree Payne, one of the top young coaches in the nation, as the program's head coach. Santa Clara officially welcomed Payne as the team's head coach at a welcome event on March 31.

Payne joins the Broncos from Northern Arizona where she was the Lumberjacks' all-time leader in wins with 136. She guided the team to 20 or more wins in each of the last three seasons, culminating in a program-record 27 victories and NAU's first-ever postseason victory (NCAA, WBIT or WNIT) in 2024-25, and has won at least 10 conference games in each of the last six seasons.

"I am incredibly honored and excited to be named the next head coach of Santa Clara women's basketball," Payne said. "I would first like to thank President Julie Sullivan, Athletic Director Heather M. Owen and the entire search committee for their diligent work throughout this process. I am also thankful to Northern Arizona University and the amazing student-athletes I had the privilege to coach there. Their hard work, commitment, and belief in our shared vision have had a profound impact on me both personally and professionally."



A MESSAGE FROM
**The Office of
the President**



Passing of Pope Francis

April 21, 2025

Dear SCU Community,

Today we mourn the loss of Pope Francis, a figure of monumental importance to Catholics and many, many people around the world. Since that first moment he appeared on the loggia at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, he has invited us all to a reflective, prayerful interior life and to take up committed action for the welfare of those who are most vulnerable.

We have felt a special connection to Pope Francis here at Santa Clara. As the first Jesuit pope, he often spoke about and embodied our "Jesuit language" of *cura personalis*, showing special care, love, and mercy for each person in their unique God-given dignity and seeking to address the crucial world issues of our times with hope, courage, and compassion. He was a loving pastor and a compelling teacher who advocated for the voiceless and powerless, taught respect and understanding among those of different faiths, and ardently fought for peace in our world.

As I reflect on his many lasting impacts for us, two stand out. First, his constant invitation to create a "culture of encounter" and, more recently, to journey together as a community embracing the path of synodality, has inspired us to be a community of welcome, discernment, dialogue, and engagement. We celebrate the perspectives and voices that make up our world, and we grow and flourish when we find unity in our differences.

And second, Pope Francis became a worldwide voice for the importance of caring for our common home, this beautiful planet that we share with all humanity and all living things. His encyclical *Laudato Si'* has been the inspiration for our [Sustainability Action Plan](#), as we have drawn on our strengths in the sciences, engineering, and ethics to become a recognized leader among Jesuit universities on these issues.

Finally, on a personal level, I will never forget my private encounter with Pope Francis in 2024. He shared a copy of his 2018 apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate, On the Call to Holiness in Today's World*, which contained a prayer we discussed about the importance of seeking joy and humor in our lives and sharing it with others. He also shared how our Jesuit education is in essence about helping our students find harmony between their heads, their hearts, and their hands, and he stressed "harmony." Our Santa Clara education is truly at its best when it does this, with our full intellect and imagination; our applied action in the world; and the transformation of our hearts and spirits so that we appreciate more fully and with humor and joy the wonder of our lives, community, and our world. I came away feeling so uplifted and inspired by Pope Francis and how the Holy Spirit so powerfully radiated from this humble, gentle, and joyful extraordinary human.

In the coming days, we will have a number of opportunities to prayerfully remember Pope Francis. Today, the 12:05pm Mass in the Mission Church will be offered for him, and all our Sunday Masses this week (10am, 5pm, and 8pm) also will be offered for him. I invite all to participate as you are so moved.

With gratitude for his life, we commend Pope Francis into God's care. May he rest in peace.
With shared sadness and gratitude,

Julie Sullivan
President

Our April gathering was joyous at Palermo Italian Restaurant. Jean Rosenberger, Vice Provost for Student Life, spoke about the vision, mission and current mental environment of student life, commenting on the many day-to-day challenges that our students encounter and how SCU programs reach out to meet and confront their needs. We gave a big THANK YOU to Joanie Cattermole for her service as Catalá President, and we shared our WELCOME to Nancy Tarantino who will be installed as our Catalá Club President at our May Installation Mass. LOTS of happy faces amongst our record attendance of guests!



