



Santa Clara University Catalá Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

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President's Message - Nancy Tarantino

Dear Members of Catalá,

Let me start off by letting you all know how much I have appreciated your kind notes, text messages, emails and prayers during this tough time in my life. Paul and I do find consolation in the fact that we know we raised a great person. Our son Matt loved being a father and husband, and was very good at it. Our other children, Steven and Diana, reminisce about their childhood and laugh at his competitiveness, loud laugh and teasing. As young adults, they became great friends with each other and their spouses. Between them, they have given us seven amazing grandchildren with one more little girl on the way in January 2026. We will always miss Matt, and we have his memory and I feel so blessed to have such a great family.

Now to Catalá . . . Thank you, Katy and Tom Kelly, for opening your home once again for the Summer Social. It is always so good to see so many smiling faces. The mass dedicated to “my Matt” was so special to Paul and me. Thank you, Fr. Jack, for always saying the right things.

We will start off the year with a “State of the University” presentation by President Julie Sullivan on Wednesday, September 17. The luncheon will be in Nobili Hall with social time at 11:30 and lunch at 12 noon. Please find more information on the attached flyer.

Let's all celebrate the 95th Anniversary of Catalá Club at the Fashion Show, Luncheon and Fundraiser on Friday, October 17, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in San Jose. We have had a sell-out crowd over the last few years, so get your reservations in quickly!

With sincere appreciation,
Nancy

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - LAST CALL TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - TODAY!

Don't miss out—this is the **final chance** to renew your Catalá Club membership and be included in this year's roster. Your membership not only keeps you connected with fellow members but also strengthens our mission of supporting Santa Clara University students.

If you haven't renewed yet, please take a moment today. The attached membership form includes everything you need to submit your dues and update any roster changes. If you are not renewing your membership, let us know that too.

Please take the time to verify your roster information (below is link and password) and let us know as soon as possible if something is wrong. **Changes or updates must be sent to us now in order for changes to be included in the new roster.**

Here is the link to the roster page:

https://www.scu.edu/media/public/giving/catala-club/SCUCatalaClubConfidentialMembershipDirectoryFORWEBSITE_UPDATED-JUNE2024-protected.pdf

The password is: Gobroncos

Changes can be sent to both Lisadelusignan@comcast.net and smpotts103@sbcglobal.net

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed—we truly appreciate your commitment. Let's make this another wonderful year together!

Lisa de Lusignan
Shannon Potts
Membership Chairs

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE

- September 6 Vintage Santa Clara
"Sip, Snack and Give Back"
- September 17 Guest Speaker: Dr. Julie Sullivan
University President
Nobili Hall
- September 22 Undergraduate Classes Begin
- October 1 Mass of the Holy Spirit - Noon
- October 17 Fashion Show & Luncheon
"Celebrating 95 years
of Catalá Club"
**DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton,
San Jose**
- November 19 Mass of Remembrance and
Luncheon Guest Speaker: SCU
Athletic Director Heather Owen
Williman Room
- December 10 Christmas Luncheon
Maggiano's at Santana Row



Mimi Avelar	Leslie Leonetti
Dianne Bonino	Genny Luchessi
Marie Brancati	Debbie McBride
Wendy Cross Burns	Mary Plungy McCurdy
Lisa Lippert Clancy	Anne Middleton
Pat DeMarlo	Donna Rubino
Sandi di Bari	Jeanne Schaefer
Joan Ferrari	Elizabeth Smith
Cynthia Hanz	Kim Warrick
Laurie Hernandez	Sirirath Wen
Katy Kelly	

*Practice the pause. When in doubt, pause.
When angry, pause. When tired, pause.
When stressed, pause.
And when u pause, keep calm.*

St. Mother Teresa

THINKING OF YOU

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation
to Joy Ciffone with the passing of her brother,
Michael Masiello;
to Leana Giannini with the passing of her mother-in-law,
Lexie O'Keefe;
to Ann Lindahl with the passing of her mom,
Toni Gonzales;
to Nancy Tarantino with the passing of her son, Matt

We extend our Prayers for Healing and
Restored Health for Alma Bonino,
Joe De Maria, husband of Cathy De Maria,
Pat DeMarlo; Bob Lowry, husband of Fran Lowry;
the mother of Kate Canessa;
Jim Pacelli, husband of Birdie Pacelli;
Jeanne Torre; Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán,
for our SCU Community
and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Bronco Pantry Update by 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 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 Jason's office located in Benson Center, Room #205.





SCU Catala Club

Fashion SHOW & Luncheon

Friday,

October 17, 2025

DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose

RSVP by October 1

Invitations have been mailed for our fun-filled day of Fashion, Food and Fundraising at our new location the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place in San Jose! More than a festive gathering of fashion and friends, this cherished event serves a powerful purpose. It is our cornerstone fundraiser that helps provide essential scholarships to undergraduate students at Santa Clara University. Invite your friends, invite your family, invite your co-workers!

We are excited to announce that *Bloomingdale's* will highlight this year's fashion show with fashions for women and men. *Kismet Boutique* and *In the Olde Manner* will be back to grace our runway as well as *J. McLaughlin, Los Gatos*.

Silent Auction opens at 11:00 with many wonderful items. Come ready to bid high and bid often on our amazing silent auction items, **including and not limited to FOUR tickets to SF 49ers v Carolina Panthers on Monday, November 24, 2025**, (your Thanksgiving visitors will be grateful to see holiday football up close and personal) and a special **VIP Day at Santana Row for 8**; there are also trips to Napa, Carmel by the Sea, Broadway San Francisco and Broadway San Jose as well as MANY restaurant gift certificates.

Plan ahead for these Silent Auction Packages-get your group together/sign up individually

Private lunch for 12 Hosted by President Julie Sullivan on Wednesday April 22, 2026

Festa Gioia Sip and Shop for 26 on Sunday November 16, 2025

Mass with Father Jack and Brunch for 12 - date TBD

AND - we will have a special Golden Ticket Donation Drawing – only 50 tickets will be sold, and you can win \$500!!!

*Your presence, your participation and your partnership
truly make a difference in shaping bright futures of Santa Clara University students.*

Volunteers Needed for 2025 Catalá Fashion Show!

We are looking for volunteers to sell Donation Drawing Tickets and for general help with set-up, etc.

Please contact

Mary Blaser, maryblaser86@gmail.com or

Dianne Bonino, ddbbonino@aol.com

Thank you!

Donations Needed for 2025 Catalá Fashion Show!

We are looking for donations of gift cards, wine, gourmet foods, manicure/pedicure...
for our Donation Drawing.

Contact Charlene Raisch 408/202-3121

Charlene.raisch@gmail.com or Rosanne Adonna
408/203-1782 rradona@gmail.com with questions or to
arrange a donation pick up. Thank you!

SUMMER SOCIAL



FUN, FUN, FUN





Happy Birthday August Celebrants



Thank You

Katy & Tom Kelly

