



# Santa Clara University Catalá Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

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## **President's Message - Nancy Tarantino**

Dear Members of Catalá,

Welcome 2026 and good bye 2025! Many of you, including myself, have had challenges in 2025. I hope this next year brings us all hope, health and happiness.

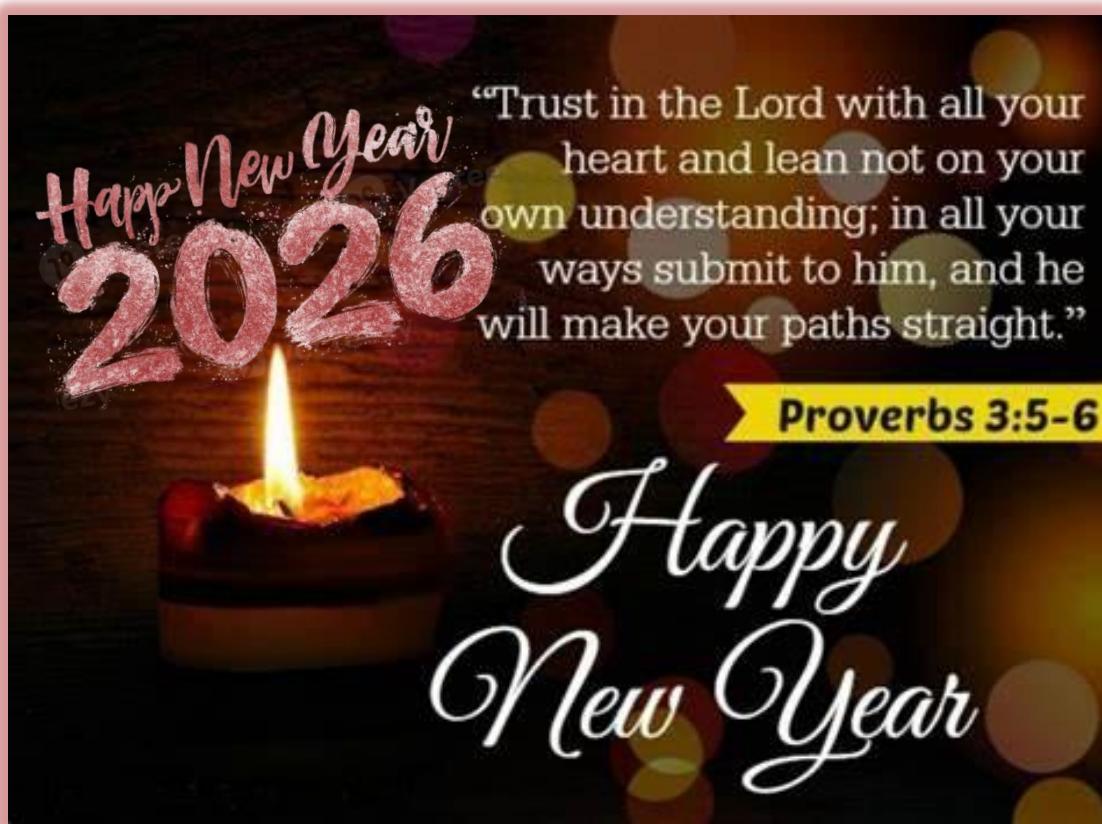
We ended the year with an amazing Christmas Lunch at Maggianos in Santana Row. This was the first time in several years that we have had a Christmas lunch and it was very well received by our guests. The ambiance and food were over the top - in fact, many of us came home with leftovers. Thank you, Maureen Cronan, Mary Jane Vitkovich and Georgia Schon for co-chairing this event. They had numerous door prizes for some lucky winners, and the lighted centerpieces went home to one person at each table.

Beyond the yummy food, this is the annual event where we present our check to the Catalá Club

Endowment Fund. This year we contributed our highest check, **\$85,000**, which is primarily from the success of the October Fashion Show. Thank you everyone for your support! At this lunch, our members also generously supported the Bronco Food Pantry with gift cards.

I hope to see you all on Wednesday, January 21, at the popular China Stix in Santa Clara. Our guest speaker will be Barbara Boyle, alumna and author of "Pinch Me."

With appreciation,  
Nancy



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
SAVE THE DATE**

January 1 Happy New Year

January 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 21 New Year Lunch, China Stix  
Guest Speaker:  
Author, Barbara Boyle '74

January 24 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Circle Theater Party  
Featuring Lionel Richie

February 11 Kyoto Palace, The Pruneyard



Lizzy Barron  
Mary Ellen Bruni  
Anne Cartwright  
Mary Ellen Livak  
Adele Margolis  
Kathleen Nygard  
Shannon Reed

Joanne Strickland  
Margaret Suddjian  
Nancy Tarantino  
Kathleen Thuner  
Cindy Voreyer  
Vicki Yoshihara

**THINKING OF YOU**

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation  
to Katy and Tom Kelly,  
Joan and Jim Stoelker, Suzanne Soares  
and Margaret Kelly  
with the passing of Jim Kelly,  
brother and son, respectively;  
to Cathy De Maria  
with the passing of her husband, Joe;  
to Birdie Pacelli with the passing of her husband, Jim;  
and to all who grieve.

We extend our Prayers for Healing and Restored  
Health to  
Fran and Bob Lowry;  
Jeanne Torre; Michelle Sola's grandson, Áedán;  
for our SCU Community  
and for all who have nobody to pray for them.

**OUR ARTS LIASION,  
MARY MCCURDY**

January and February offer a variety of arts-related  
events for you to enjoy. To secure your tickets:

408.554.4015

[scupresentsboxoffice@scu.edu](mailto:scupresentsboxoffice@scu.edu)  
Theatre

February 14 and 15 – Winter One Act Festival,  
Fess Parker Theatre

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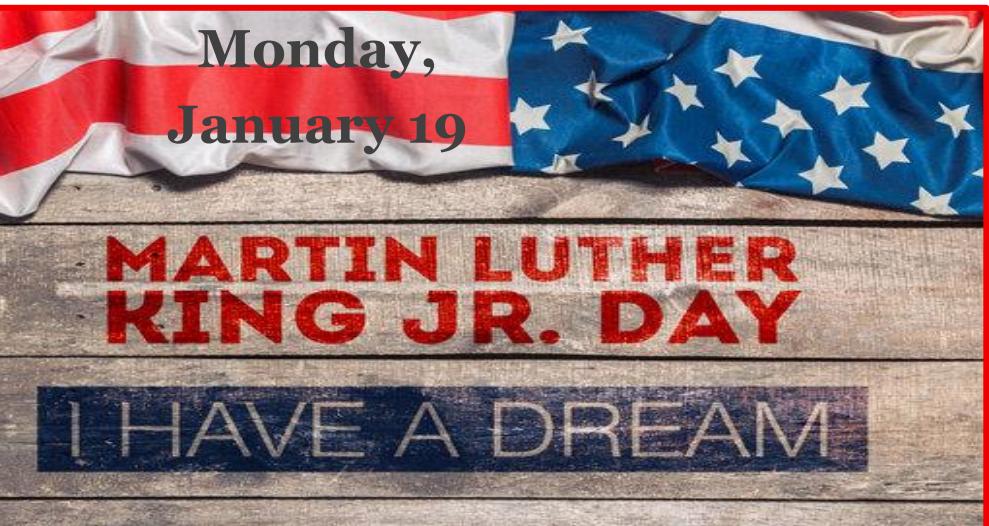
Dance

Image 2026 – February 5 and 6  
Music

Faculty Recital – January 9

Faculty Recital – January 23

Orff-Carmina Burana Mission - February 27



## FOOD INSECURITY at SCU by Sue Davison

Thank you to all the very generous Catala donors at our Christmas luncheon. The support for our students was overwhelming. We collected \$825. worth of gift cards which is wonderful. Thank you to all for your generosity! What a great way to start the new year!

There will be a 50/50 donation drawing at our January Lunch Meeting at China Stix! Half of the proceeds will go to the SCU Food Pantry. Please bring cash to participate (See the attached January Lunch Invitation!)

### WAYS TO GIVE

#### **Gift Cards**

Purchase Safeway, Target or Trader Joe's gift cards in increments of \$25.00 and/or \$50.00.

Gift cards can be sent directly to:

Santa Clara University  
Dean of Students Office - Benson Room #205  
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara CA 95053

#### **Amazon Wish List**

Donations to the Bronco Food Pantry 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](https://www.amazon.com) or use the QR code below.

Please select "**Santa Clara University, 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.

**Cash Donations:** Donate directly to our program on the Santa Clara

website [here](https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/60943/donations/new?designation_id=46791g0000&) ([www.givecampus.com/campaigns/60943/donations/new?designation\\_id=46791g0000&](https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/60943/donations/new?designation_id=46791g0000&))

For more information  
about the Basic Needs Program, visit the  
website [here](https://www.scu.edu/dso/basicneeds) ([www.scu.edu/dso/basicneeds](https://www.scu.edu/dso/basicneeds))

## CATALA CLUB BRONCO BASH by Rosanne Adona

Please join SCU's Catala Club members at a Bronco Bash on Saturday, February 28, 2026, as we cheer on the Broncos while they play Oregon State! Family and friends are welcome!

Join us at Round Table Pizza next to Safeway on The Alameda as we enjoy a nosh before attending the game. The Meet-up at Round Table will begin at 3:00 pm followed by the game at Leavy Event Center at 5:00 pm.

Tickets may be purchased at  
<https://scubroncos.scu.edu/event/68da11cd30da13eb57b34fd7/6921062df317fa31df7c9194>

Use promo code: catala26 (case sensitive) for discounted tickets; Ticket section: 114

Hope to see you there! Go Broncos!

Contact: Rosanne Adona  
([rtradona@gmail.com](mailto:rtradona@gmail.com)) with questions.

## 2025 Christmas Luncheon, Honoring Catalá Club Past Presidents

It was a gathering wrapped in warmth and friendship—a happy Christmas celebration at Maggianos Little Italy Santana Row that reminded us how special our Club family truly is. The highlight of the event was the presentation of the \$85,000 check (yes \$85K!!!) to SCU Asst. VP, Mike Wallace, for the SCU Catalá Scholarship Endowment Fund. Bravo ladies, your hard work paid off. This was the largest check given to the University by the Catalá Club, mainly derived from the success of our 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, Fashion Show Fundraiser last October. Our sincere gratitude to all the Catalá ladies who worked so hard throughout the year to make this donation possible. Kudos to our Christmas luncheon co-chairs, Mary Jane Vitkovich, Mauren Cronan and Georgia Schon.



*SCU Catalá Club  
Present & Past Presidents*



*SCU Catalá Club  
Christmas Party Co-Chair*





