



APRIL 2016

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➔ Class of 2016 Gift: Assistive Technology Resource Center

The Class of 2016 would like to establish an Assistive Technology Resource Center as the senior class gift, ensuring that everyone who comes to the Olin campus can take full advantage of all that Olin offers. With a goal of raising \$3000, the class hopes to bring in tools that will improve accessibility for the whole community. Visit the [class gift crowdfunding page](#) if you wish to support this gift or learn more about the positive impact this will have on campus.

Congrats to...

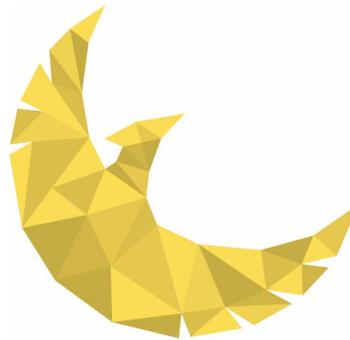
...Tiama Hamkins-Indik '11, Geoff Pleiss '13, Sarah Strohkorb '14 and Christopher Brooks Willis '15 for **receiving recognition** from the National Science Foundation.

➔ SLACfest 2016: You're Invited!

All Olin alumni are invited to the second annual rendition of SLACfest, hosted by Stay Late and Create (SLAC) on Friday, April 29th from 10AM to 10PM in the Library.

As an end-of-semester celebration of creativity, culture and community at Olin, SLACfest will feature a wide variety of fun, engaging activities and workshops - think community art projects, live music, screenprinting, interesting conversations, coffee and community-powered wholesome food - all day long!

If you have questions about SLACfest or are interested in getting involved in leading a workshop, tutorial, or conversation, reach out to [Patrick Huston](#) and [Keenan Zucker](#).



Upcoming Events

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Seattle Alumni Social & Reunion Rally: All alumni welcome, [RSVP here](#) by April 23

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SLACfest @ Olin, 10 am - 10 pm in the Library

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[Spring Expo](#) @ Olin, 9 am - 3:30 pm; [register here](#) by May 8

Expo Brainstorm: Alumni Teaching @ Olin, 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the Library; [RSVP here](#)

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[SCOPE Summit](#) @ Olin, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

➔ Get Ready for Olin Community Summer Parties (OCSPs)

We're looking for 20 hosts or share-host teams to plan a Summer Party for this annual event - will it be you? Our OCSPs have become a fun way for the Olin community to get together and share some food and trade stories. Hosts can be parents of current students, alumni, or alumni parents, or any combination. Your event can be as simple as a potluck or as complex as an evening at a baseball game - you choose! Please **contact Dori Grimshaw** with your location and tentative date and we'll get things rolling.

→ Featured on The Wire



Olin students created an adorable, interactive **penguin** that dances when you smile! The smile recognition program reads in images and analyzes them, then sends messages to an Arduino Uno to manipulate the server control mechanisms. Depending on what the penguin sees, it can perform three different dances.

Start-up business Lever, co-founded by Olin graduate Nate Smith '07 (center of photo at right), is **changing the way** companies identify and hire qualified talent.



Dozens of students from Olin, Wellesley and Babson came together this month for **BOW DataFest 2016**, a 2.5 day data analysis competition. The students were presented with a real world data set of interest to a company, and then extracted insights to tell a story through the data. Read more on this and other stories on **The Wire**.

→ Keep Olin Strong with Alumni Participation

We're so proud of Olin's incredible alumni **participation rates** (78% last year). These metrics demonstrate our community's commitment and passion when major donors and corporate partners consider investing in Olin.

Our goal this year is a record-breaking 80% participation. With less than 3 months to go before the end of Olin's fiscal year, 170 generous alumni have already donated this fiscal year, putting us at 23% alumni cash participation. **Give today** so we can plan for great innovations and strengthen our engineering programs. Every donation, no matter the amount, makes a difference.

Also, if your employer has a **matching gift** program please be sure to submit your matching gift form and we will confirm your donation once we receive it. Contact **Shannon Paleologos** with any questions, and get in touch with **Greg Marra '10** or **Larissa Little '14** if you'd like to help with upcoming alumni-to-alumni outreach.

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Boston Alumni Social & Reunion Rally: All alumni welcome, more details to come

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Class of 2016

Commencement, begins at 1 pm

Hear from Students

Check out the **OLINSIDER** for the scoop on life at Olin as well as the **PGP BLOG** for students' personal and professional adventures.



Casey Alvarado '17 is thrilled to be **leading an HTML workshop** at a middle school next month!



Ilana Walder-Biesanz '13, an Associate Product Manager at Yahoo!, readjusts to **life after graduate fellowships**.

Alumni Weekend Hotels

Book your hotel rooms now for this fall's **Alumni Weekend, September 16 - 18, 2016!**

Hotel room blocks have

Help a Products & Markets Team

A Products and Markets team is developing a product idea to connect and help independent makers, artisans, crafters, and inventors (anyone who isn't a part of a physical makerspace or community, but still makes things as a hobby or for a living) accomplish their goals. The team is actively seeking potential customers to offer feedback and would love to gain insight from former Olin students. If you're available to participate in a brief interview over Skype or phone, please contact Liv Kelley '19 at 919-391-0613 or liv.kelley@students.olin.edu.

Were You On a Student Vehicle Team?

Development, Family & Alumni Relations is tracking current and former students' membership on student vehicle teams to better understand trends in student activities at Olin. If you were ever on a vehicle team during your time here, let us know through this [brief Google Form](#)!

been reserved at a group rate for Residence Inn in Needham and Holiday Inn in Dedham.

For reservation details, visit the Alumni Weekend [lodging webpage](#).

Still Seeking Alumni '06 - '11 for Harvard Research Study

Participate in an hour-long Skype interview about your views of the college experience, as an Olin alum, in exchange for your choice of either a \$50 Amazon gift card or a \$50 donation card to DonorsChoose (supports classroom project needs in public schools across the country). If interested, please contact [Jeff Robinson](#) by April 29.



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