

# Olin Student Groups

2023-2024

Being involved on campus is an integral part of the college experience. Here at Olin, there are several ways for students to get involved – from participating in Student Government, to volunteer and service opportunities, to joining a club or organization, to joining a competition team. Below is a current list of student groups for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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## ACRONYM

ACRONYM is a student run coffee shop with the goal of providing coffee and connection to everyone on Olin Campus.

## Anti-Running Club

The Anti-Running Club runs loops of the Great Lawn while listening to music. We do not leave anyone behind, so we only run as fast as our slowest member. After running, we invite our members to enjoy a delicious feast.

## ARCaid

The Academic Resource Co-Design program is an academic support resource where trained peers can assist students in learning behavior tasks and skills. Topics that ARCs might be able to assist with include time management, study strategies, organizational skills, processing teaming situations, effective communication with faculty, taking notes, project scoping and planning, and more! ARCaid is a service where ARCs are available to work with students on a walk-in basis throughout the week.

## BAJA

Olin Baja is a student team from Olin College of Engineering. We compete in the intercollegiate Baja SAE design series, which involves designing, building, testing, and racing an off-road vehicle. Our team has 35 undergraduate students from all classes. We are an education-oriented team which provides members with long-term experience in an extensive, hands-on engineering project. Additionally, students get to work on design, manufacturing, testing, fixing, and even racing our vehicle!

## BOCA

The Babson-Olin Catholic Association is the Roman Catholic faith organization at Babson and Olin Colleges. Our mission is to provide a welcoming community for Catholic students and students of similar faiths from both colleges to come together to strengthen and live their faith. We hold events and dinners throughout the school year and have mass at Glavin Chapel every Sunday.

## BOW Climbing Organization

A club for those in the Babson, Olin, Wellesley community that love rock climbing.

## Catalyst

Catalyst is a student-run organization at Olin College of Engineering dedicated to expanding opportunities for students to engage in entrepreneurship. Throughout the year, we run several events to help connect students with startups, entrepreneurs, venture capital, and the Boston entrepreneurship community. We typically hold weekly meetings open to anyone to host speakers, share ideas, or to work on existing projects. The leadership board also meets once a week to work out administrative details and figure out ways to support our members. Above all, we aim to make entrepreneurship more accessible for Oliners.

## Cheese Club

The Cheese Club shares the love of cheese with the Olin community.

## CORe

CORe is the representative body that acts as the student body government, helps share continuous improvement goals for the student body, and works to amplify the value of student input in all change initiatives that occur at Olin College.

## Design, Build, Fly

Founded in 2017, we are a team of undergraduate students that develop highly specialized electric RC aircraft for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Design-Build-Fly competition. In our first year of competition, we gained recognition as the 11th place finisher internationally in Wichita, KS, placing 8th the following year in Tucson, AZ. Team members gain experience through a variety of tasks, building skills in mechanical design, composite fabrication, simulation, aerodynamic analysis, actuation, part selection, fabrication, team collaboration, communication, RC flying, and more.

## Dungeons and Dragons Club

Dungeons and Dragons Club helps connect those who like playing D&D and those who like running D&D games. We also supply everyone with the tools needed to enjoy these games.

## Flight Club

The goal of the Flight Club is to create a safe and accepting space for members to fly their unmanned aerial vehicles and learn from each other. The Flight Club will also support members with mentorship and community resources.

## Forge Blacksmithing Club

Forge Blacksmithing Club is a group of students that maintain and operate Olin's forge. We train people how to use it safely and then they can use it whenever (within the confines of the safety protocol).

## Franklin W. Olin Players (FWOP)

The Franklin W. Olin Players (FWOP) will strive to enhance the culture of the Olin College community through the medium of the performing arts. FWOP-sponsored activities will be student-driven, emphasize the Olin ideal of balanced student interests, and serve to reach and involve the entire Olin community.

## **Frankly Speaking**

Olin College's student-run, unofficial, news source.

## **Gardening Club**

The Gardening Club works to maintain the Olin community garden, teach effective gardening practices, and grow local produce for the Olin community.

## **Girls Who Code**

Host weekly meetings to discuss positive and inclusive coding culture, share information on career opportunities and practices from the Girls Who Code weekly newsletter, and support people learning about CS from one another.

## **Glass Club**

Glass Club provides students with the opportunity to work with molten glass. Glass-working is an amazing fusion of concepts that takes knowledge from chemistry, physics, and art to excel. We focus on small-scale "lampworking" (forming glass with a torch) to further our education in the fine arts.

## **The Jewish Organization at Olin (JOO)**

The Jewish Organization at Olin aims to foster a sense of Jewish community, identity, and belonging for Jewish Oliners—religious, cultural, and everywhere in between. We join Babson Hillel for weekly Shabbat dinners and holidays, in addition to other informal activities throughout the year. We strongly encourage all Jews at Olin—no matter how Jewish you consider yourself to be—to join!

## **Lemons Car Club**

We build, modify, and repair track-only project vehicles to compete in the “24 hours of Lemons” race.

## **The MIX (Multicultural Innovators eXperience)**

The MIX aims to celebrate and empower the diversity of the Olin community. Diversity to us is the rich variety of cultures, identities, beliefs, and backgrounds that make us who we are. The MIX strives to promote a culture of mutual respect, acknowledgment, and empathy for all members of the Olin community.

## **Night Riders**

The Night Riders teach club members how to ride a unicycle and host unicycle rides around the area.

## **OFFENCE (Olin Flag Football Executing New Ctrategies Effortlessly)**

OFFENCE provides Olin students with both a causal and competitive way to play Flag Football on campus.

## **Olin BBQ Club**

Olin BBQ Club makes amazing food on campus – all centered around a grill.

## Olin Christian Fellowship

Olin Christian Fellowship (OCF) is a community for Christians and those interested in learning more and having fun. We host weekly Bible study, prayer, worship, and fun events along with a spring retreat.

## Olin Climate Justice

Olin Climate Justice (OCJ) is a student activist group advocating for institutional change to combat the climate crisis. We prioritize systemic change and institutional accountability over individual action and engage in constructive efforts to move Olin towards a just and sustainable future. Climate justice cannot wait.

## Olin College of Lights and Sounds (OCL&S)

Olin College of Lights and Sounds seeks to bring together the growing number of Olin students interested in electronic music, sound synthesis, creative coding, performance lighting, and intersections thereof to build a community of practice and artistic exploration.

## Olin Collegiate Amateur Radio Club (OCARC)

OCARC strives to introduce undergraduate students to radio electronics, the art of radio communications, the importance of the Amateur Radio Service, and the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). OCARC aims to spark youth interest in electronics, physics, astronomy, and other sciences through club activities and the use of the Amateur Radio Service.

## Olin Cubing Club

Olin Cubing Club aims to teach new cubers to solve a Rubik's cube and give existing cubers a community to have friendly competition and solve new puzzles.

## Olin Cyclists

Olin Cyclists provides functional and safe Go Bikes, and the resources students need to ride and maintain their own bikes and communal bikes. In addition, we plan to hold regular rides for folks of various skill levels to increase participation in cycling at Olin.

## Olin Dance Ensemble (ODE)

The Olin Dance Ensemble cultivates a dance community at Olin and pursues dance in a comfortable and supportive environment for all levels of interest and experience.

## Olin Electric Motorsports (OEM)

Olin Electric Motorsports is an undergraduate project focused on educating engineers through developing and manufacturing electric race cars. Electric vehicles provide a platform for our team to pursue in-depth mechanical, electrical, computer, and systems engineering. By working together to compete each season, members develop their technical knowledge as well as communication and leadership skills essential for success as a professional engineer.

## Olin Fire Arts Club

Olin Fire Arts Club is a student-run group that teaches and fosters fire arts performance at Olin.

## Olin Handball

The Olin Handball student group aims to create a handball team at Olin and compete with the US intercollegiate handball league.

## Olin Korean Club

Olin Korean Club is a club aiming to celebrate our Korean heritage. We host events and outings for Koreans at Olin to mingle and socialize. We plan to host outings to Korean restaurants for traditional Korean holidays and make our own traditional Korean food.

## Olin Martial Arts Club

The Olin Martial Arts Club aims to learn, teach, practice, understand and appreciate a variety of martial arts, including but not limited to kung fu, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts. We also aim to improve wellness through flexibility and exercise.

## Olin Plasma Engineering Lab (OPEL)

Olin Plasma Engineering Lab is student run research team on campus developing hall thrusters and plasma systems. We aim to bring plasma engineering and its associated physics to undergraduate education through low-cost laboratory thruster designs and research.

## Olin Rocketry

Olin Rocketry is a student-led project team at Olin College of Engineering. We compete at the Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering Competition at Spaceport America in New Mexico. This involves designing, building, testing, and launching our dual-deployment high-powered rocket. We are currently in a two-year design cycle in which we are designing and building our own carbon fiber fins & body-tubes, fiberglass nosecone, avionics PCBs. C++ code to control our avionics and chute deployment, APCP solid fuel engine, and scientific payload. These student research and development projects allow for extensive hands-on experience with mentorship from experienced individuals in the industry (external and internal).

## Olin Running Club

The Olin Running Club exists to promote and organize running at Olin College of Engineering. The club believes that running is an excellent vehicle for Oliners to stay fit and active, to explore the immediate surrounding community, to challenge themselves with a new activity, and to build a supportive and social community of runners.

## Olin Sailing Team

The purpose of the sailing team is to learn about sailing and compete in regattas. This club was initially started because a small group of people who had previously sailed in high school wanted to continue sailing in college.

## Olin Soccer

Connect students through a co-ed soccer team.

## Olin South Asian Student Association (OSASA)

OSASA organizes events and celebrates South Asian festivals like Diwali and Holi. We also hold multi-language karaoke nights and food events. Our aim is to celebrate South Asian culture and make everyone feel at home.

## Olin Ultimate

Olin Ultimate is an Ultimate Frisbee team on campus with 3 practices a week along with going to approximately 3 tournaments a semester. We also host tournaments in the fall and spring.

## Olin Writer's Guild (OWG)

The Olin Writers' Guild (OWG) aims to amplify the diverse voices of Olin students through a low commitment blog club. On this blog club, members can post blogs of any topic on the OWG Substack website. This can include multiple forms of writing, and we hope to include all forms of storytelling.

## OPEN

OPEN exists to create a safe community space for people within the LGBTQ+ Community.

## Outing Club

Outing Club gives Oliners an opportunity to spend time outside and bond with each other without the barriers to entry of having to buy their own gear or of having the knowledge to go on hikes or other adventures.

## Powerchords

Powerchords is an acapella group for the Olin community.

## Public Interest Tech (PInT)

PInT is a community of students learning how to serve the public interest by creating an engineering practice that centers care, equity, and a critical understanding of the systemic injustices that our work seeks to address.

## SERV

SERV, the committee to Support, Encourage, and Recognize volunteerism, is a branch of Student Government whose role is to foster community awareness, increase involvement in community service activities, and work to support and coordinate community service activities at Olin. SERV coordinates with outside groups seeking volunteers, plans one-time and whole community events, and charters student led service projects.

## Siblings

Siblings is a BOW organization dedicated to building support and community for trans, nonbinary, and questioning students. We work to form connections, inform folks about medical processes, and provide safe spaces for transgender students across the three campuses.

## Society of Women Engineer (SWE)

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) holds several fundraising and professional development events throughout the academic year that are open to all female-identifying students. Every fall, our society attends the Society of Women Engineers National Conference, an inspiring space filled with dynamic keynote speakers, networking opportunities, and 200+ workshops and presentations, for which students from all around the world travel to participate in. SWE's goal is to provide its members with all the personal and professional development resources necessary to thrive in engineering and technology fields.

## SODIUM

SODIUM (Silly Oliners Doing Improv Und Magick) provides fun and fresh improv to Olin's campus and improves our members' improv abilities.

## Spoon Carving Club

Spoon Carving Club provides a space for Olin students to learn and practice spoon carving, while building community through woodcraft.

## SLAC (Stay Late and Create)

The goal of SLAC is to provide a chill and inclusive venue with resources, empowerment, and support for community learning and personal projects.

## TOW Club

TOW club will design and build winches and use them to participate in a number of towing activities.

## Van Club

The Van Club at Olin College is dedicated to optimizing the use of the college van as a valuable resource for students. We aim to raise awareness about van availability and make training more accessible, ensuring that all students can benefit. Our club educates users on responsible van management to extend their lifespan and reduce facility burden. We also organize exciting off-campus trips to grocery stores, museums, and local events, enhancing students' college experience and fostering a deeper connection with the local area. Join us to explore, learn, and make the most of your time at Olin