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Welcome to the new oLink Alumni!

Welcome to the first edition of the new oLink for Alumni!

This newsletter aims to highlight the top happenings in the Olin Community. These elements can be anything from student activities, alumni accomplishments, event advertisements or other alumni relations. The point of the oLink is to be short, relevant and interesting. Any faculty member, staff member, parent, student or alum can submit content. Above this you will see a link to submit via a simple Google doc. Please submit by the 12th of every month as we plan to be sending our newsletter on the 15th.

As always, if you have any questions/comments/suggests, please don't hesitate to get in touch! You can email us at AlumniRelations@olin.edu

Alumni spotlight

Marco Morales '11 partnered with a teacher to build [Brightloop](#) - a new way for teachers to keep all their student observations and notes organized.

On October 10th, **Dan Elg '11** presented a talk on the topic "In-Situ Plasma Cleaning of Collector Optics". Dan received his MS degree in nuclear, plasma and radiological engineering in May 2013 from the University of Illinois at Champaign - Urbana, where he is currently pursuing his Ph.D.

The William G. McGowan Fund recently announced its 2014 Fellowship class, recognizing Olin alumna **Tiana Veldwisch '08**. Read more [here](#).

Hackbright Academy featured **Maia Bittner '11**. Read about her start-up company RocksBox [here](#).

New Olin Alumni Council reps

Congratulations to **Dan Lin** and **Sara (Marshall) Wheeland** who are the new Class of 2007 Olin Alumni Council representatives! Adam College is now the sitting President, and Erin McCusker has become Past-president. No nominations for the positions of OAC President-elect or Treasurer were accepted, so special elections will be held in Spring 2014. You can always see who is on the OAC at olinalumni.org.

Looking for ways to get involved? Check out the volunteering page on the [Alumni website](#).

Summer 2014 Book Program

Each year a book is selected to serve as a common intellectual experience for all Olin students over

the summer. The criteria for selecting a book for 2014 is as follows: provides a common experience for new and returning students emphasizes intellectual life from the start of the student experience and illustrates the vigor and breadth of the Olin curriculum. Please send your suggestions to Dean of OSL [Rae-Anne Butera](#) including title, author, and reason for suggesting. All suggestions are due **November 22nd!** The Summer Book Selection Committee will meet and consider the suggested titles.

Oliners travel to Japan

Shivam Desai '14, Asa Eckert-Erdheim '14 and Professor Aaron Hoover of the Olin Robotics and Bioinspiration Lab traveled to Tokyo, Japan to present their research at the International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems. Their paper, "A large-area tactile force sensor for measuring ground reaction forces from small legged robots," was one of 903 papers accepted from the 2,089 papers submitted.

Olin community service



Members of Olin participated in the **Susan G. Komen Race** for the Cure 5K and won an award for the most money raised per team member in the school/college division. The team of nineteen Oliners raised \$1,848!

Members of our community also represented Team Olin by walking in support of the **Jimmy Fund**, organized by the **Dana Farber Cancer Institute**. Due to your generosity, the team raised more than \$7,200, marking the fourth year that Olin College has participated, and the highest amount raised to date for the team. Each team member walked the second half of the marathon route - 13.1 miles from Babson to the finish line at Copley Square.

Give thanks to Olin

With the holiday season about to begin and everyone reflecting on blessings we have, please remember Olin and the impact the College has had on you and your family. You can make a [one-time gift](#) or a [recurring gift](#) today and your contribution will not only help us maintain record-breaking participation rates but also demonstrate your support as we continue a revolution in engineering education. Together we will carry out the mission of preparing students to become exemplary engineering educators who recognize needs, design solutions, and engage in creative enterprise for the good of the world.

Purchase a commemorative Olin glass

Need a gift for the holiday season? Maybe you or an Olin friend would enjoy this commemorative Olin glass. Order one now for only **\$15**. If you are interested in ordering one, you can do so conveniently through [Olin Gear](#).





Also check out

- Professor Allen Downey's book **Think Bayes** is now available. It offers a new approach to learning Bayesian statistics. The book was born in an Olin classroom and published last month by [O'Reilly Media](#).
- [Olin named a '50 on Fire' finalist for education](#)
- [Olin team Technical Machine sets crowdfunding record with nearly \\$200K raised to launch Tessel](#)
- [Chronicle of Higher Education article features Olin](#)
- [Olin hosts Robot Hacks - Google+ broadcast features Gui Cavalcanti '09 and prof Dave Barrett](#)
- [Manuscript-tracking app takes prize at UPenn Hackathon](#)
- [Deputy Undersecretary of Education visits Olin](#)



Upcoming events

- SERV auction: today
- Olin Expo: December 20th
- Thanksgiving recess (no classes): November 25 - 29
- Last day of instruction (first semester): December 12
- Final Exams: December 16 - 19
- Residence Halls close for intersession: 5 p.m. December 21



Resources

- [Alumni website](#)
- [Flickr](#) (Olin Photos)
- Shop [Olin Gear](#)
- Check out the on-campus community [oLink](#)



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