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To complement Valentine's Day and Candidates' Weekends this month, check out more "Olin Love Stories!" Read about alumni who first met their best friends or significant other and the stories of how families first fell in LOVE with Olin!

Read more [HERE](#)

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Congrats...

Life Sciences Foundation Magazine Features Work of Olin Professor of Biology and Art Helen Donis-Keller, a teacher, a scientist and an artist. Her artistic and scientific work investigates the relationship between genotype (hereditary information) and phenotype (observed characteristics). It is this unique perspective that has led to her artwork (including the cover shot) being featured in the fall 2014 edition of *Life Sciences*

Foundation magazine, for a feature on the "Changing Face of Biotechnology." Helen's story appears on page 60. Read more [HERE](#)

 **Top stories****Olin Receives Record Number of Applications**

James Plummer; professor of electrical engineering and former dean of the Stanford School of Engineering, has been named to Board of Trustees

Princeton Review Features Olin in its Newest Book "Colleges that Pay You Back"**Two Students Predict the Outcome of the Superbowl**
VIDEO INTERVIEW **Honor Charlie Nolan by supporting Candidates'**

As you may know, **CHARLIE NOLAN** will be retiring at the end of this academic year. While we are sad to see him go, we are happy that he has exciting things planned for his retirement. To honor Charlie's lasting legacy, **David Wurtz '07** has initiated a fund which will support a need that Charlie feels strongly about. The Charlie Nolan Candidate Endowment Fund will ensure that no student is unable to attend Candidates' Weekend due to financial constraints. Read more **HERE** and please consider supporting the fund by going **HERE**.

 **Upcoming events!**

Feb. 27-28: Candidate Weekend II for Class of '19

Mar. 6-7: Candidate Weekend III for Class of '19

Mar. 23-27: Spirit Week

During Spirit Week, we want to show our support for each of Olin's amazing 322 students by raising one gift for each student by the end of that week.

What to get involved?

1. **Volunteer to call**, during the month of March, Olin alumni volunteers will be calling fellow Olin alumni to connect, thank you for past giving, share the impact alumni giving has, and ask you to participate towards our shared goal of 322 gifts by March 27th if you have not already given this year. High alumni participation rates show

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has once again placed Olin College on the list of top producers of U.S. Fulbright students, in the specialized institution category. Top-producing institutions are highlighted annually in The Chronicle of Higher Education. Two Olin students were awarded Fulbright fellowships in 2014-2015. Ilana Walder-Biesanz '13 received a U.S. Fulbright Scholarship to Germany. Walder-Biesanz is exploring the use of technology in theater and opera and is also involved in theater at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich as an actress and director. Erika Boeing '10 is pursuing a Master's in European Studies on Society, Science and Technology at Maastricht University in the Netherlands. She is studying thermo-acoustic engines and their potential for social acceptance.
Read more **HERE**

Town meeting video

The Town Meeting has been posted to **YOUTUBE**

For those who **made it and did not**, we would like to hear what you thought and how we could improve the meeting. Please take a moment to fill out **THIS SURVEY**.

Reminders/tips for giving

1. Add a recurring iCal to your calendar
2. Set up [recurring payment](#) through your bank (check or transfer)
3. Set up automatic [withdrawal](#) from your paycheck through your employer

future major investors and collaborators your satisfaction with Olin and support in the revolutionary mission. Your teamwork is needed, contact **ALEX MILOT** to volunteer.

2. **Stay tuned** for more exciting information about how you can impact an Olin student and what is happening on campus! You will see the latest news about Spirit Week on the FAR **FACEBOOK** page and in your email.

3. **Save yourself**, Olin and a volunteer from a call by **MAKING YOUR GIFT TODAY**

End of March: Olin on the "Slopes"

Interested in going skiing with other Olin alumni, parents and students? The FAR office is looking for interested community members to take a day ski trip towards the end of March. If you are interested, tell us by emailing the I.A. Coordinator **ALEX MILOT**.

May 16-17: Commencement Weekend 2015

The Commencement **WEBSITE** has been updated with details to help you make your plans accordingly. Stayed tuned for details on the OAC's annual Saturday evening alumni event. On Sunday, May 17 the Commencement Ceremony will take place at 3:00 p.m. on the Great Lawn followed by a brief reception at 4:30 p.m.

Check our **LODGING** page for our updated arranged room blocks and group rates. Please note these blocks expire one month prior to the event. Other hotel recommendations, dining options and more can be found on our "**LODGING & TRANSPORTATION**" section of our website. Don't forget to make reservations early other area colleges' commencements are the same weekend. If you have questions, you are welcome to contact **COMMENCEMENT@OLIN.EDU**. We look forward to seeing you in three months!



Add a tasty something to you food

Ben Linder, Associate Professor of Design and Mechanical Engineering teaches a beekeeping co-curricular at Olin and for the past five years, we have run a honey CSA (**Community Supported Agriculture**) we call Parcel Bees. We currently have over eight colonies in Parcel B and a nearby farm with many busy bees making honey for you to eat!

CSAs involve both the beekeepers and honey eaters sharing in the risk of beekeeping. We are proud that Parcel Bees is one of the first honey CSAs in the country! We are also providing bees with homes in hopes of fighting **Colony Collapse Disorder**.

As a Parcel Bees shareholder, you will help finance the bee colonies and be part-owner of thousands of busy bees, in exchange for honey. By having multiple honey shareholders, we're able to spread the honey over all CSA participants.

4. Look up your past giving and outstanding pledges including amounts, designations and dates on the Contribution History portlet on the [Olin Portal](#).

Hear from the students

Our students are a major part of what make Olin special. Check out the **OLINSIDER** for the scoop on life at Olin as well as the **PGP BLOG** for students' personal and professional adventures.

Student Life has a new name!

What you knew as OS� and StAR will be the **Office of Student Affairs and Resources**. Student Affairs better represents all of the functions of that team, and Resources points to the support and service functions that we continue to provide. Kudos to A.J. Pave, East Hall Director, for synthesizing our many discussions to create the new name! You will also begin to see a common tagline about what we do collectively as a team and that is, "Engaging Students in All Dimensions." As part of this process, they also spent much time rethinking their presence on the Olin website.

Looking for a new job?

Check out PGP's Opportunities for Alumni page. All new job postings for Olin alumni can now be found on the PGP [website](#). And of course you still have access to the [Olin JobFinder](#). If you need assistance updating your account, [contact Suzanne](#).

Interested? Fill out **THE FORM!** Have questions? How about **DONATE?** E-mail **Ben Linder**.

Seeking jobs in 'sustainability'

"Sustainability is the ability to maintain a certain status or process in existing systems. The most frequent use of the term sustainability is connected to biological or human systems in the context of ecology. The ability of an ecosystem to function and maintain productivity for a prolonged period is also sustainability."

The Office of Post-Graduate Planning is seeking your help.

True to the Olin mission, we currently have many students and alumni interested in 'doing good for the world,' and/or engaging in some form of sustainability. As we know, this can mean different things to different people. They might be talking about food, energy, buildings, cities, product development or other emerging sustainability initiatives.

We polled our students and alumni, and asked them to give us more detail about the types of opportunities they are seeking. Results are **HERE**. We told them we would seek help from the greater Olin community to bring them more opportunities in these areas.

If you have advice, contacts or job leads in any of these fields, please contact the person on the enclosed spreadsheet directly to offer your assistance. If you have general tips for Post-Graduate Planning to share with the entire group regarding jobs or careers in sustainability, please let us know that as well and we will share them.

Resources

- [Alumni Website](#)
- Follow the Family and Alumni Relations office [Facebook Page](#)
- Request to become a part of the [Alumni Facebook Group](#)
- [Flickr](#) (Olin Photos)
- Olin Gear [website](#)
- Check out the on-campus community [oLink](#)
- [Giving.olin.edu](#)
- [OLINsider](#)



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