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The Link: Olin's Campus-Wide E-Bulletin September 7, 2012

This newsletter includes news and information that will keep you informed of campus happenings.

If you have information you would like distributed to the Olin community, please send it to Announcements@olin.edu

The next edition of **The Link** will be available on **September 21, 2012.**

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Olin Emergency Alert System

Olin's Emergency Alert System (Olin EAS) allows for rapid dissemination of news and instructions in the event of an campus-wide emergency. Alerts for this system are managed through the Public Safety Department at Babson College.

Each Olin community member is responsible for populating and maintaining his or her information. Contact information can be updated and changed anytime by logging into Olin EAS.

If you are leaving Olin for an extended period and are concerned about incurring costs due to notifications to your cell phone, you may edit your phone contact information to temporarily turn off text messaging and/or phone calls.

For information about the Olin EAS system, and for instructions on how to register, edit, or deactivate your account, please consult the Olin EAS FAQ sheet, which is accessible from the "Campus Life" tab of the Portal (Phoenix.Net).

Submitting Work Orders

If you have any facility related issue please use <http://workorders.olin.edu>, fill out the form and submit it. Following submission facilities, will send a notification about the status of the work request and an update when the work is completed.

I2E2 Prepares for a Busy Visitation Season

Requests for visits to Olin are pouring in! Next week we will host two different groups from Japan—if you speak Japanese, we'd love to have you take part in some way! The weeks after that will bring the School Improvement Network and Bridgewater State University to campus. Please do not hesitate to contact [Sharon Breitbart](#) if you'd like to be involved!

Diana Dabby Launches *CantoVario*

A new WebApp, [CantoVario](#), creates musical variations of an original piece by using algorithms devised by Diana Dabby. Creating pitch and rhythmic variations of MIDI songs is fast and easy. The MP3 variation engine is still in beta. You can get good MP3 variations, but they take more time. Click on the demo variations

at the bottom of the home page to listen to the results of the WebApp. The demos feature variations of MIDI and MP3 songs. There are two instructional videos on the site: "A quick tour of CantoVario" and "A tutorial on creating MP3 variations." Directions on how to create variations on the site can be found by clicking [here](#). If you have any problems *using CantoVario please use the 'Contact' link on the site or contact [Diana Dabby](#)*. All feedback is welcome.

Summer Book Suggestions Due by October 31

The Summer Book Program Advisory Committee is accepting suggestions for next summer's book. The committee will consider four factors in reviewing your suggestions: readability, lends itself to a Convocation discussion, relates to the Olin curriculum, and is available in paperback or at paperback price. Suggestions (title, author and brief rationale are required for consideration) should be sent to [Rod Crafts](#) by Wednesday, October 31. The Summer Book Program is supported by the Class of 2006 class gift.

Mark your calendars now for next fall's Convocation on Thursday, September 5, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Milas Hall Auditorium.

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OFF-CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

Bioinformatics Challenge - September 10

Calling all statisticians/mathematicians, geneticists, programmers, microbiologists, algorithms researchers, and hackers of all types! On September 10 DTRA/MIT Lincoln Labs are hosting a biology-inspired coding event in Waltham, Mass. This event is scheduled in conjunction with the High Performance Embedded Computing (IEEE-HPEC) conference at MIT Lincoln Laboratory. You do not need to register for the conference to attend the event. Additional details can be found [here](#) and registration can be accessed [here](#).

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OLIN FAMILIES, DID YOU KNOW?

Family Weekend Meets DECADE ONE

The schedule for [Family Weekend 2012](#) is nearly final. The weekend will begin at 4pm on Friday, October 26 and end at noon on Sunday, October 28. In the meantime, we wanted to remind everyone that this year's Family Weekend is more special than ever because it features our DECADE ONE event beginning at 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 27. All members of the Olin community (staff, faculty, students, parents, alumni, alumni parents, board of trustee members as well as president's council members and friends of Olin) will converge to celebrate DECADE ONE – the ten year milestone of having our first students arrive on campus! The celebration will include a look at where we've been, where we are, and how we will continue *Innovating with Impact* in the future. A detailed schedule will follow. Room blocks and group rates have been established at recommended hotels listed on the Family Weekend website. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

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ATTENTION ALUMNI

Reunion 2012 – September 21-23

We have run into some technical complexities which have delayed our ability to get reunion ticket sales out to all alumni, however later today we will be issuing an invitation that includes all the necessary registration materials. The Reunion invitation email will be coming from a new event management program called CVENT, please watch for it and let us (alumnirelations@olin.edu) know if you do not receive it. A detailed schedule of events can also be found on the [Reunion website](#).

WitsOn Mentorship Program: Call for Mentors

At the invitation of President Maria Klawe of Harvey Mudd College, Olin has agreed to be a lead institution of a program called WitsOn (Women in Technology Sharing Online). The goal of the program is to connect undergraduates pursuing STEM degrees with female mentors from industry and academia who can speak from personal experience about issues of particular concern to young women. Each week there will be a nationally known lead mentor who will be recorded answering questions posed to them by participating students. There will also be several dozen support mentors (female faculty, grad students and technical professionals) who will also answer students' candid questions directly. Our female faculty members, staff and alumnae are invited to participate as support mentors. The minimum commitment would be about an hour per week. If a faculty member or alumna is interested, please email Karen Angemi (kangemi@hmc.edu) and include the institution and year you received your Bachelor's degree and your field, and preferred dates (including weekends) if you have them. Karen will then assign your day for participation. We expect a lively and meaningful online community to form.

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KUDOS

Gui Cavalcanti and Mark Chang included in list of 25 innovators!

On August 31 Scott Kirsner authored an article for the Boston Globe's Innovation Economy blog which featured the "25 people who are turning up the volume on innovation in Boston." The article included alumnus Gui Cavalcanti '07 for his role in founding the [Artisan's Asylum](#) and associate professor, Mark Chang for his role in launching the [Boston Startup School](#). All of us here at Olin are thrilled to see them recognized for their innovation! Please click [here](#) to read the article in its entirety.

Allen Downey Publishes New Book

Professor Downey's third book, [Think Python](#), was published this week. The book is the third of the series, which includes Think Stats and Think Complexity, all published by O'Reilly. It is a revised edition of "How to Think Like a Computer Scientist," which he wrote in 1991 as a Java book and released under a free license. A high school teacher in Virginia translated it into Python, and Dr. Downey learned Python by reading his own book. Since then, Python has become his primary programming language and a centerpiece of Olin's computing curriculum. The Python programming language is named after Monty Python, not the snake. The parrot on the cover is a reference to the parrot sketch.

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JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND MORE...

PGP has moved! Visit us in our new space, Library Lower Level!

Fall Career Fair - Wednesday, October 10th - 10:30-2 Campus Center Companies Registered as of September 6th

Abine	Boeing	GE Energy	Hyannis Port Research	litl/Woven	Quanta Research
AMD	Bose	GE Healthcare	Hydroid	Materion	Raytheon
Analog Devices	Carbonite	GE Intelligent Platforms	Innotec	Microsoft	Raytheon BBN
athenahealth	CIA	General	Intuit	MITRE	SoftArtisans

		Dynamics C4 System			
Barrett Technologies	Codeacademy	Google	iRobot	Orica	Synapse
Basis Technology Group	Constant Contact	HP	Leaf	Palantir	Vecna
Bayer Material Science	Continuum	Hopper	LFI	Pivotal	Yesware
Bluefin Robotics	FreshGrad	HubSpot	Lime Brokerage	Pocket Gems	

Fall Start-up Fair – Wednesday, October 17th

Calling all Start-ups!

The foundry is looking for Oliners/Alums that have started their own business. Please email [Juliana Nazare '14](mailto:Juliana.Nazare@olin.edu) for more information. To RSVP, please follow this link: <http://bit.ly/Shyjlh>.

UnPakt- New York, NY

Senior Developer

Unpakt is a new start-up in NYC which helps to connect movers with moving companies. [Matt Huang '12](#) met the recruiter for this start-up and would be willing to connect interested applicants. [Click here](#) for the complete description.

Bluefin Robotics – Quincy, MA

All Fields

Bluefin is currently hiring in various departments and would love more Oliners. To see the list available please visit their [website](#). Resumes should be directed to resume2011@bluefinrobotics.com. Please also send a resume to [Abe Feldman '12](#) so that he can “talk you up” to his managers.

Rubic Design – Middletown, RI

Junior Web Developer

A former Olin staff member, Javier Zapanta recommended I write and share a job opportunity we have available at our web design/development firm here in Rhode Island. We currently seek a Jr. Web Developer. We are primarily a Drupal shop - a platform I hear is popular at Olin.

Interested candidates may submit resumes to [Matt Dutra](#), President & Chief Creative Officer or through the [Olin JobFinder](#) (job # 3368). The position is also available on [Monster.com](#).

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NEW FACES @ OLIN

- On September 1, **Abigail Mechtenberg, Ph.D.**, joined Olin as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Energy Systems.
- On September 10, **Peter Antognoni** joined Olin as an Instructor of Machining. He will be located in the Machine Shop.

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TRIVIA

In the previous issue we asked "Which Olin student attended five Olin summer parties? And in which states were at least three held?" Dori Grimshaw was the first to respond correctly Zach Homans.

Trivia buffs, do you know...

Q: Which two Olin moms share the same first name and maiden name?

A: First person to respond to [Alyson Goodrow](#) with the correct answer receives a prize.

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