

Pomp

and Circumstance

On May 17 Olin graduated its [fourth class](#), granting 69 bachelor of science degrees to yet another outstanding group of students. The ceremony took place under a tent on Olin's Great Lawn. Dr. William Wulf delivered the commencement address and encouraged the engineers to meet the sustainability challenges that face them in the "real-world." Visit Olin's [YouTube channel](#) to hear more.



Olin's Scholarship Policy is Amended

In order to maintain academic quality and a sustainable financial model in the face of the economic downturn, Olin has reduced its full-tuition scholarship, currently awarded to all admitted students, by 50 percent beginning in the 2010-11 academic year. The new policy will continue the college's tradition of providing one of the largest merit scholarships in the nation to every admitted student. The reduction will neither affect the class entering fall 2009, nor will it affect any currently enrolled student. [Story](#)

» CAMPUS EVENTS



See the slideshow of all past events

Sustainability at Olin

Olin College saved nearly \$1.5 million in energy costs over the three years ending this July 1 and reduced energy consumption by approximately 40%. Contributing greatly to this effort is Olin's contract with Aramark to oversee the campus's physical plant. Steve Durfee acts on behalf of Aramark as Olin's energy manager and his passion for reducing Olin's carbon footprint is contagious! In fact the Newton/Needham Chamber of Commerce caught on, awarding Olin a 2009 Green Business Award. Click [here](#) to read more.

» ON CAMPUS

8/2 Women's Open House
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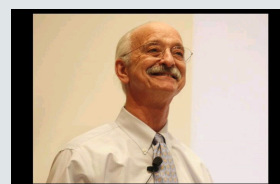
8/29 Class of 2013 Arrives
Academic Calendar is [here](#)

10/16 Family Weekend
Click [here](#) for more information

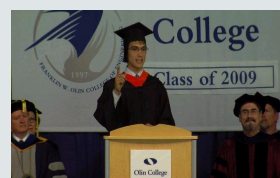
Olin Entrepreneurs Launch Alight Learning

Last year when students from Olin's class of 2010, Ellen Chisa, Marco Morales, Evan Morikawa, Christina Nguyen, Alisha Olsen and Andy Pethan took a year off and rented a house in Waltham, Mass., they set out to do something "interesting and entrepreneurial." By mid-October their idea had blossomed into [Alight Learning](#), a company that is developing free software capable of creating a virtual learning environment for middle school teachers, students and parents to collaborate and share resources online. The company, which recently incorporated in Delaware, has taken on extra employees, with a goal of producing a pilot of the software ready for teacher testing this fall. [Story](#)

» FEATURED VIDEOS



[Woodie Flowers](#)
Addresses attendees at
Engineer of the Future 2.0.



Commencement Highlights
See speaker highlights [here](#).



President Miller [talks](#) about Olin's growing support.

Honors & Awards

Olin Alums Receive Gates Foundation Grant

Liz Kneen '08 and Ryan Hubbard '08 have received a \$100,000 grant to further the research of their project titled "A New Way to Prevent HIV Infection During Breastfeeding." The two Olin students worked with Stephen Gerrard, a Chemical Engineering student based at King's College and David Sokal of non-profit organization Family Health International. The grant was awarded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as part of its Grand Challenge Explorations initiative. Learn more about the project by clicking [here](#).

Professor Dave Barret to Keynote at NIWeek2009

Robotics expert and Olin professor Dr. David Barrett will deliver the keynote address at NIWeek 2009 - National Instruments annual customer and technology conference. The conference attracts more than 3,000 of the world's brightest engineers, educators, and scientists. Dr. Barrett will discuss how advancements in robotics impact daily interactions with technology.

Also Check Out

- [The International Development Design Summit Blog](#)
- [2007 Alumna, Liz Kneen's blog](#)
- [Engineering Better Outcomes for Immigrant Victims](#)
- [Where are Olin Alumni Now?](#)

Research & Funding Aplenty

Professor Joanne Pratt has received an NIH research grant, entitled "The Function of RASSF1A in T Cells," which will support her continuing research in immunology at Olin.

Professor Steve Holt has received funding from the MIT Massachusetts Space Grant Consortium. His grant is supporting several Olin students, working on four different summer projects for NASA. Dr. Holt has received grants through this program for the past several years, supporting dozens of Olin students.

Professor David Barrett has received support from Boston Engineering for continued development and testing of a robotic fish; support from National Instruments for the development of a common LabView Robotics Toolbox; and support from Draper Laboratories for development of the Rhino robot and the Olin robotics software toolbox.

Professor Mark Somerville co-organized the recent Active Learning in Engineering workshop held in Barcelona in June. Dr. Somerville will be the chair of the steering committee for the next ALE conference.

Professor Caitrin Lynch's research project entitled "Work, retirement and community: changing social and economic landscapes in the U.S." has received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



