



# Our COMMUNITY



## SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

### University Contacts

The University is taking steps to promote greater cooperation between off-campus students and others in the neighborhood. Our recently hired off-campus area coordinator, Callie Rimpfel, will live in University-owned housing south of campus. Three student neighborhood ambassadors will also reside in the area and interact with students and neighbors.

The University will host a **Neighborhood Meet and Greet** at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 5 at 862 Market St.

The University would like to hear from neighbors with suggestions or complaints. Consider these full-time employees as your first point of contact.

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*The University now hosts six meetings per year of the Neighborhood University Relations Committee.*

## NURC Changes Improve Dialogue

**Meetings will be more frequent, solution-based**

The next meeting of the Neighborhood University Relations Committee (NURC) is at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Schott Enrollment Services Building on the Santa Clara University campus. Come for a visit, a brownie or cookie, and a chance to witness a renewed spirit of cooperation between the University and the community.

The city of Santa Clara introduced NURC in 1990 to foster the relationship between the city and the University. When Michael Hindery arrived at SCU in 2014 as vice president for finance and administration, it was a good time to re-evaluate and reboot the meeting's procedures and goals.

Hindery immediately set out to change the structure and format of NURC to be much more cohesive. Meetings have doubled to six per year and have moved to the SCU campus, and meeting leaders and residents sit in a semi-circle and have a conversation. In addition to being more convenient for residents, hosting the meetings is a way for SCU to welcome the neighborhood.

"I want you to think of the Santa Clara campus as your park," Hindery says. "We're your park. Walk your dogs, bring your kids. This is a community resource."

Residents will always have an opportunity to bring any of their concerns to light at the meetings. However, in an effort to move action items forward more quickly, a subcommittee now sets a meeting agenda based on previous discussions. The subcommittee includes Hindery, three City Council members, the city manager, representatives from the University's Associated Student Government, two neighborhood organizations, and a landlord association. During one meeting in 2015, a resident brought a complaint to the full meeting. Afterward, landlords talked to her in further detail and realized the solution was not to change policy but to reach out to one homeowner. Those are the kinds of interactions Hindery envisions becoming commonplace: simple, direct conversations that don't often require new laws or other official interference.

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# Off-campus Students Learn to Party Responsibly

## University offers guidance, students clean the streets

As long as there have been colleges, there have been college students partying. At Santa Clara University, the Office of Student Life makes sure that understanding this reality doesn't mean condoning outlandish behavior. Students who choose to live off-campus receive in-person guidance and printed notices outlining their responsibilities, including this passage under "Tips for being a Good Neighbor": *Please remember that your time in the Santa Clara community is temporary. Many of your neighbors have lived in Santa Clara for years, unlike most SCU students who live in Santa Clara for only 4 years.*

### Educated Partier Program

The centerpiece of the University's efforts is the Educated Partier Program. Since 2009, the voluntary program has been teaching students about safety and responsibility, emphasizing the dangers of overserving or of serving underage students.

A house can participate in the Educated Partier Program if 50 percent of its residents complete a training session of three to four hours. During that session, they hear from the Office of Student Life, the Associated Student Government, and the city's police department. When they complete the training, they receive an "Educated Partier House" sticker to place in the front window and are eligible for a Party Pack of supplies twice per quarter. They also get two bright orange T-shirts with the word SOBER, for those residents assigned as monitors of a specific event as the program requires.

"Those students' responsibility is to help maintain the house and the event," says Kim Gilkey-Wall, assistant dean for off-campus student life. "If something happens, they're the ones who contact the police, it's their job to say 'this party needs to be shut down right now, it's too big.' It's not their responsibility to go get more liquor or more beer."



*Houses can earn the "Educated Partier" designation if their residents complete a University training program.*

During the police discussion, students learn about how to approach an interaction with an officer, as well as how to assess the house for crowd control and safety. They also learn about the escalating citation system. Citations are counted according to the house and not the individual—so if one roommate was out of town during a party that got out of control, that roommate could still be issued a "second offense" citation with greater penalties if a subsequent party also causes problems.

In addition, when the police declare a house a nuisance, the tolerance for infractions is much

lower—for instance, a single plastic cup on the lawn in the morning can result in yet another citation.

### Cleaning afterward

Project Greensweep, on Saturday mornings once or twice per month, is the University-mandated community service activity for students who run afoul of the conduct code for drinking or other violations. Students fan out to the four blocks around campus and fill bags with trash, recycling, and landfill items. In addition to the streets, students clean yards and take overflow trash from bins.

Red Cup Pickup is the weekly Sunday morning effort. It began in 2013 as a volunteer effort organized by the ASG that covers the same footprint as Project Greensweep. Almost 40 students participate each week.

Frankie Bastone '15 was instrumental in starting Red Cup Pickup through ASG. The effort got a big boost with the involvement of several fraternities and sororities, which are not recognized by the University but were looking for a way to become more positive contributors. Soon students from the residence halls volunteered as well. Red Cup Pickup was such a success that the ASG adopted it as an official program, and ASG members were out in full force during Welcome Weekend on Sept. 20.

### Increased resources

Approximately 2,500 undergraduates live off-campus, including roughly 70 percent of juniors and seniors. Until recently, all non-academic concerns regarding those students landed on Gilkey-Wall's desk. During the summer of 2015, the University welcomed Callie Rimpfel as off-campus area coordinator. She arrives from Pennsylvania, where she served a similar role at the University of Scranton. Rimpfel describes her goal with students as "harm reduction, and they get that before they start."

Students hear messages about alcohol, as well as prevention of sexual harassment and sexual assault, when they arrive on campus and receive reinforcement throughout their time here. In addition to Rimpfel, the University will employ three students as "neighborhood ambassadors" to monitor and speak with peers about their responsibilities in the neighborhood.

"A lot of it's just being a support system to students who live off campus," Rimpfel says. "There is also the community aspect of trying to make sure that we have good relationships and continuing these programs as well."

*Callie Rimpfel is SCU's new off-campus area coordinator.*



# Feeding a Hunger for Sustainability

Student group delivers unused food to non-profits



**Makena Wong's efforts led to 3,500 pounds of food going to local non-profits instead of being thrown out.**

Makena Wong '17 has always had a passion for advancing sustainability. As a seventh-grader, she was bothered by the paper being wasted when teachers tore down their bulletin boards, so she started a campus recycling program that continues to this day. Upon arriving at SCU, Wong enrolled in SLURP, SCU's Sustainable Living Undergraduate Research Project, where students are challenged to help solve a campus problem related to sustainability.

"I had heard a statistic from the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization that nearly one-third of the world's food production is never consumed," she said. "That really bothered me; it's an incredible percentage. Knowing that there is a huge amount of food on campus that is over-produced for Dining Services and catered events (a practice that is just part of doing business), I began researching food recovery options."

In May 2014, she and fellow Bronco Paloma Sisneros-Lobato launched an SCU chapter of the Food Recovery Network, a national organization that has college students fighting food waste and feeding the hungry in their own communities. "I was worried that we might meet with some resistance from Dining Services, but they were immediately on board and everyone has been really supportive."

Every week, Dining Services packages and stores unused food for Monday and Thursday pick-ups by two student volunteers who have been trained by Wong on food safety procedures. The students then deliver the food to Martha's Kitchen, a local organization that not only feeds the hungry at their door twice a week, but also supplies food to more than 35 other non-profit organizations in Santa Clara County.

"Donated food cannot be in the fridge more than five days," said Wong, "so partnering with Martha's Kitchen is a great solution for ensuring that our food doesn't go to waste. It takes the student volunteers about an hour, so it's not a huge commitment, but it makes a big impact. From May through November we donated over 3,500 pounds of food!"

After her first year, Wong switched her major from economics to civil engineering. She plans to specialize in environmental engineering.

"Sustainability has always been in my brain, but I never thought of it as a career until I started taking classes at Santa Clara," she says.

## SEPTEMBER

### Sep 18 thru Dec 6 DE SAISSET AT 60

Ernest de Saisset attended Santa Clara College in the 1880s with dreams of becoming a painter. He died in 1899; when his youngest sibling passed away more than 50 years later, she directed her fortune toward an art museum in her brother's name. *de Saisset: From Family Name to Artistic Legacy* celebrates the family's and museum's contribution to the University's arts education.

### 24 TECH INNOVATION POLICY AT THE WHITE HOUSE: LAW AND ETHICS

Law School | 7-8:30 p.m.

SCU associate professor Colleen Chien discusses her recently completed appointment as White House senior advisor, intellectual property and innovation. The event is free, but registration is required. Visit [www.scu.edu/events](http://www.scu.edu/events) for more details.

## OCTOBER

### 1 BOOK OF THE QUARTER

Learning Commons and Library | 4 p.m.

SCU professors Rose Marie Beebe and Robert Senkewicz discuss the research for their book *Junipero Serra: California, Indians, and the Transformation of a Missionary*, which was published earlier this year.

### 3 HANS BOEPPLE, PIANO

Music Recital Hall | 7:30 p.m.

Boepple, a renowned pianist and the chair of the Music Department, ushers in the SCU Presents season. Visit [SCUPresents.org](http://SCUPresents.org) for tickets and information.

### 4-11 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Stevens Stadium

On back-to-back Saturdays, the Bronco women (Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.) and men (Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.) open the West Coast Conference season against USF. Visit [santaclarabroncos.com](http://santaclarabroncos.com) for tickets and information.

### 8 PRESIDENT'S SPEAKER SERIES: GEORGE WILL

Mayer Theatre | 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The conservative commentator discusses "The Political Argument Today." Visit [scu.edu/speakerseries](http://scu.edu/speakerseries) for tickets and information.

**For ticket and event information and a complete list of arts and cultural events on campus, visit [SCUPresents.org](http://SCUPresents.org)**

### HOW TO CONTACT US

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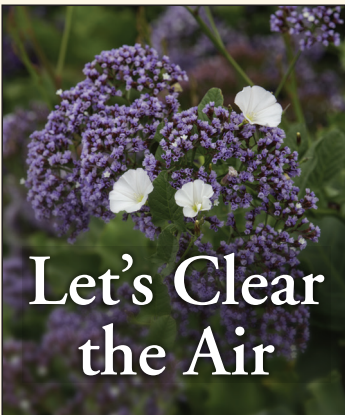
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The mark of responsible forestry



**Let's Clear  
the Air**

**Santa Clara University is a 100% tobacco-free and smoke-free campus.**

Thanks for making SCU a healthy and safe community.



[www.scu.edu/smokefree](http://www.scu.edu/smokefree)

## SCU is now Tobacco-free

On July 1, Santa Clara University became a 100 percent smoke- and tobacco-free campus. SCU is one of more than 1,500 universities around the nation that have joined the Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative. By committing to the 100 percent smoke-free policy, including vape-free, the University earned the initiative's Graduate Rating, the highest of five categories.

The new policy also prohibits the sale or advertisement of those products. To prepare for this change, the University conducted smoking cessation workshops in May and June. Signage has been on display throughout campus in the months leading up to and immediately after the change.

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“We want it to be an information-sharing session, but also a problem-solving session,” he said. “It won’t be perfect, it will probably never be perfect, but we can show some progress.”

At the August meeting, about 40 residents listened and many voiced concerns about parking, garbage, and excessive partying. City officials pledged to consider stepping up code enforcement, adjusting police patrols, and reducing the time allowed for compliance.

“We’re trying to make this more interactive than it has been in the past,” said City Councilmember and NURC Chair Lisa Gillmor. When issues arise, she said, “We are going to address them in a timely manner so they don’t explode.”