



## **Clubs and Organizations 2018-19**

*Being involved on campus is an integral part of the college experience. Here at Olin, there are a number of ways for students to get involved –from participating in student government, to volunteer and service opportunities, to joining a club or organization.*

*Below is a current list of clubs & organizations for the 2018-19 academic year.*

*If students have an interest that isn't on this list, they are encouraged to reach out to [studentaffairs@olin.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@olin.edu) to learn more about how to start a club!*

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### **Acronym**

The Acronym offers coffee, tea, and conversation to the community for free. Our goal is to foster a campus culture that supports the community's needs for a relaxed space for idea generation and sharing.

### **Archery Recreation Club (ARC)**

To teach and facilitate the sport of archery. Members will have the chance to participate in the sport of archery with a coach present. Members can self-select to become competitors. They will compete in local and regional competitions.

### **Badminton Club**

The goal of Badminton club is to provide an environment in which people interested in badminton can come together and play together. We plan to meet weekly, and go to PepsiCo court at the Babson Gym. Depending on interest, more serious members can become members of the Magnus Badminton Club (only 7 minutes away from Olin) to play with other professional players. A big priority is to coordinate with Babson's club, perhaps even host joint tournaments.

### **Board Game Club**

The goal of this club is to set up times and events during which people can play board games with others, to manage the board games Olin owns, and to buy new board games.

## **BOW Climbing**

Climbing fun for everyone! Our team will be founded on several key tenets:

- Diversity - BOW, All Skill Levels, All Backgrounds
- Consistency - practicing on a weekly basis
- Lowering the Barrier of Entry for Beginners
  - a) Free Passes to Start
  - b) Helping Fund and Kickstart a Climbing Career
- Don't let consistency turn into monotony! i.e. Do more than indoor gym practices
  - a) Taking skill building classes, like learning to Lead Climb.
  - b) Participating in External Competitions (like B3 Boston Boulder Brawl) or Externally-hosted Climbing Events.
  - c) Outdoor Climbing.
  - d) Internally organized events (Halloween Dress Up Climb, Watch Reel Rock XX screenings together)

## **Buff Theory**

Get Big, Get, Buff. A club dedicated to group workouts, workout plans, and self-improvement.

## **Campus Displays and Artwork Team (CDAT)**

A group dedicated to promoting artwork and murals around campus.

## **Dungeons and Dragons Club**

To facilitate games and/or discussion of the role-playing game Dungeons and Dragons (and other similar systems or tabletop RPGs)

## **European Club**

The purpose of European club is to build a community of people, at Olin and other Boston-area schools, with a shared interest in European topics and culture.

## **Franklin W. Olin Players (FWOP)**

The Franklin W. Olin Players (FWOP) strive to enhance the culture of the Olin College community through the medium of the performing arts. FWOP-sponsored activities will be student-driven, emphasize the Olin ideal of balanced student interests, and serve to reach and involve the entire Olin community.

## **GROW**

GROW is a student collective for making the world a more environmentally sustainable place. We meet weekly for dinner discussions and project check-ins. GROW will also strive to encourage other community members to be more thoughtful in their actions by encouraging sustainable choices. GROW will support multiple projects based on interests of members.

## **Hackathon Club**

To encourage, support, and provide a community for Oliners interested in attending hackathons. Along with attending events, the club will meet weekly to plan competing at/volunteering at events and to teach/learn skills that will prove useful both at hackathons and in their careers.

## **(H)OLA**

To create, engage in, and support the inclusion of Latinx culture at Olin College campus.

(H)OLA (Olin Latino Association - the H is silent) aims to achieve this purpose through planning, organizing, and hosting events that improve the educational and cultural awareness of the Olin community.

## **Honor Board**

The Olin College Honor Board administers the [Olin Honor Code](#) and ensures that it meets the evolving needs of the Olin Community.

Responsibilities:

- To engage the Olin Community in the discussion and administration of the Honor Code and related policies (see appendices in the Student Handbook)
- To use the resources available to the Olin Community to productively and effectively resolve reported violations of the Honor Code and related policies
- To continually evaluate the efficacy of the Honor Board procedures and the Olin Honor Code and address shortcomings therein.

The Honor Board is a branch of Student Government which consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, faculty advisor, staff advisor, and 6 general members. Each class must have at least one representative.

## **Indian Club**

Indian Club aims to share Indian culture and traditions with everyone. We will also embrace some Hindu Festivities, and other religious events are welcome, so please approach the club if you have suggestions!

## **Interactive Robotics Laboratory (IRL)**

The Interactive Robotics Laboratory is a research team that allows students interested in software or robotics to explore the field of human-robot interactions. By giving students control over their own learning goals and enabling them to research and learn new topics, we accelerate and expose members to the vast knowledge in the world of robotics. Our tangible end product is a happy student who has felt like they have learned or accomplished something, and then a comprehensive demonstration of our semester's work at each Olin EXPO.

## **Jewish Organization at Olin (JOO)**

JOO aims to have an alive Jewish culture on campus, to educate Jews and non-Jews about Jewish culture and practices, and to create an environment where Jews feel comfortable.

## **Kitchen Club**

The goal of the club is to provide Olin students with good cooking equipment and fun cooking/baking events.

## **Machine Learning Lab (MLL)**

The purpose of Machine Learning Lab Club is to bring student-led machine learning research to Olin. The club will support different specializations with teams of 3-5 leading each specialization. A specialization is an exploration whose goal is to create a unique paper.

## **Make a Game, Make Assets (MAGMA)**

To unite people with a shared interest in game development or interactive programming through game jams.

## **Midnight Math**

At Olin, math is generally perceived as a means to an end. A field of mathematics is not deemed worth studying unless some immediate usefulness can be gleaned from it. The Midnight Mathematicians intend to be a counterpoint to this mentality. Alongside their regular math curriculum, we believe students deserve a glimpse at more extraordinary kinds of mathematics, even if the application of this math is not immediately obvious.

## **Olin Christian Fellowship**

Olin Christian Fellowship (OCF) is an organization that exists to unite and serve the Christian community at Olin in an official capacity by fostering a supportive, Christ-like environment and by providing activities which encourage Christ-like growth and fellowship within the Christian community at Olin. The purpose of OCF is to support and encourage Christians on campus to follow Jesus's teachings, including the following: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-38) and "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"(Matthew 28:16-20).

## **Olin Fire Arts Club (OFAC)**

Olin Fire Arts Club is a student-run group that teaches and fosters fire arts performance at Olin.

## **Olin Jazz Orchestra (OJO)**

Olin Jazz Orchestra is a club for people that want be a part of a big band at Olin. OJA plays both classic and contemporary big band music.

## **Olin Pitmasters**

The purpose of Olin Pitmasters (OP) is to provide a place for Oliners to learn about grilling and smoking meats and other foods, as well as to feed the hungry Olin population with these meats and other foods. Club meetings will involve learning how to be a pitmaster through experience and eating.

## **Olin Rock Orchestra**

To create evocative and compelling art by bringing together classical, jazz, and rock musicians.

## **Olin Runners**

The purpose of this club is to create a community of runners that help Oliners:

- Get and stay in shape
- Find training partners
- Share running tips and information

The group also participates in races through NIRCA, the National Intercollegiate Running Club Association)

## **Olin.Build**

olin.build provides support for student-related software projects with the goal of building Olin's software development culture.

This includes:

- management of the olin.build domain
- access to services like Twilio
- hosting of community software projects
- maintaining an active group of people with interest and/or experience in/with software development
- general resources for software projects
- presentations and workshops around various computing topics
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## **Olinomic**

Olinomic is Olin's official game of Nomic, the game where changing the rules of the game is a move. This "club" seeks to generate fun and nonsense by allowing Oliners to compete in a game whose rules they control through the game. Olinomic is played over the Olinomic mailing list, and the official rules are in the Olinomic repository on Olin's GitHub.

## **OPEN**

OPEN exists to foster community and support a safe and supportive environment for LGBTQ people and allies, and also to raise awareness of LGBTQ related issues in the larger Olin culture.

## **Outing Club**

The purpose of Outing Club is to facilitate Olin student enjoyment of the great outdoors through organizing camping and hiking trips, as well as providing a stock of gear for Olin students to borrow and use.

## **Poptalks**

In recognizing that some conversation topics rarely come up at Olin, Poptalks was created as a safe space where discussions about possibly controversial or unusual topics are encouraged. Talks occur bi-monthly, are structured, and intended to promote dialogue.

## **PowerChords**

The PowerChords promise is to bring quality a cappella music to Olin both through their own performances and the performances of external groups invited to collaborate at concerts. As a group, their mission is to have fun through music and to improve as musicians, performers, and singers. Powerchords promises to contribute to the arts presence on Olin's campus and provide an opportunity for qualified musicians to have a rigorous and fun musical experience that can be shared with their peers.

## **Student Activities Committee (SAC)**

The Student Activities Committee (SAC) is one of the major programming groups on campus responsible for hosting a number of events throughout the year. Their team consists of a student director and assistant director, as well as general body members from the Olin Community. SAC plans and executes campus-wide events, facilitates club events as requested, and maintains a public calendar of events that provide a continuous, diverse, and accessible set of social opportunities for the entire student body.

## **Sandwich Discourse Club**

To discuss important matters in the Olin community pertaining to the rigorous definition of sandwich and related concepts.

## **SERV**

SERV, the committee to Support, Encourage, and Recognize volunteerism, is a branch of Student Government who's role is to foster community awareness, increase involvement in community service activities, and generally work to support and coordinate community service activities at Olin. SERV coordinates with outside groups seeking volunteers, plans one-time and whole community events, and charters student-lead service projects.

## **Society of Women Engineers (SWE)**

The purpose of the Olin SWE Chapter is to provide Olin students (of all genders) that are interested in promoting women in engineering with professional development opportunities and mentorship.

## **Stay Late And Create**

The goal of SLAC is to provide an open venue with resources, empowerment, and support for peer learning and personal projects. SLAC meets weekly to provide a venue for personal project work, peer-led tutorials and talks, as well as open-ended discussions of a wide variety of subjects. SLAC also serves as a central meeting place for several other clubs' events and activities weekly. In addition to weekly meetings, SLAC also hosts an annual festival of creativity, SLACfest. The final area of focus of SLAC is the goal of working with other clubs and organizations to help put on events.

## **Student Government/Council of Olin Representatives (CORE)**

The Student Government serves and acts as the voice of the Student Body of the College. The Student Body is defined as all currently enrolled students of the College who plan to graduate from Olin College.

*Mission:*

*The Council of Olin Representatives will work to amplify student input on issues under consideration by the administration and will support student initiatives. The Council will represent Olin's student body to help the administration, other colleges, and the outside world, while working to improve student life by supporting and developing solutions to issues facing the student body.*

## **Taboo**

The purpose of Taboo Club is to promote sex positivity and awareness at Olin, encourage people to have open conversation about sexuality, and to educate people about differing opinions or sexual orientations.

## **Unicycle Club (Midnight Riders)**

Unicycle Club (Midnight Riders) exists to promote and enable the use and learning to use of unicycles.

## **Weapons Handling and Combat Kakistocracy (WHACK)**

WHACK provides Olin students with the opportunity to practice fencing and participate in bouts.

## **Wine Club**

Wine Club aims to educate 21+ members of the Olin community on fine wines and other craft beverages through formal tastings.

## **World Record Excellency Club (WREC)**

WREC is a club devoted to making or breaking Guinness World Records (GWRs), either individually or collaboratively. The goal is for people who are interested in setting GWRs to be able to easily connect with other interested parties. Occasional meetings will be held Friday afternoons for people to talk, brainstorm, attempt records, and more. When a group or individual successfully sets a record, the subsequent meeting will have a small celebration for the party/parties involved.