

## Boxer, Businessman George Foreman to Speak at 60th Commencement



Former world heavyweight boxing champion and businessman **George Foreman** will address the University of St. Thomas 2010 graduating class, speaking about “Success with Integrity,” at the 60th Commencement Ceremony, on Saturday, **May 15** at Reliant Arena. The ceremony will celebrate the achievements of 305 undergraduates and 320 graduate students.

A charismatic personality in the world of boxing, a minister, entrepreneur, husband, father of ten, and rancher, Foreman was born in Marshall, and grew up in Houston. At the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City, he won the gold medal in the heavyweight boxing competition. He was ordained a minister and in 1984, he founded the George Foreman Youth and Community Center in Houston. In 1994, Foreman became, at 44, the oldest fighter ever to win the heavyweight title. When not promoting Meineke mufflers or selling Lean Mean Grilling Machines, Foreman tends to his ministry and charitable work, including most recently his “Knock-Out Pediatric Cancer” initiative.

**Nicole Keith** will take the stage as the student commencement speaker. She is a communication major and theology minor from Pearland. Her speech is titled, “A Generation of Possibility.”

Honorary doctorates will be given to **David M. McClanahan**, President and Chief Executive Officer of CenterPoint Energy, and **Dr. Joseph McFadden**, University of St. Thomas President Emeritus. McClanahan previously served as Chairman of the UST Board of Directors from 1998-2002. The Vincent J. Guinan Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to **Vincent D’Amico**, class of 1952.

### New Features for Commencement

- **Graduation Live Stream Video:** A video of the UST Commencement Ceremony will be streamed live on the UST website the during the ceremony beginning at approximately 10 a.m.
- **Submit Your Photos:** The Office of Marketing Communications also welcomes submissions of student/parent graduation photos to be featured in a photo gallery on UST’s official facebook page. Please send no more than five photos to Ronnie Piper at [piperr@stthom.edu](mailto:piperr@stthom.edu).

Find detailed graduation information for parents and instructions for students at [www.stthom.edu/graduation](http://www.stthom.edu/graduation).

### Commencement Events

#### Baccalaureate Mass:

6:30 p.m., Friday, **May 14**,  
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart  
1111 Saint Joseph Parkway  
Followed by a reception at UST

#### Commencement:

10 a.m., Saturday, **May 15**  
Reliant Arena, One Reliant Park



Nicole Keith



David M.  
McClanahan



Dr. Joseph  
McFadden



DaVincent  
D’Amico

## New Programs Offer Textbook Options for Students

Students may find their book bags lighter and their wallets heavier in fall 2010. Two new programs – Book Look and Rent-a-Text – offer students textbook purchasing options.

Congress has passed the Higher Education Opportunity ACT that requires universities to provide upfront cost to students regarding any classes for which they register. This includes the cost of text books, scheduling and lab fees. The law goes into effect July 1.

“Having the price of books and other fees so readily available will allow students to estimate the total cost of taking a course,” said Matt Prasifka, director of Campus Life and Auxiliary Operations. Prasifka works closely with Follett, a contract service provider that manages the University bookstore.

Follett’s Book Look Program works in conjunction with UST registration. When a student registers for classes online, a link to Follett’s website will allow them to view the cost of required books for each class.

The law will affect faculty as well as students. Professors will be required to submit their course book list earlier to ensure the University is in compliance with the law.

“In addition to the Book Look Program, Follett is also adding a book rental option for the 2010 fall semester called Rent-a-Text,” said Bart Stafford, manager of the UST Bookstore. “Many books will be available for a fraction of the buying price, and students will be able to annotate and highlight in the rented books.”



## Remember to Activate Celt Login Authentication System after April 25

The University will implement a new service called the Celt Login Authentication System (CLAS) on Sunday, **April 25**. CLAS will enable users to access many services with one password. Blackboard, myStThom, Webmail, Outlook, Outlook Web Access, off-campus Library, and the UST network will be unavailable from noon to 6 p.m. during service implementation.

A few key points to remember:

- Before activating your Celt Login ID, verify your current contact information in myStThom and make updates if necessary.
- All users will be required to activate their Celt Login ID by completing a secure account profile.
- You may activate your Celt Login ID after 6 p.m. on Sunday, **April 25**, by going to <http://clas.stthom.edu>. After activating your Celt Login ID, please remember to update all mobile and home devices that connect to UST online services with your new password – for example, if you use your mobile phone to check your UST email and/or calendar.
- Please note that your current user name/user ID will not change. It will now be referred to as your Celt Login ID.

For more information, go to [www.stthom.edu/clas](http://www.stthom.edu/clas) or contact the IT Help Desk at [ithelpdesk@stthom.edu](mailto:ithelpdesk@stthom.edu) or 713-525-6900.



## Center for Faith and Culture Presents “Science and Religion” Lectures

The University of St. Thomas Center for Faith and Culture, Doherty Library and Houston Museum of Natural Science present a lecture by Dr. Francisco Ayala and Fr. George Coyne, S.J., about “Science and Religion.” The lecture will be held 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, **April 27** at the IMAX Theater in the Houston Museum of Natural Science.



These two popular figures in this debate are uniquely familiar with both science and religion. Fr. Coyne is a Jesuit priest who is also a noted astronomer, and served as director of the Vatican Observatory for 28 years.

Dr. Ayala is a renowned evolutionary biologist and a former Dominican priest currently serving as a professor at the University of California at Irvine. He recently received the 2010 Templeton Prize.

The cost of the lecture is \$17 for the public and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.hmns.org](http://www.hmns.org), over the phone by calling 713-639-4629 or at the HMNS Box Office located at 5555 Hermann Park Drive.

Students will have to show their student ID at the HMNS Box Office the evening of the lecture to pick up their tickets.

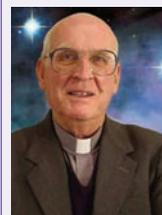
### Campus Lectures

#### “Evolutionary Origin of Malaria”

**Dr. Francisco J. Ayala**, Evolutionary Geneticist and Molecular Biologist will give a lecture, “Evolutionary Origin of Malaria,” to the campus Community at 12:10 p.m. on Monday, April 26 in Cullen Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the Biology Department.



#### “The Evolutionary Universe”



**Father George V. Coyne, S.J.**, former director of the Vatican Observatory, will give a lecture, “The Evolutionary Universe,” to the campus community from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Monday, April 26 in Jones Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the Chemistry and Physics Departments.

## UST Students, Faculty to Appear on EWTN Catholic Network on April 22

A group of six UST Catholic students and three faculty members will travel to Irondale, Ala. to film “Life on the Rock,” EWTN’s live show for young adults. The show will air at 7 p.m. central time, Thursday, **April 22** on EWTN.

Channel listings may vary depending on service provider. Find channel listings at [www.ewtn.com/channelfinder](http://www.ewtn.com/channelfinder). Encore broadcasts will be at midnight Thursday, **April 22**; 8 a.m. Friday, **April 23** and 10 p.m. Sunday, **April 25**.

The campus community is invited to watch the episode on a big screen television at a viewing party at 7 p.m. **April 22**, in the Student Lounge (Old Bookstore). For those who cannot attend the viewing party, the program will also be streamed live at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) (Live TV-English).

UST faculty scheduled to appear on the program are Chaplain Father Michael Buentello, CSB, Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE, chair of the Environmental Science and Studies Department and Dr. Jeremy Wilkins, assistant professor of theology at St. Mary’s Seminary. Lee Holm, director of Admissions, is driving the group to Alabama.

Students selected to represent UST on the show are Catherine Loth, Michelle Gautreau, Catherine Aquila, Ivan Earls, John Ruff and Emilie Bierschenk. Justin Aquila, a graduate student of theology, will play an advisory role.



## Upcoming Events



Diocesan Fair

The UST Chi-Rho Theology Club is sponsoring a Diocesan Fair at noon on Tuesday, **April 20** in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center. The event will provide an opportunity for the UST community to learn about ministry on a diocesan level and within religious orders and volunteer opportunities in the Archdiocese. For more information, call 713-525-3582.



Doherty Library Lecture

Dr. Alexandra Simmons, assistant professor of biology, will speak on "What Genomic Disorder Studies Have Taught us About our Genome," at 1 p.m., Wednesday, **April 21**, in the Doherty Library Atrium. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Doherty Library. For more information, contact James Piccininni at 713-525-2192.



Jazz/Pop Revue

The Music Program invites the campus community to attend two April concerts. A Jazz Ensemble Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **April 20** in Cullen Hall. The Pop Show Review will be held at 7:30 p.m. **April 26** and **27** in Cullen Hall. Make ticket reservations at [rsvpmusic@stthom.edu](mailto:rsvpmusic@stthom.edu).



Founders' Day Celebration

Celebrate the University's birthday at Founders' Day. A special Mass will be held at 12:30 p.m., **April 22**, 2010 in the Chapel of St. Basil. A program recognizing incoming and graduating students will be held at the Founders' Day Celebration from 12:30 to 2 p.m., **April 22** on the Crooker Patio. For more information, contact Angie Montelongo at [montela@stthom.edu](mailto:montela@stthom.edu).



Afghanistan and Education

A team of educators will discuss the Catholic Relief Services approach to community-based education in Afghanistan at a special lecture, "Education in Afghanistan," at 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, **April 22** in Ahern Room, Crooker Center. The lecture is presented by Catholic Relief Services, the Young Institute and the UST School of Education. For more information, contact Chris Lively at [lively@stthom.edu](mailto:lively@stthom.edu).



Open houses

Come learn more about UST graduate programs at two graduate school open house events in April. A Cameron School of Business Graduate Open House will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, **April 20** in the Malloy Boardroom. RSVP at [www.choose-ust.org/mba](http://www.choose-ust.org/mba). The Master in Liberal Arts Program will host an Open House at 10 a.m. Saturday, **April 24** in Malloy Board Room. RSVP to [www.choose-ust.org/mla](http://www.choose-ust.org/mla).

## Black Student Union Hosts Crawfish Boil

The UST Black Student Union is stirring up the fiery flavors of the bayou as it hosts the annual Crawfish Boil from 6:30 to 10 p.m., Friday, **April 23** on the Crooker Patio. The event will feature a DJ playing Zydeco music, dancers from Profusion Performing Arts and other local performers.

Purchase raffle tickets for \$1 to win items such as Astros tickets, gift cards and an Ipod shuffle. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Tickets will be on sale on the Academic Seal from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., **April 19-23**. The event is open to the public. For more information, contact [bsu@stthom.edu](mailto:bsu@stthom.edu).



### School of Education

#### Title V PPOHA update

The Education Graduate Student Success Center held their MED Open House on **March 27**. The program is actively recruiting students to enroll in the new Online Education Master's Degree in Educational Leadership fall 2010. Contact Deborah Fernandez at 713-525-3829 or [fernanda@stthom.edu](mailto:fernanda@stthom.edu)

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