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## Freshman Make 28,000 Meals for Community at Food Bank

As a part of Freshman Orientation, University of St. Thomas incoming freshmen volunteered at the Houston Food Bank on Aug. 24. The freshmen, with about 200 participants, produced nearly 28,000 meals.

The project was organized in conjunction with the UST Service-Learning Program and Freshman Orientation.

Students were divided into groups and assigned different tasks including sorting foods, loading boxes and moving boxes to a warehouse for distribution. Paloma Stier, international development and international studies major and freshman orientation leader, was charged with inspecting foods to make sure they were fit for distribution and consumption.

"Volunteering is important in college because it allows students to grow as individuals, as community leaders and shows them the importance of helping others," Stier said. "Just a few hours volunteering can make such a big impact on another person's life, which is a gift that cannot be measured."

In addition to the Class of 2017, the group included the Orientation team and the men's basketball team.

"The highlight of the day was seeing all of the students working together," Stier said. "They did not look at skin color, age, classification or differences they may have; they came together as a team to work hard and collaborate with one another."

The Service-Learning Program expands opportunities for students to engage in public and community service and advocates the importance of civic responsibility in students' educational experience. More than 2,000 UST students, from 23 departments and programs, have benefited from learning opportunities through the University's Service-Learning Program.









## University of St. Thomas Houston Launches Catholic TV Programming

University of St. Thomas is expanding its reach with premium Catholic TV programming to all Catholics and non-Catholics in the Houston and surrounding viewing area. With the blessing of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, St. Thomas will launch UST Worldview, an inspiring TV series that explores the richness of the Catholic faith. The series is produced in collaboration with Salt + Light Media.

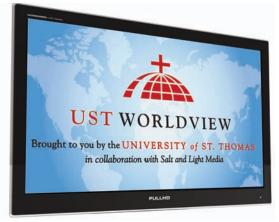
The inaugural episode will air Saturday, Sept. 14 at 8 a.m. on The KUBE, channel 57, and continue for 25 weeks.

UST Worldview one-minute introductory openings will be hosted by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, UST President Dr. Robert Ivany, UST Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Dominic Aquila and UST Chaplain Fr. Mike Buentello, CSB.

UST Worldview programming includes youthful programs, current affairs interview series and programming that celebrates faith in family life.

UST President Dr. Robert Ivany said UST Worldview brings a dynamic, Catholic perspective on many of the issues we face around the world.

"Captivating documentaries on recently canon-



ized saints and interviews with prominent thought leaders will give our viewers, especially our youth, inspiration and hope for the future," Ivany said. "We appreciate the collaboration of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation in this important initiative."

Salt + Light Media is a global media leader focused on telling stories of hope and inspiration that bring people closer to Christ and the Catholic faith.

## **Celts Welcomes Golf Coach Philip Tate**



University of St. Thomas Athletics Department recently hired Philip Tate as the head golf coach for both the men's and women's teams.

Tate played at the collegiate level for Texas Tech University where he was a two-time Academic All American, All Big 12 and All Academic Southwest Conference. He had several top five finishes and was on the 1996 conference championship team.

The prospect of coaching a young program initially drew Tate to UST. With a young team he could introduce his philosophy of the game: a strong knowledge of the fundamentals and a strong academic background.

Tate says he is looking forward to working with the team. When he met the players he saw their competitive drive and knew he was going to get a lot of hard work from them.

"We are going into this season ranked 19th in the country," Tate said. "I think the players have high expectations. I do too. I want to see us thinking better around the golf course, making better decisions and make improvements on the short game."

### **Upcoming Home Games**

Games are played in Jerabeck Gym. Admission is \$3 and free for children 12 and under.

### Sept. 14

Men's Soccer vs. Spring Hill College 7-9 p.m. Houston Amateur Sports Park

12131 Kirby Drive

### Sept. 17

Women's Volleyball vs. OLLU 7-9 p.m.

### Sept. 28 Schlitterbahn Recreational Trip

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Enjoy the final days of summer! \$20 per person. Transportation is provided.

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## Camp Not for Faint of Heart

For high school students looking to explore the vast world of medicine, summer camps offer plenty opportunity. This July, University of St. Thomas hosted Camp Cardiac, a week-long camp that brought local students face-to-face with life in the medical field.

Camp Cardiac was founded in 2010 by cardiac surgeon Dr. Richard Lee along with medical students, to provide high school students the opportunity to explore careers in medicine with a focus on both education and real world experience.

Adeel Faruki '12, a biology alumnus, is responsible for bringing the camp to St. Thomas as well as organizing and leading the camp.

"With exposure to the medical field, now they can better direct themselves in college," Faruki said. "We had presentations on cardiac disease, and presenters with different backgrounds: the director of general surgery at UTH, one of the nation's best emergency medicine physicians, a premier interventional cardiologist, and the author of numerous study skills textbooks."



## **UST Has a DREME** at Science Camp

This July, 40 Houston-area high school students interested in careers in science participated in D.R.E.M.E. @ UST Science Summer Science Camp. The camp provides students with hands-on experience in biology and includes activities designed to cultivate curiosity and excitement.

This is the second year UST has collaborated with the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Educational Science Literacy Foundation to host the camp.

The administrator and faculty involved were Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Director of MLA Program Dr. Ravi Srinivas, Associate professor of Biology Dr. Maia Larios-Sanz and Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Jill Dewey.

Students explored the diversity of living creatures with observations of various specimens. They isolated DNA from bananas and analyzed DNA fingerprints to solve a simulated epidemic. They also learned how human genetic information is used in personalized medicine by doing a case study on Herceptin, a cancer drug.



## **Students Visit Peru** for Medical Mission

Twelve University of St.
Thomas Pre-Health
Profession Society members
traveled to Huancayo, Peru, May
19-28 on medical mission trip.

PHPS collaborated with the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children to organize the fifth annual trip to South America. The students fundraised \$1,000 per person.

Led by alumna Irene Gutierrez, other members included Nelson Castellon, Angela Cortez, Joyce Chuen, Jonathan Cruz, Irene Gutierrez, Jisha Jose, Nema Kheradmand, Jennifer Le, Alin Nguyen, Claudio Pacheco, Adriana Padilla and Huzefa Tayabali.

The group visited the Huancayo Medical School, several area hospitals and clinics, and an orpanage. At an elementary school, the UST students gave the children "charlas" or talks on health topics and gave more than 200 children a flouride treatment.

"At the medical school, we were given a presentation over the healthcare system of Peru, and we visited and shadowed doctors at different hospitals," Gutierrez said.

### **Events**

#### **SAB Welcome Back BBO**

tudent Activities Board will host a Welcome Back BBO during activity period, 12:30 p.m., Sept. 5 on the Crooker Patio. Come kick off the school year.



### **Sharpen Your Attention**

earn techniques to improve attention, memory and concentration in a workshop held 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 5 in the Office of



International Students and Scholar Services on the 2nd floor of the Crooker Center, hosted by Counseling and Disability Services.

### Crescendo

niversity of St. Thomas presents "Crescendo" with film producer, Jason Jones, at 7 p.m., Sept. 5 in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum.



### **UST Blood Drive**

TST will host a blood You're drive with the Gulf Invited Coast Regional Blood Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Sept. 9** in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck



Center, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 10 in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center.

#### Suicide Prevention Week

Younseling and Disability Services hosts "Don't Sit in Silence" on **Sept. 9** on the Academic Mall during Suicide



Prevention Week. 105 chairs will represent the number of people who die of suicide in the U.S. each day.

### **Meet Counseling Service's New Top Dog**

tudents looking for stress relief or the Cuddly comfort that only man's best friend can provide have a new option for therapy from the Office of Counseling & Disability Services: Percy, the therapy dog.

The four-month-old Maltese/Shih Tzu mix belongs to Debby Jones, assistant director of Counseling and Disability Services, and Percy is part of a new program for the office.

In this new program, Percy will be available to come in to some counseling sessions

with students if they wish to have his company. In addition, the dog can attend gatherings and events to meet new people and be a goodwill ambassador for the office.

"Therapy animals provide calming comfort to people who may be experiencing stressful emotions," Jones said. "Our goal is for Percy to take on this role as well as offer some playful fun for students, whether they be clients of Counseling and Disability Services or just passing by, wanting to play with a small pup for a quick break."

## **UST Named Among Best Colleges**

Tniversity of St. Thomas was named a "Best College" In the West for 2014" by The Princeton Review. The Princeton Review recognizes colleges and universities that stand out within each region. University of St. Thomas is one of 124 colleges chosen for its "Best in the West" list. Collectively, 643 colleges named "regional best" constitute about 25 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.



### Military Friendly UST Welcomes Veterans

The University of St. Thomas was recently by G.I. Jobs Magazine. The designation was awarded through a survey that assessed services and resources offered to veterans and their depend-



ents. With 130 veterans on campus, UST offers many programs, benefits and workshops that support those who served in the military.

UST is a participant in the Yellow Ribbon program, helping many qualifying veterans attend UST with no tuition cost.

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