

## ~Welcome Back Students~

### Nursing Program Update: Nursing Raises More Than \$10 Million



UST President Dr. Robert Ivany, Board Chair Michele Malloy, Founders Nursing Benefit Chair Sheridan Williams present a \$1 million check for the Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza Chair in Nursing.



Above: Trustees Gibb Walton, Nancy Gordon, Melinda Perrin; Beth Robertson, Chair of the Cullen Trust for Health Care with Biology Professor Dr. Rosie Rosell. Below: An architectural rendering of the planned Center for Science and Health Professions by WHR Architects.

As the planned University of St. Thomas School of Nursing nears the final stages of approval, the University will allow students to enroll in pre-nursing courses in 2011. For the latest information, visit [www.stthom.edu/nursing](http://www.stthom.edu/nursing).

Thanks to outstanding local and national donor support, the newest nursing program in Houston has raised more than \$10 million.

The new Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza Chair in Nursing will provide annual funding to the nursing program in perpetuity. Contributions are encouraged to honor the Archbishop. Visit [www.stthom.edu/give\\_online](http://www.stthom.edu/give_online).

The Cullen Trust for Health Care \$2 million grant endows the fourth chair for the nursing program. Two more named nursing chairs are available.

Recognizing the nursing shortage and educational quality of the University of St. Thomas, the federal government is supporting the new nursing program. The \$3.25 million grant includes a state-of-the-art simulation laboratory for the greater Houston community.

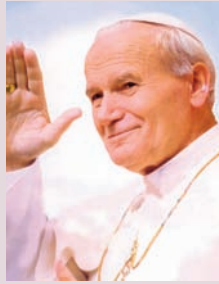
In final stages of design is a comprehensive Center for Science and Health Professions on the University of St. Thomas campus with special emphasis on health and sciences related to energy, environment and engineering and the pre-professional health programs that will also include pre-med, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy and nursing.



## Vatican Grants Permission for WCS Publication

The UST Women, Culture, and Society (WCS) Program has received permission from the Vatican to publish, "John Paul II Speaks on Women," a comprehensive collection of John Paul II's historic texts on women. The volume, now available for faculty and student study at UST, brings to the fore the dimensions and elements found and developed uniquely in the thought of this pope. The publication was a collective effort by numerous University of St. Thomas faculty members including Dr. Brooke Deely, Dr. John Deely, Dr. John Hittinger, Fr. Ted Baenziger, CSB, and Dr. Mary Kelleher. UST students Ivan Earls and Remon Maximo also contributed to initial research and technical design aspects of the publication. With the manuscript assembled and Vatican "permission to publish" granted, WCS is currently pursuing publication opportunities.

"This volume addresses a pressing need, both within and beyond the academic community, for a ready-at-hand reference gathered in one volume to these landmark texts," said Dr. Brooke Deely, director of the WCS Program and principal editor.



## UST International Studies Students Visit Taiwan



University of St. Thomas students spent the first two weeks of 2011 in Taiwan as part of a course on contemporary Taiwanese history and politics. Led by Center for International Studies Director Dr. Hans Stockton, the delegation traveled to Taipei, Tainan, and Kaohsiung. This was the third group to study in Taiwan.

While in Taipei, the group was hosted by Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and visited various government ministries, political parties, cultural sites and museums. The students experienced the sights, sounds, and warm people of Taiwan that make the island a very special experience. Each student has returned to Houston with a better understanding of the complex history of Taiwan; relations between Taipei, Beijing, and Washington D.C.; and a strong desire to return to Taiwan as soon as possible. The study abroad trip to Taiwan once again received generous support from Don Wang of MetroBank. Three students received scholarships from the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Commission (OCAC), thanks to Deputy Ministry Ren Hong.

While in Taipei, Stockton also spoke with government and university officials about plans to bring a large group of Taiwan students to the University this summer for a two-week workshop on Global and American Studies.

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## UN Film Fest

The University of St. Thomas International Association-Houston Association Film Festival will be held on Thursday – Sunday, Feb. 10-13, 2011, at 4001 Mt. Vernon. For a complete schedule and ticket information, visit [www.ust.edu/filmfest](http://www.ust.edu/filmfest).



## University of New Orleans Ho

Calling out to the UST Community, the men's basketball team as they play at the University of New Orleans on at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at the J. R. Jay Gerabeck Gymnasium. Admission is free for UST students, faculty and staff. The next home game will be played against Arlington Baptist College on Saturday, Feb. 19.

## Houston C

The UST Music Department will host a concert of composers from the 19th and 20th centuries at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Reynaldo Ochoa Theater. Performers include the preeminent pianist, Richard Dickson. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call [713-525-3592](tel:713-525-3592).



## Reality, Reason & Freedom L

The Crossroads Cultural Center-Houston will host a lecture by the University of St. Thomas will host a lecture titled "Reality, Reason and Freedom: At the Heart of the Religious Quest," at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 10, at the Crossroads Cultural Center, Hall. Keynote speakers are Dr. Dominic J. P. Sullivan, Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE, and Dr. James J. McCarthy, Catholic University of America. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact [houston@crossroadsculturalcenter.org](mailto:houston@crossroadsculturalcenter.org).



## Irish Conce

The UST Will host "Irish Concert" and Yiddish Song at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Crossroads Cultural Center. The concert explores the complex history of Irish songs, lore and traditions. The event is free and open to the public. For more details, call [713-525-3592](tel:713-525-3592).

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liam J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies aints & Tzadiks: A Concert of Irish ngs,” by renowned Irish singers Susan Lorin Sklamberg at 7:30 p.m., p. 16 in Jones Hall. The concert nnections between Irish and Yiddish myth. Admission is \$10 for adults a and students are free. To RSVP or contact Lori Gallagher 2.

Aquinas Lecture Explores Sexuality

Dr. Peter Kreeft, known as one of the premier apologists in America today, will present the 2011 University of St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture, titled “Thomas Aquinas on Sexuality: Has Metaphysics Anything to do with Sex?” The lecture, hosted by UST’s Center for Thomistic Studies, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, **Jan. 27**, in Jones Hall. In observance of the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Campus Ministry will hold the annual Aquinas Mass from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil and a reception following the Mass in Scanlan Room.

Kreeft has famously linked the decline of sexual morality with the decline of liberal education towards “utilitarian, pragmatic, and instrumental” ends. If the ideal woman is no longer Dante’s Beatrice, but Barbie, not the Madonna, but Madonna, it is because we no longer pursue knowledge for the sake of truth, but for the sake of power.

Kreeft is currently a professor of philosophy at Boston College and at the King’s College in New York City. Kreeft is the author of more than 59 books including *A Shorter Summa: The Essential Philosophical Passages of Saint Thomas Aquinas’ Summa Theologica*, *Christianity for Modern Pagans*, and *I Surf, Therefore I Am: A Philosophy of Surfing*. Kreeft’s latest works include a novel titled, *An Ocean Full of Angels*.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Valerie Hall at 713-525-3591.



President’s Day of Service

Dr. Robert Ivany invites the campus community to roll up their sleeves and get to work at the President’s Day of Service from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 12. All Celts – students, alumni, faculty, staff and families – will have the chance to work side-by-side and support the University without leaving campus.

The day will begin with breakfast with Dr. Ivany in Crooker Center. All projects begin at 9 a.m. Service projects include: Project Linus and Hug Pillows, making fleece blankets and pillows for children in area hospitals; refurbishing the wood benches throughout the UST campus and indoor painting projects.

To sign up for projects, visit [www.stthom.edu/dayofservice](http://www.stthom.edu/dayofservice), e-mail <mailto:dayofservice@stthom.edu> or call Heath Whitaker at 713-525-3801.



## Learn Strategies for Academic Success



The Mendenhall Achievement Center will host *Invest in Success*, a series of roundtable discussions and workshops that will be offered throughout the semester to provide you with information on specific areas for success.

**Invest in Success Roundtable** (choose one of two times)

12:30-2, Jan. 25, Ahern Room, Crooker Center

Noon-1:30, Jan. 26, Ahern Room, Crooker Center

**Starting the New Semester Off Right:**

**Tips from the AVP for Student Success**

4-5:30 p.m., Jan 26

COC Room, Crooker Center

**How to Compose a Strong Thesis Statement**

12:30-1:30, Jan. 27

Tutorial Services, Crooker

**True Colors: Discover Your Own Colorful Personality**

12:30-2: p.m., Feb. 1

Academic Advising, Crooker

**True Colors: Discover Your Own Colorful Personality**

1-2:30 p.m., Feb. 2

Academic Advising, Crooker

**Managing Your Time for Academic Success**

12:30-1:30 p.m., Feb. 3

Michael Leavitt Room, Crooker

**Picking the Right College Major for You**

4-4:45 p.m., Feb. 3

Career Services, Crooker Center

**How to Organize Effective Paragraphs**

12:30-1:30, Feb. 8

Tutorial Services, Crooker Center

View [www.stthom.edu/calendar](http://www.stthom.edu/calendar) for a complete listing of Invest in Success workshops and roundtables. For more information, contact Dr. Ric Montelongo at 713- 525-6972.

## Anthony Graves Speaks at UST



Recently exonerated death row inmate Anthony Graves will bring his extraordinary message of hope and perseverance to the University of St. Thomas St. Martin de Porres Society annual Black History Month lecture, “Fight for Freedom,” at 7 p.m., **Feb. 25** in Jones Hall. The lecture celebrates the compassion and dedication of Nicole Casarez, UST professor of communication, who helped free an innocent man.

A reception following the lecture will feature the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections’ display of prominent African-Americans on postal stamps. The reception will be held in Malloy Hall. The event is co-sponsored by the UST Social Justice Committee and the Young Social Justice Institute, and is free and open to the public. RSVP by Feb. 23 to Ryane Jackson at [jacksork@stthom.edu](mailto:jacksork@stthom.edu) or 713-525-2147.

## Biology Students Win Top Award

Two University of St. Thomas biology students earned high honors at the Annual Entomological Society of America meeting in San Diego from Dec. 12-15. Adeel Faruki and Duc Lam, junior biology majors won first prize in the President’s Prize research competition.

The students presented their research in a poster entitled, Temperature stress, anti-oxidative enzyme activity and virus acquisition in *Bemisia tabaci* (Hemiptera: Aleyrodidae). Dr. Rosie Rosell, professor of biology, is the research director.

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