

UST Graduates Launch Summer Program for High School Students



Paideia Institute co-founders Thomas Mendez and Joseph Morton

Inspired by their University of St. Thomas honors education, 2009 graduates Joseph Morton and Thomas Mendez have launched the Paideia Institute, a nonprofit organization to prepare promising high school students for success in college as academic and social leaders. The organization's inaugural program, Paideia Summer Academy, will take place **July 5-22** on the UST campus.

Replicating the teaching style of the UST Honors

Program, the summer academy will be a three-week program with seminar-style courses introducing the students to rigorous academic texts. Each day, students will attend four classes in subjects such as history, philosophy, rhetoric, logic and international studies. An emphasis will be placed on relating classic texts to modern issues with the intent to prepare students for college-level rigor.

"My time as a Teach for America Corps member has shown me that high school students often have a disparity between their ability for comprehension and their analytical skills," Morton said. "Our program seeks to teach students to analyze and synthesize college-level texts and to polish those skills through student discussion and presentation."

Each class will be team-taught by at least two instructors including both a university professor and a high school teacher. Several UST professors have committed to teach at the summer academy including Dr. Terry Hall, Dr. Randall Smith, Dr. Hans Stockton, Prof. Richard Sindelar and Dr. Ed Houser. Twenty high school juniors and seniors will be accepted to the summer academy after completing a written application and personal interview. Students will be selected based on their academic and extra-curricular achievements, aptitude for written and verbal expression and ability to think creatively. The cost for the summer academy is \$785 per student and full or partial scholarships will be available based on financial need.

The Paideia Institute is entirely volunteer-driven. UST students, faculty or alumni interested in volunteering their time or resources for marketing, accounting, fundraising or chaperoning during the Summer Academy or in any other capacity should contact info@thepaideiainstitute.org. Interested parents or students should visit www.thepaideiainstitute.org for more information.

Graduation Events

Baccalaureate Mass:
6:30 p.m., Friday, May 13
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 Saint Joseph Parkway

Graduate Reception:
Approximately 8 p.m.,
Friday, May 13
(Immediately following Mass)
Crooker Patio

Commencement Ceremony
10 a.m., Saturday, May 14
Reliant Arena
1 Reliant Park

Alumni Association 2011 Grad Party
Lucky Strike Bowling Lanes
at 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 25
1201 San Jacinto



UST Celebrates Year of Leadership and Achievement

The ninth annual Leadership Banquet, "Celebrating the Stars of UST," was held Sunday, May 1, to celebrate a year of student leadership and achievement.

Recipients were nominated by their peers, faculty and staff and were reviewed by a special selection committee. Also recognized at the ceremony were the presidents of UST academic clubs, student organizations, sports clubs and residence life staff.

Award recipients were: Presidential Leadership Award, Daniela Cooz; Marsha A. Wooldridge Citizenship Award, Natasha Alvarez; Emerging Leader Award, Luis Escobar; Dr. Janice Gordon-Kelter Outstanding Woman Award, Leslie Miegs; Spirituality Commitment Award, Teresa Kreiner; Outstanding Non-Traditional Student of the Year, Jennifer Mengis; Outstanding Club or Organization of the Year, Student Activities Board; Advisor of the Year Award, Jessica Domann, Sport Clubs Association.



Dr. Nora Hutto Appointed Dean of School of Education



Dr. Nora Hutto has been named the Dean of the UST School of Education and will begin her appointment on July 1.

She comes to UST from the University of Houston-Victoria where she served as professor, program coordinator and chair of the Division of Education. She is highly accomplished and well-known as an outstanding leader in K-12 and university education.

Hutto received a Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics Education with an Emphasis in Child Development from New Mexico State University, a Master of Science in Family Relations and Sociology from Texas Tech University, and doctorate in Administration of Higher Education from Texas Tech University. She has received numerous professional awards including the Enron Teaching Excellence Award for 1999-2000 Teacher of the Year at the University of Houston-Victoria, Who's Who in Education in 1996 and the National Exemplary Project Award for Collaborative Staff Development in Rural, Small Schools from the U.S. Office of Education in 1990.

Hutto is replacing Dean Robert LeBlanc, who served as dean of the School of Education from 2008 to the present and is returning to full-time teaching. The UST School of Education offers undergraduate specializations in general and bilingual education with certification in elementary, middle school and secondary education. Graduate Master of Education specializations may include, but are not limited to, professional school counseling, educational diagnostician, principalship and reading specialist and may be earned on campus, off campus or through an online program.

Evening

Pop Show



You will start the UST Pop Show at Broadway's grand 7:30 p.m., Monday. The Pop Singers show is chosen for its performance is information, call 713-525-3159.

Stay Afloat for Finals

The Offices of Student Activities and Recreational Sports will host Stay Afloat for Finals, the end-of-the-year pool party from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 4 in the Jerome Center Pool. Students can relax, cool off with free activities, music and food. For more information, contact Angie Montelongo at 713-525-3572.

Late Night



Before finals Late Night on May 5 in the Center breakfast will be administered. Kits will also be available for exams. For more information, contact Angie Montelongo at 713-525-3572.

PEP Family Fun Day

The Peruvian Educational Project (PEP) Graduate International Studies Group will host Kermese! Family Fun Day and Fundraiser from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, May 7 on the Mall. To donate or register for the fundraiser, visit www.peruvianeducationalproject.org or contact Flannagan at 713-525-2115.

Roberto Porroni



Renowned guitarist Roberto Porroni will perform a concert on May 23 in celebration of the UST 150th anniversary. Tickets are free and open to the public. For more information, call Jane Whatley at 713-525-3159.

Events

Revue

uggle not to hum along and dance as Pop Singers sing perform some of the greatest hits at the Pop Show Revue at 7:00 p.m. on Monday-Tuesday, **May 2-3** in Cullen Hall. The revue is directed by Dr. Brady Knapp, and the choreography is by Debra Dickinson. The revue is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Monique Dupleich Stuart at 713-525-3572.



Breakfast

fill your belly as you fill your mind at Breakfast from 9-11 p.m., Thursday, in the Cooker Cafeteria. A complimentary breakfast is served by UST faculty, staff and students. Bring your student ID. Finals survival tips and information are available to help students studying for finals. For more information, contact Angie at 713-525-3572.



Porrone Italian Music Concert

uitar virtuoso Maestro Roberto Porrone will travel from Milan to Houston to perform a concert of Italian music at 7 p.m., Monday, in Cullen Hall. The concert will honor the centennial of the Unification of Italy. Flutist Sandra Call will join Maestro Porrone. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Sandra at 713-525-8474.

Register Now to Attend Social Justice Summer Conference

Church globalization, Catholic social teaching, immigration, death penalty and abortion – all of these compelling contemporary issues in social justice will be examined at the University of St. Thomas Rev. William J. Young Social Justice Summer Conference from Thursday-Friday, **June 9-10**. Register online at www.theyounginstitute.org.

This year's conference commemorates 120 years of Catholic social teaching. Keynote speakers include Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez, CSB, Bishop of Las Cruces, N.M., and Rev. Fred Kammer, S.J., Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola University. His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will serve as the celebrant at the opening liturgy. Bishop Ramirez will give a Spanish version of his keynote address at 7:30 p.m., on **June 9**.

Overnight accommodations are available for guests on campus for \$65 per night. Student registration is \$25. Continuing education credits are offered for teachers, ministers and advocates. For more information call 713-525-3812 or email younginstitute@stthom.edu.



Benedictine Monk Fr. Freeman Explores Politics of Fear

Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB, Director and Spiritual Guide of The World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM), will speak on "Who is My Neighbor?: The Politics of Fear and the Contemplative Insight," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, **May 17** at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 6622 Haskell Street. The lecture is sponsored by St. Theresa Catholic Church, the University of St. Thomas Center for Faith and Culture, Lay Spiritans and the World Community for Christian Meditation.

Fr. Freeman, a Benedictine monk, is the director and spiritual guide of The World Community for Christian Meditation. Inspired by his mentor, Fr. John Main, OSB, Fr. Freeman works to recover Christianity's own contemplative tradition and travels worldwide teaching the unique role of meditation as a spiritual discipline.

WCCM is a kind of "monastery without walls," a family of national communities in more than 100 countries, dedicated to the practice and teaching of meditation in the Christian tradition as taught by Fr. Main, in the spirit of serving the unity of all. WCCM's spiritual foundation is the local meditation group, which meets weekly in homes, parishes, offices, hospitals, prisons, schools and colleges.

A reception will precede the lecture at 6:30 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Claudia Morgan at 713-416-0671.



Simon Accepted to PhD Program

After venturing to a new country, a new school, a new soccer team, and a new University of St. Thomas bioinformatics academic program, Lukas Simon is not afraid to take on yet another challenge.

Simon will begin work on his doctorate at the Baylor College of Medicine Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics graduate research program in fall 2011.

Simon came to the University of St. Thomas from Germany in 2007 to play for the inaugural men's soccer team and to study bioinformatics, a newly emerged life science field composed of courses in biology, math and management information systems.

Simon said the bioinformatics program at UST has prepared him well for the doctoral program. He credits the individual guidance he received from his professors, particularly Dr. Maia Larios-Sanz, assistant professor of biology, and Dr. John Starner, associate professor of mathematics, for much of his success.

During his time at UST, Simon excelled both academically and athletically. As an original member of the men's soccer team, he served as the team captain for all four of his undergraduate years. He was a member of the Tri Beta Biological Honor Society, receiving their Outstanding Member award last year, and is one of the founding members of the UST Bioinformatics Club.

Read the complete story at www.stthom.edu.



HOSA Qualifies for Nationals

The UST Chapter of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) participated in the State Leadership Competition in Corpus Christi from **April 13-16**. The group, advised by Dr. Ly Phan, will advance to the HOSA National Leadership Conference held in June in Anaheim, Calif.

The following students placed at the state competition: Hung Vu, medical terminology 1st place; Tram Nguyen, nutrition 1st place; Thuy-Linh Nguyen, dental spelling 1st place; Andy Nguyen, medical math 1st place; Ashby Iype, epidemiology 1st place; Jacqueline Vu, dental terminology 1st place; Sally Acebo, extemporaneous health poster 2nd place; Adeel Faruki, extemporaneous speaking 2nd place; Rosemary Tran, medical spelling 2nd place; Maria Sheikh, AJ Yap, Amy Tran and Rabeea Lodhra, HOSA Bowl Team 2nd place; Tam Nguyen, pharmacology 3rd place; Shiva heradmand, Miguel Quirch, Anthony Pham and Eileell Nguyen, creative problem solving 3rd place; Maryem Lodhra, pathophysiology 4th place.

The Kaiser Healthcare Issues Exam Finalists were Ahmed Alrawi, Joyce Chuen, Minh Hong, Ashby Iype, Jisha Jose, Rabeea Lodhra, Eileell Nguyen, Tam Nguyen, Thuy-Linh Nguyen, Tram Nguyen, Maria Sheikh and Amy Tran. Read the complete story at www.stthom.edu.

School of Education

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The computer lab at the Education Graduate Student Success Center is now open.

The online Education Master's Degree course enrollment increased 70% and the new student population grew 16% from Fall 2010 to Spring 2011. For more information, contact Deborah Fernandez at 713-525-3829 or e-mail fernanda@stthom.edu.

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