

UST Athletics Tops Champions of Character Five-Star Institutions



The University of St. Thomas Athletic Department has once again been recognized for exemplifying the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champions of Character core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

Based on the Champions of Character Scorecard, St. Thomas landed in the top five universities in the NAIA Five Star Champions of Character for the 2010-2011 academic year. NAIA recognizes 220 colleges and universities and 23 conferences with this designation. St. Thomas has been named a Champion of Character institution for four consecutive years.

To receive the Five Star award, members scored 60 or more points on the NAIA Champions of Character Scorecard. Institutions were measured based on a demonstrated commitment to Champions of Character and earned points in each of the following categories: character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition and character promotion. Institutions earned points based on exceptional student-athlete grade point averages and by obtaining zero ejections during competition throughout the course of the academic year.

“As we grow as an Athletic Department, it is very important that we continue to instill the values put forth by the Champions of Character Program—integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership,” said Athletic Director Todd Smith. “Our student-athletes will graduate prepared to be positive contributors and leaders to the communities they join. It is our goal to graduate champions of faith and character.”

St. Thomas student-athletes and athletic staff have volunteered for numerous events and trainings which have garnered recognition from the Champions of Character program including character-driven coaching training, Dig Pink and Orange Out volleyball matches benefiting breast cancer and leukemia research, youth camps for basketball, volleyball and soccer, President’s Day of Service, Freshman Symposium Mentors, service project at the Houston Food Bank, Black Student Union, Freshman Orientation and residence hall move-in.

Dr Robert Ivany Honored with Prestigious Hungarian Award



Photo shown from left to right: Hungarian Ambassador Bokor, Ivany's mother, Eva Ivany, his wife, Marianne Ivany and Dr. Robert Ivany.

Hungarian Ambassador Balázs Bokor presented University of St. Thomas President Dr. Robert Ivany with the prestigious award of the Officer's Cross, Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary on Oct. 5 at a luncheon on the UST campus.

Ivany and his parents immigrated to the United States from post-war Hungary in 1949. The award recognizes Ivany's outstanding contributions to the advancement of academic and military collaboration between the United States and Hungary.

Volunteer to Tutor K-5 Students

The St. Martin de Porres Society, the UST black alumni organization, has partnered with St. Mary's of the Purification Montessori School, 3006



Rosedale St. to offer mathematics and reading tutoring services to students from Kindergarten through 5th grade. UST students, employees and alumni can sign up to tutor St. Mary's students from 3:30-5:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **Oct. 25 to Dec. 8.**

Volunteers are required to complete mandatory training through the Archdiocesan Virtus Program. This informative training is designed to ensure the safety of the children and equip volunteers with the necessary information to help make a difference during their tutoring sessions. To sign up for a training please visit www.virtus.org.

The St. Martin de Porres Society is devoted to supporting the recruitment, retention, development and graduation of UST's current and prospective black students in the surrounding Houston community while helping to instill a sense of pride in their alma mater. To become a tutor, e-mail Ryane Jackson at jacksork@stthom.edu by **Oct. 18.**

Cyber Security Month: Testimonial of a Student Phishing Scam Victim

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. All month, the UST IT Department is reminding the campus community to be on alert for cyber security threats such as phishing. UST IT will never ask for a username or password, especially through an e-mail message. The following is an anonymous student testimonial about compromised e-mail:

"If I had known that UST will never ask for my username or password via e-mail, it would have saved me a lot of headache and wasted time. I fell for a phishing scam, and hackers used my account to send out hundreds of spam messages to people I don't even know. Thankfully, the IT Department caught it before it sent out thousands!

"Not knowing what had happened to my account, I went a few days without access to my emails. I couldn't send out e-mails to professors about classwork and I couldn't read e-mails I was expecting. It was such a headache.

"Even after days my account was compromised, I kept getting responses from people whom I had spammed. It was quite annoying. Lesson learned."

Visit www.stthom.edu/itsecurity for more information about cyber security.



Show off UST at Family Weekend



Invite your family to campus for Family weekend **Oct. 21-23**. Family Weekend is a time for students' families to experience the same St. Thomas community spirit that embraces our students on campus throughout the academic year. This weekend of fun-filled events gives you a snapshot of our culture, the community's academic excellence and the energy of our vibrant campus.

Highlights of the weekend include the opportunity to attend class with students, the President's Reception, St. Augustine's Birthday, a soccer game, performances by the jazz ensemble, Opera Workshop and the theater production of "Snoopy: The Musical."

RSVP and view the full schedule at www.stthom.edu/familyweekend.

UST to Perform Snoopy Musical

Reintroduce yourself to the characters from your childhood at the University of St. Thomas production of "Snoopy," the musical sequel to "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."



The play runs **Oct. 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, Nov. 3, 4, 5** at 8 pm in Jones Theater.

Based on the world renowned "Peanuts" comic strip, the play delights every audience with the quiet knowledge and wit of its characters. Enjoy the effervescent vignettes, songs and dances. You will not want to leave the entertaining world of these five-year-olds and their furry friend. The musical is based on the book by Charles M. Schulz Creative Associates, Warren Lockhart, Arthur Whitelaw and Michael L. Grace with music by Larry Grossman and lyrics by Hal Hackady.

It was originally produced by Arthur Whitelaw, Michael L. Grace and Susan bloom and originally directed by Arthur Whitelaw.

Admission is \$5 for UST students, faculty and staff, \$10 for non-UST students and seniors and \$15 for general admission. For more information, contact the Drama Program at 713-525-3520.

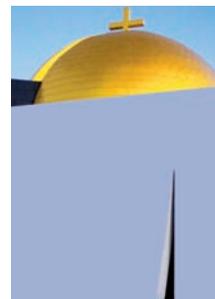
Center for Business Ethics Holds Mass for Commerce

Join the Center for Business Ethics for a Mass that celebrates our business, professional and spiritual life with Houston's Catholic community at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, **Oct. 25** in the Chapel of St. Basil. Breakfast will follow the Mass.

The Mass for Commerce is an opportunity to remind men and women of all professions and at all levels of business of the necessity to incorporate faith into their daily lives. The Mass is not just for business owners and executives, but for anyone in the workplace. All those involved in business must be mindful that the community in which they work represents a good for everyone. This awareness makes it possible to build an economy that serves all people. We are stewards, not owners, who work together as persons of faith in building our world. The fruits of our work offer occasions for exchange, encounter and relationship.

This event is open to people of all faiths. Breakfast will be held at The Art Gallery following the celebration of the Mass for fellowship and networking.

For more information contact Thien Le at 713-942-5951. To RSVP for the Mass and breakfast, e-mail csbrsvp@stthom.edu.



Caring for the Cognitively Disabled

The John Paull II Church in the Modern World will host a lecture by Bobby Schindler, brother of the late Terri Schiavo. "Caring for the Cognitively Disabled: the Moral Obligation of Catholics," will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, **Oct. 18**, in Scanlan Room, Jerabek Center. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.jp2forum.com



UST Prepares For Basketball Season

Excitement is building on campus as men's basketball prepares to return to the hardwood and women's basketball takes the court for the first time in November.



Women's Basketball

Women's Basketball Head Coach Michael Ricks said he plans to guide his 16 players all the way to the national championship through what many would consider a very rigorous schedule. The first home game is against Loyola at 7 p.m., Saturday, **Oct. 29** in the Jerabek Gymnasium.

"Many people might think that we're putting the cart before the horse for playing such a tough schedule so early in our history," said Ricks. "Our reason for wanting to do that is simple; I want us to be a first year program that is not afraid of anybody. The opportunity to play teams like the top-25 Division-I Lady Cougars will be a challenge, but we will make the best of it. We will go with the intention of giving them a great game and I don't see any reason why we will not be up to the challenge."

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team will play their home opener will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday **Nov. 6** versus Waylan Baptist University. The Celts will participate in the Our Lady of the Lake Tournament against Oklahoma City and Lubbock Christian and will also be hosted by Rice University on Saturday, **Dec. 3**.

"This will be our first conference season with a rigorous 24-conference game schedule, which is a very lengthy conference," said Athletic Director and Men's Head Coach Todd Smith. "How we handle this inaugural season in this conference will be a determining factor in our success this year."

View the complete schedules at www.ustcelts.com.

Opera Workshop

The Music Department will host three student performances of opera and musical theater scenes at Opera Workshop at 7:30 p.m., Friday, **Oct. 21** and Saturday, **Oct. 22** and at 3 p.m., Sunday **Oct. 23** in Cullen Hall. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact 713-525-3567.



Doherty Library Book Sale

The UST Doherty Library will host its annual book sale Wednesday-Sunday, **Oct. 26-30**. Book lovers can find hardbound books for \$2 and paperback books for \$1. UST faculty, staff, students and members of Friends of Doherty Library can preview the sale on Wednesday, Oct. 26; the sale is open to the public beginning Thursday. Hours vary each day. For more information, visit www.stthom.edu/library.



Neewollah

Student Activities Board will host their annual campus Halloween bash, Neewollah (Halloween spelled backwards) at 9 p.m., Friday, **Oct. 28**, on the Crooker patio. The celebration features a costume contest, food, live music and more. Students 21 and over must bring ID. Admission is \$5. For more information, contact Angie Montelongo at 713-525-3572.



Alumni Memorial Mass

Join the Office of Alumni Relations as they honor alumni, faculty and staff who have passed away at the Alumni Memorial Mass at 11 a.m., Saturday, **Nov. 12** in the Chapel of St. Basil. A reception in Malloy Hall will follow the Mass. Please RSVP by **Nov. 9** to 713-525-3111 or alumni@stthom.edu.



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