

Home-Schooled Students Thrive at the University of St. Thomas

The University of St. Thomas has welcomed more home-schooled students in the last five years than ever before in school history. As home schooling has become more prevalent across the country, the contribution of these students to campus life has become increasingly apparent at UST.

Lukas Cara, a sophomore and former home-schooled student, came to UST from Oklahoma to major in bioinformatics.

“I was looking for a Catholic school with a strong liberal arts core curriculum and at the same time an emphasis on the sciences,” Cara said.

Although his home-school science courses lacked the intense laboratory experience he is receiving now, Cara said he is excelling in the UST environment. He attained a bioinformatics internship last summer with references from UST faculty members.

Arthur Ortiz, director of Freshman Admissions, works directly with all home-school students as they apply for admission to UST.

“The retention rate of home-school students is exceptional,” Ortiz said. “As a cohort, their GPA tends to be about .5 higher after their first year than the rest of the freshmen class. Nearly 90 percent qualify for



From left to right: home-school students Lukas Cara, Alyssa Kain and Joseph Jurica

academic scholarships.”

Alyssa Kain, UST junior and former home-school student, joined the inaugural women’s basketball team this fall.

“I never thought I would be playing college basketball, but I was asked to join the women’s team,” Kain said. “I’m really athletic and that’s what they needed.”

Kain said that her Catholic faith has grown at UST, especially through her theology classes.

Like Cara and Kain, freshman **Joseph Jurica** said he chose to continue his education at UST because of the Catholic campus life and the school’s openness to home-schooled students.

“St. Thomas provides an excellent atmosphere for formerly home-schooled students because it’s small enough to be comfortable and to

thrive as a person,” Jurica said. “I’ve been able to make friends easily and feel like part of the community.”

For more information about home-school admission to UST, visit www.stthom.edu/homeschool or contact Arthur Ortiz at ortiza@stthom.edu.

UST Home-school Population

Home-schooled students make up 8 percent of the incoming freshman population at the University of St. Thomas.

Scholarship

One-third of full-tuition scholarships over the past three years have been awarded to home-school students.

Natonwide Population

Homeschoolers account for 2.3 million students in the United States.

Meet the University of St. Thomas Athletic Trainer Shusaka Hayashi

In addition to the coaches and athletes, an important but lesser-known member of the athletics program is the athletic trainer. For the past year, Shusaka “Shu” Hayashi’s expertise has allowed UST student-athletes from each sport to compete at the top of their game.

Hayashi’s role as athletic trainer is to prevent, assess, manage and rehabilitate injuries and exercise-related illnesses. He is also a liaison among the athletes, coaches, team physicians, other health care providers and parents regarding the health status and care of every athlete on the rosters. He also manages the Athletic Training Facility.

“Growing up, I was always interested in athletics,” Hayashi said. “I played baseball in grade school and volleyball from high school to college. My love for sports led me to want to help athletes after my collegiate athletic career had ended.”

Originally from Osaka, Japan, Hayashi said there were no sports training programs in Japan at the time. So he moved to the United States to attend the University of Alabama.

Hayashi has been certified as an athletic trainer with the National Athletic Trainer’s Association

Board for 10 years. After studying at the University of Alabama, he worked as a graduate assistant athletic trainer and faculty athletic trainer at the University of Central Arkansas, where he received his master’s degree in kinesiology and honed his athletic training skills in a variety of sports, including football, men’s soccer, women’s basketball, volleyball and softball.

Athletic Director and Head Men’s Basketball Coach Todd Smith considers Hayashi an important member of the UST athletic program.

“A good athletic trainer is key, and Shusaka Hayashi goes above and beyond his job for our athletes,” Smith said. “He is incredibly knowledgeable in his field, cares about the students and is committed to our teams and the University. We are lucky to have him.”

Hayashi said he enjoys the positive attitudes of the department staff and athletes at UST. “I am thankful to have found a place where I can realize my dream every single day I come to work.”



Follow Athletics on Twitter, Web



Stay up-to-date on Celts Athletes through their Twitter page!

Visit twitter.com/USTAthletics for regular game updates. Men’s and women’s basketball games

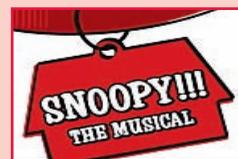
will be broadcast live online through Premier Sports Network. Visit www.psnsports.com to watch during game times.

Upcoming Athletic Games

- **Lady Celts Volleyball** vs. Texas College at 1 p.m. on **Nov. 5** in Jerabeck Center – Last Home Game
- **Celts Men’s Basketball** vs. Wayland Baptist University at 2 p.m. on **Nov. 6** in Jerabeck Center.
- **Lady Celts Basketball** vs. University of Houston Lady Cougars at 7 p.m. on **Nov. 7** at UH campus

UST Presents Snoopy! Musical

The Department of Fine and Performing Arts invites you to the musical comedy, “Snoopy!” The production will take place at 8 p.m. on **Nov. 4, 5 and 6** in



upstairs Jones Theatre, 3910 Yoakum. Based on the world-renowned “Peanuts” comic strip, “Snoopy!” is the musical sequel to “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown.” The quiet knowledge and wit of its characters combined with the effervescent vignettes, songs and dances delights every audience.

Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for students or seniors and \$5 with a UST student ID. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 713-525-3520.

Synthesis Courses Lecture and Lunch

As the University's new core curriculum includes synthesis courses, a presentation on the topic, "The Catholic Intellectual Tradition and Synthesis Courses," will be held at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, **Nov. 3** in the Ahern Room, followed by questions and discussion. The presenter is Patrick Powers, executive director of the Fides et Ratio Seminars at the Faith and Reason Institute and Visiting Fellow at The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts in New Hampshire. Lunch will be available at noon; RSVP for lunch by **Nov. 2** to Jill Calzada at calzadj@stthom.edu. The event is sponsored by the UST Center for Faculty Excellence and the UST Catholic Intellectual Tradition Learning Community and is free and open to the public.



Former Ambassador Speaks on Mideast



With the death of Libya's Muammar el-Qaddafi, the collapse of multiple autocratic governments across North Africa and the Middle East continues. Yet questions remain about the transitional futures of these societies, the impact on the region and how the changing face of the region will create new challenges and opportunities for U.S. foreign policy.

The Center for International Studies and the International Studies Society will host Ambassador Chase Untermeyer for a lecture and discussion about the Arab Spring and its possible aftermaths at 6:30 p.m. on **Nov. 2**, in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center.

This event will include introductory remarks by Ambassador Untermeyer, interview and discussion conducted by the Center's resident Middle East expert, Dr. Nivien Saleh, and audience questions. The event is free and open to the public.

Education Panel Discusses Journey to College

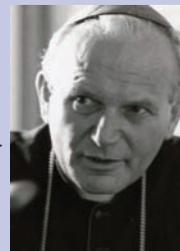
A panel of Houston's leading education experts will explore the hurdles and opportunities faced by Houston's underrepresented youth at "The Journey to College," at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, **Nov. 11** in the Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, with a reception.

Prior to the panel discussion, a Mass will be held at 6 p.m. at the Chapel of St. Basil. The event is hosted by the UST St. Martin de Porres Society, the University's black alumni association, and coincides with the celebration. For a list of panelists and more information, go to www.stthom.edu/journeytocollege.



The Jeweler's Shop Lecture & Play

The John Paul II Forum for the Church in the Modern World at the University of St. Thomas will host a lecture exploring the dramatic style, philosophy and theology of "The Jeweler's Shop," a play written by Karol Wojtyla, who later became Pope John Paul II.



Play: "The Jeweler's Shop" was written by Karol Wojtyla in the style of the Rhapsodic Theater, an underground theater group formed in Poland during World War II. Sparse, lyrical and personal – "The Jeweler's Shop" is about love, commitment and the adventure of life.

When: Nov. 4-5 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.

Where: Obsidian Art Space, 3522 White Oak

Cost: Tickets are \$15 with discounts for students

Lecture: "The Proper Weight of Love: John Paul II's 'The Jeweler's Shop,'" is presented by Dr. Peter Casarella, professor of Catholic Studies and director of Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology at DePaul University.

When: Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

Where: UST Jones Hall

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, contact Dr. John Hittinger at 713-525-2155 or learn more at www.jp2forum.org.

Chi-Rho Club Food Drive This Week

The Chi-Rho Theology Club will collect canned goods the week of **Oct. 31-Nov. 4** at the UST Seal Plaza. These items will be delivered to St. Joseph Church on Washington Avenue to make Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. Please consider making a contribution for the less fortunate. For more information, contact Sr. Madeleine Grace at grace@stthom.edu.



All Saints Day Mass Schedule

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics honoring all the saints known and unknown. Campus Ministry invites everyone to the All Saints Day Masses on Tuesday, **Nov. 1** at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil.



Knights of Columbus Guadalupe Procession

The Knights of Columbus will host a Guadalupe Procession celebrating the patroness of the Americas at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, **Nov. 2**. The procession will start at the Chapel of St. Basil and travel around campus, ending at the Campus Ministry House with a reception. During the procession, there will be bilingual rosary and traditional Latin American music.



Dum Spiro Spero Lecture Series

Dr. Eduardo Garcia-Frapolli will present the study he conducted on the **Social Entrepreneurship Program Yucatan Project**, which was created in 2008. The lecture is at 7 p.m. on Monday, **Nov. 7** in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center. Dr. Garcia will discuss the impact of SEP microcredit loans on the Mayan community.



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 Wednesday, **Nov. 9** to 713-525-3111 or alumni@stthom.edu.



All Souls Day Celebrations

- **Dia de los Muertos** is a traditional Catholic feast honoring loved ones who have died. The Spanish Club invites you to bring your favorite Mexican or Hispanic dish for lunch and observe the **Mexican Day of the Dead** from 12:30 to 2 p.m., Tuesday, **Nov. 1** in the Malloy Lobby.
- Campus Ministry invites you to remember loved ones during **All Souls Day Mass** at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **Nov. 2** in the Chapel of St. Basil, followed by a potluck social with music at the Campus Ministry House. Bring your favorite traditional dish.



UST Raises Homelessness Awareness

In an effort to gain a deeper understanding of homelessness, the University of St. Thomas Social Justice Committee will host a National Sleep Out event on Saturday, **Nov. 12**. UST and the Houston community are invited to bring sleeping bags and spend the night on the Academic Mall.

National Sleep Out raises awareness for National Hunger and Homelessness Week. The event begins with Mass at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil. Registration is at 8 p.m. on the Mall with an address about homelessness at 9:15 p.m.

For more information, contact Dr. Livia Bornigia at 713-942-5907 or Dr. Carl Scott at 713-525-3182.

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus will host a coat drive for the needy, **Nov. 7-18**. Bring coats to Crooker Center, Campus Ministry or the UST Seal Plaza. All sizes are welcome, and kids sizes are especially needed. For more information, contact Jose C. Bolivar, bolivaj@stthom.edu.



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