



Kids Explore Science at D.R.E.M.E. Camp

Houston, we have a solution. The University of St. Thomas, in collaboration with the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Educational Science Literacy Foundation, hosted the D.R.E.M.E. @ UST Science Summer Camp from **July 30-Aug. 1.**

Serving 42 high school students from the Greater Third Ward area, the camp promoted and supported students in research and studies in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

The administrator and faculty involved were Dean of Extended Programs Dr. Ravi Srinivas, Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Maia Larios-Sanz and Assistant Professor Dr. Jill Dewey. Larios-Sanz and Dewey were the co-instructors. Four UST National Science Foundation S-STEM scholars and biology majors served as interns.

“The students were really engaged and eagerly participated in all the activities,” Larios-Sanz said. “They really were a bright bunch, and I think we achieved what we set out to do: engage students in science by letting them do science. All of the activities were very hands-on. They also got a feel for a college setting and the types of work they can do with a science career.”

Foundation Chair Cheryl McNair said the partnership this summer with St. Thomas was beneficial high school learners.

“The students engulfed the scientific method while dissecting frogs, snakes, rats and more,” McNair said. “Life and health sciences were presented to our youth in an exciting way with present-day, relevant and cutting edge information and hands-on activities.”

This year, St. Thomas secured funding for D.R.E.M.E. @ UST from donors Ginger and Jack Blanton, C. Gregory Evans and Richard Stork.

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Krustchinsky's 'Incredible Edible Science' Now in Chinese

Dr. Rick Krustchinsky, associate dean of Undergraduate Education at University of St. Thomas, wrote "Incredible Edible Science: Recipes for Developing Science and Literary Skills!"

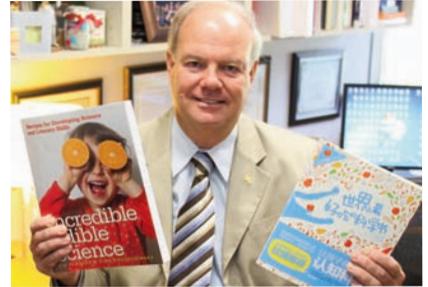
The award-winning book, co-authored with Liz Plaster, a former graduate student at UST, is now translated into Chinese.

"Incredible Edible Science" uses simple, inexpensive materials and encourages childhood interactions and learning. Published in 2010, the book sold several thousand copies in its first quarter and

won Learning Magazine's prestigious Teacher's Choice Award in 2011.

While working in science education and writing numerous articles prepared Krustchinsky for the publication of the book, its dedication says his students provided the most inspiration:

"And to the thousands of students that have been in my classes over the past 30 years: You have inspired me to continually want to grow and develop as an educator. Thank you for teaching me more about life and the education profession than I could ever teach you."



Krustchinsky has taught at UST for more than 30 years. He teaches courses on math and science education and is known for his unconventional teaching method, such as using costumes and props to keep his students engaged.

Education Proactive in Gaining Recognition

The University of St. Thomas School of Education is focused on the progress of teachers in the Houston area. Recently, the School was recognized by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. The School also created a new Master of Arts in Teaching degree and is working to meet the teacher shortage in Houston.

TEAC has awarded a five-year initial accreditation to UST in the Educational Leadership program. TEAC is dedicated to helping educator preparation programs provide quality coursework.

"This important accomplishment represents the quality and character of the program," said Dean Dr. Nora Hutto.

Also, Hutto said the new fifth-year Master of Arts in Teaching degree will prepare teachers for urban middle and high schools.

"The faculty is excited about this collaboration, which focuses on high levels of content knowledge and pedagogy that will serve communities in the greater Houston area while representing St. Thomas," Hutto said.

Dr. Higinia Torres-Rimbau, professor and director of Bilingual and Dual Language programs, works on teacher recruiting efforts to find prospective students and increase St. Thomas' notoriety.

"School districts are looking for bilingual and English-as-a-second-language teachers," Torres-Rimbau said. "St. Thomas is meeting the teacher shortage in two ways: the undergraduate bilingual dual language program and the transition to teaching program. Dr. Rick Krustchinsky and I continue to recruit by visiting schools and community colleges trying to find people."



Upcoming Games

Soccer

Men's Soccer vs. Dallas Christian
Aug. 25 - 7 p.m.
 Houston Amateur Sports Park
 12131 Kirby Drive, 77045

Volleyball

Volleyball vs. Huston-Tillotson
Aug. 30 - 7 p.m.
 Jerabeck Gym

Volleyball vs. Montana Tech
Aug. 31 - 2 p.m.
 Jerabeck Gym

Volleyball vs. Spring Hill
Aug. 31 - 6 p.m.
 Jerabeck Gym

*Volleyball - Free for UST students, faculty and staff and \$3 for all others.
 Soccer - Adults are \$3 and kids are free.*

ADVENTURES AWAIT WITH STUDY ABROAD

STAR VIEW

Dr. Ulyses Balderas, new study abroad director and international studies associate professor, gives new energy to the revamped Study Abroad program. Find opportunities for world-wide discovery at stthom.edu/studyabroad. Check out this sneak peek!

JAMAICA



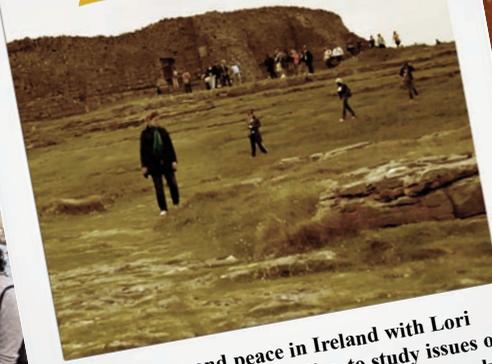
Open your eyes and hearts to cross-cultural education in Jamaica with Dr. Randy Soffer, Education, in his service-learning course.

GREECE



Go Greek with Dr. Janet Lowery, English, who will show students areas of Greece.

IRELAND



Unearth war and peace in Ireland with Lori Gallagher, J.D., Irish Studies, to study issues of conflict resolution, combatants and peacemakers.

TAIWAN



Explore contemporary Taiwan with Dr. Hans Stockton, International Studies, to discover the country's evolution.

CZECH REPUBLIC & HUNGARY

Economics, politics and society...oh my! Dr. Rogelio Garcia-Contreras, International Studies, takes students on a political tour of the Czech Republic and Hungary.

Events

CSB Graduate Open House

The Cameron School of Business invites those interested in graduate business programs to attend its Graduate Open House. The event is from 6-7 p.m. on **Aug. 21** in the Basilian Conference Room in Welder Hall.



Drive-in Movie: "The Avengers"

The Student Activities Board organized a special screening of "The Avengers" at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, **Aug. 23**, on the top floor of Moran Center. Join SAB for a great movie, snacks and more. The event is free and open to the public.



Mass of the Holy Spirit

Join the University in prayer and celebration from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on **Aug. 28** in Jerabeck Gym. Begin the academic year by asking the Holy Spirit to guide, protect and encourage us as we grow in faith and reason. **Please wear red to show UST unity.**



Start the Semester with Student Success

The interactive discussion will give campus resources and peer advice at 4:30 p.m. on **Aug. 30** in the Council of Clubs room in Crooker Center.



Labor Day Holiday

The University is closed.



Check us out!



Faculty Senate Awards Teacher Excellence

Dr. Shannon Forbes, assistant professor of English, received the St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Catherine Barber, assistant professor of education and director of research, is the recipient of the St. Edith Stein Excellence in Research Award.

Dr. Jo Meier-Marquis, assistant professor and chair of psychology, received the Joseph M. McFadden Excellence in Service Award.

UST Students Find Fulfillment at MDA Camp

Three University of St. Thomas students dedicated one week to brightening the lives of children by volunteering at the Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp, Camp for All, in Burton, Texas, from June 2-9.



The MDA camp allows children to make connections with others while sharing similar struggles in a safe and supportive environment. Each year, MDA supports roughly 90 summer camps across the country at no charge to families.

Rosemary Tran '12, a biology major, plans to pursue work within the medical field and social service, and said volunteering at the MDA camp is beneficial no matter what career path you choose.

Nema Kheradmand, a junior chemistry major, was a first-time camp counselor and said when working with children, you must put their needs first.

Sarah Lutz, a senior education major, is pursuing a career in teaching and finds her experiences at the camp will prepare her for challenges in the classroom.

Inspired by the camp and its effects on her daughter, Dyla Gutierrez, an administrative assistant in the School of Education, began campaigning to raise money to help send children to the camp. She is participating in a five-kilometer obstacle course for women, scheduled for November. Gutierrez's goal is to raise \$5,000, is enough to send nearly 10 children to camp.

"The camp is so wonderful, we decided we needed to give back," Gutierrez said. "We want other kids to have this opportunity too."

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