



# Freshmen Volunteers Make 50,000 Meals at Food Bank

As a part of Freshman Orientation, University of St. Thomas incoming freshmen volunteered at the Houston Food Bank on Aug. 18. The freshmen, with about 200 participants, were the most productive group to volunteer in the Houston Food Bank's history, making 50,000 meals.

Vice Chair of Operations for Freshman Orientation Grace Cheung, a senior education major, organized the service project. The project was organized in conjunction with the UST Service-Learning Program and Freshman Orientation.

"Every year, the Freshman Orientation experience culminates with a service day," Cheung said. "The entire freshman class completed a service project that reminds us we are part of a bigger community."

In addition to the Class of 2016, the group included Orientation team and the women's basketball team.

"This project is a prime example of how the First-Year Experience provides students with a valuable and hands-on learning experience that exemplifies the mission of the University and the Service-Learning Program," said Theresa Heard, Service-Learning Program coordinator. "The hard work by the FYE faculty members, staff and freshman class should be recognized as servant leadership on campus and in our community."

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## Second Collection

Students will benefit from the Basilian Scholarship Fund with money raised during the Catholic University of America/UST Second Collection on Sept. 8-9. Parishioners in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston are invited to support Catholic higher education by donating to the second collection during Masses. Last year, \$153,000 was raised. This year's goal is \$175,000. Contact Hank Emery at 713-525-3111 or [emeryh@stthom.edu](mailto:emeryh@stthom.edu) to learn more.



## MAFC Program Welcomes Largest Class

The Master of Arts in Faith and Culture program kicked off its third year at St. Thomas by welcoming the largest incoming class to date. Eighteen part-time and full-time students will begin their first full academic year this fall at



the Center for Faith and Culture. The students will join 13 students returning to continue their MAFC studies.

The cohort of MAFC students ranges in age from 26-62 years old. The students have diverse backgrounds in engineering, theology, law, finance, business, health and wellness, education, and journalism. The group includes three novices of the Congregation of St. Basil, as well as students of Spanish, Nicaraguan, Thai and Vietnamese origin.

## Archbishop Miller Lecture Focuses on Election



The Ninth Annual Archbishop J. Michael Miller Lecture presents "Budget Wars & Culture Wars: What the 2012 Election Means for the American Future." With the presidential election around the corner, Ross Douthat, the youngest-ever op-ed columnist for The New York Times, will present at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 19 in UST's Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd. The event is free and open to the public, and no reservations are necessary.

Sr. Paula Jean Miller, FSE, director of Catholic Studies and professor of theology, said the lecture will address the "tipping points" of the national elections. "The issues to be determined, both on the federal and state levels through voter choice, require intellectual acuity, but are also charged with emotion."

Douthat's premise is that Americans have never separated religion from politics, but it makes a difference how the two are intertwined.

"When religious commitments are more comprehensive and religious institutions more resilient, faith is more likely to call people out of private loyalties to public purposes, more likely to inspire voters to put ideals above self-interest, more likely to inspire politicians to defy partisan categories altogether," Douthat said.

Sponsored by the UST Catholic Studies program, this lecture is made possible through the generosity of the John W. and Alida M. Considine Foundation.



## Upcoming Games

### Soccer

Men's Soccer vs. UH – Victoria  
Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.  
Houston Amateur Sports Park  
12131 Kirby Drive

Men's Soccer vs. William Carey  
Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.  
Houston Amateur Sports Park  
12131 Kirby Drive

### Volleyball

Follow UST Volleyball:  
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Women's Volleyball vs. St. Gregory's  
Sept. 15 at 4 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.*

# LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

The Fine Arts & Drama and Music departments created a mix of comedic, dramatic and melodic performances this season. Join them for all the wonderful events!

## DRAMA

For reservations and information on other performances, call the Fine Arts and Drama Department at 713-525-3520. Jones Theatre is located on the second floor of Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd.

### Enchanted April

Romantic Comedy by Matthew Barber

Oct. 11-13, 18-20 and 25-27

8 p.m.

Jones Theatre

When two frustrated London housewives decide to rent a villa in Italy for a holiday away from their bleak marriages, they recruit two very different English women to share the cost and the experience. In Italy, among the wisteria blossoms and Mediterranean sunshine, all four rediscover themselves.

*Directed by Eric Domuret*

UST \$5, Student/Senior \$10, General Admission \$15

### The Velveteen Rabbit

Based on the children's classic by Margery Williams

November 8, 13, 15, 20, 22 and 27

December 4

10 a.m.

Jones Hall

This is a timeless tale of love and sacrifice as revealed through the story of a small stuffed rabbit given as a gift to a little boy. This gentle and tender fable is ideal for both the young and the young at heart and just in time for the holidays.

*Directed by Claire McDonald*

UST Free

General Admission \$4

## MUSIC

For details on these and other music events, email [rsvpmusic@stthom.edu](mailto:rsvpmusic@stthom.edu) or call 713-525-3159. Events are free and open to the public.

### University Singers Concert

Oct. 11

7:30 p.m.

Chapel of St. Basil

UST music students

perform sacred choral works

in the serene setting of the Chapel of St. Basil.

*Directed by Dr. Brady Knapp*

*Guest conductor Courtney Daniell-Knapp*

### Opera Workshop

Oct. 26-27 - 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 28 - 3:00 p.m.

Cullen Hall

UST music students perform scenes and selections from opera, operetta and musical theater repertoire.

*Musical direction*

*by Dr. Brady Knapp,*

*Staging and choreography by*

*Debra Dickinson*



## Events

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is all day, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., every Wednesday in the Chapel of St. Basil. A Rosary is at 8 p.m., followed by praise and worship at 8:30 p.m. To commit for a weekly adoration hour, contact Campus Ministry at [campusministry@stthom.edu](mailto:campusministry@stthom.edu).



### Augustine Without Walls Coffeehouse

UST students, faculty and staff gather to casually discuss topics to help integrate their faith, academics and life every Friday from 2-4 p.m. at Clare Hall, 1210 Colquitt. Guests will share homemade goodies. The event is free and open to UST students, faculty and staff.



### Suicide Prevention Week

Learn more about early warning signs and resources for suicide prevention from Counseling and Disability Services on Sept. 10-14.



### Fall Club Fair, Sport Clubs Carnival

Learn how to get involved at UST from noon to 2 p.m. on Sept. 13 on the Academic Mall. Visit with clubs and organizations, pick up lunch and sign up for groups!



### Campus Ministry Fall Retreat

Campus Ministry will host its student fall retreat from Sept. 28-30 in Victoria, Texas. For more information and to register, contact Campus Ministry at 713-525-3589 or [campusministry@stthom.edu](mailto:campusministry@stthom.edu).

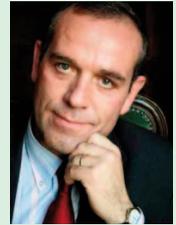


### Check us out!



## Bioethics Explores Human Rights

Dr. Alberto Garcia Gomez, director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights based in Rome, will address the topic “Neurobioethics: The Human Person at the Center of Neuroscience, Ethics, Law and Society” at 7:30 p.m. on **Sept. 25** in Cullen Hall.



The presenter will discuss the bioethics of neuroscience addressing a realistic vision of human rights and the brain-body-mind connection.

Prior to the lecture, the Bioethics Art Competition, sponsored by UNESCO, will be displayed in the lobby at 7 p.m. The exhibit promotes bioethics in the light of human rights through art. UNESCO received 230 works of art, and 136 artists participated from 23 countries.

The event is free and open to the public. Contact Sr. Madeleine Grace, CVI, at [grace@stthom.edu](mailto:grace@stthom.edu) for more information.

## Accounting Professor Returns to Cameron

The Cameron School of Business welcomes new visiting professor Carol Sullivan to the University of St. Thomas. Sullivan previously taught at UST from 1990-1995.



In the fall, Sullivan will teach two Master of Business Administration courses and one undergraduate accounting course. Sullivan enjoys service-learning projects and previously helped with UST's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

## Senior Attended Republican National Convention

Senior political science major Kenneth Depew traveled with Ted Cruz, candidate for the U.S. Senate, to the 40th Republican National Convention from Aug. 27-30 at the Tampa Bay Times Forum in Tampa Bay, Fla.

In his first trip to a convention, Depew was an aide for Cruz. He kept Cruz on schedule, gathered information for potential contacts and answered general questions on Cruz's political stance.

Depew will share his experiences during the College Republicans meeting at 12:30 p.m. on **Sept. 6** at the Political Science house, 4104 Mt. Vernon St.

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