

UST Presents STEM RESEARCH at ACS



Dr. Xiaohui Cai (Chemistry),
 Anabel Rubio, Angela Lopez,
 Dr. Elmer Ledesma (Chemistry),
 and Dr. Birgit Mellis (Physics).

Representatives from the University of St. Thomas Department of Chemistry and Physics will present results from their STEM – science, technology, engineering and math – research projects at the 68th Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Baton Rouge, La., from **Nov. 4-6**.

“As ambassadors for UST, students will network with peers and potential employers or graduate schools, practice their communication skills, ideas embodied in the UST mission statement, and broaden their research view by listening to scientific presentations,” said Dr. Elmer Ledesma, assistant professor in chemistry.

Senior chemistry major Anabel Rubio, along with her faculty mentor Dr. Birgit Mellis, assistant professor in physics, will present their work on “Solvent Effects on the Synthesis of Gold Nanoparticles Using Polyetheramines.”

Senior chemistry major Angela Lopez will present her work on “Synthesis of Dinitrochalcones and their Reduction to Diaminochalcones.”

Senior environmental science major Jennifer Osorio and senior chemistry and Catholic studies major Esther Hudson will present their work on “Preliminary Analysis of EDC's in Houston Wastewater.”

Junior mathematics major An Nguyen and her chemistry staff mentor Dr. Xiaohui Cai will present their work on “Electrochemical Properties of Nitro-Substituted Quinoxalinoporphyryns.”

Ledesma will give an oral presentation titled “Vapor-Phase Cracking of Eugenol: Distribution of Condensable Products as Functions of Temperature and Residence Time” at the Clean Energy, Materials, and the Materials Genome Initiative Symposium.

UST Remembers Fr. Keon



Beloved Basilian priest and mentor, the Rev. James Keon, CSB, a retired St. Thomas philosophy professor, passed away on Oct. 24 in Ontario, Canada. He was 87 years old.

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Montelongo Receives ACPA Award

Angie Montelongo, UST director of Student Activities, will be recognized as a Diamond Honoree with American College Personnel Association Educational Leadership Foundation. She will receive the award at a conference in Las Vegas in March.

“Several mentors and many outstanding professionals have received this award in the past, and I am truly humbled and grateful to receive this award,” Montelongo said.

Montelongo is involved with several ACPA groups, including the Latin@ Network as the Placement Outreach chair, Commission for Administrative Leadership and the 2012

Convention Planning Team.

Both Dr. Ricardo Montelongo, director for Student Success, and Dr. Steve Sutton, former UST vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment, have been honored in the past.

“Angie is being recognized for her contributions to the profession of student affairs specifically through her work with student leaders, housing and residential life, and orientation,” Patricia McKinley, vice president of Student Affairs, said.

The full story is in the Online Newsroom, www.stthom.edu.



SleepOut for Social Justice

Grab your sleeping bags and warm clothes for the 2nd Annual National SleepOut UST on **Nov. 10-11**. To



promote awareness about homelessness in Houston, the students, faculty, staff and Houston community are invited to sleep outside at 7 p.m. on **Nov. 10** to 7 a.m. on the Academic Mall.

The event is part of UST’s 2nd Annual Social Justice Weekend. Guest speaker Noah Rattler will share his experience of hiking from Houston to Los Angeles to raise homeless awareness. Also, Chelsea Wade, with SEARCH and a UST graduate, will speak about SEARCH initiatives and volunteer opportunities at 12:30 p.m. on **Nov. 8** in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center.

For more information, contact Dr. Livia Bornigia at bornig1@stthom.edu or 713-942-5907.

UPCOMING LECTURES

CBE Hosts Ethics Roundtable Luncheon

Randy Butler, with the Institute of Sustainable Peace, will present the lecture “Should Business Do Business with Totalitarian or Oppressive Regimes?” at noon on **Nov. 6**. Through his leadership, he has facilitated reconciliation and conflict resolution of more than 22 projects worldwide. Butler brings a wealth of experience in the area of corporate mediation. Lunch will be provided, but space is limited. RSVP by **Nov. 2** to Klaudya Jimenez at 713-942-5951 or jimenek@stthom.edu.



JP II Forum Studies ‘Epiphanies’ of Beauty

The Pope John Paul II Forum will host the lecture “‘Epiphanies’ of Beauty: John Paul II on the Nature and Role of Art” with Father Janusz Ihnatowicz, STD, at 7 p.m. on **Nov. 7** in Ahern Room. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact 713-525-2155 or jp2forum@gmail.com.

Priority Registration Begins

Enrolled, degree-seeking UST students can begin registering for spring 2013 classes on **Nov. 1**. Students can register online during the available “Enrollment Appointments,” which are set by the Registrar’s Office. Visit myStThom, see the “Enrollment Appointment” section. Click on “Details” for a specific date and time to register. Visit the Academic Advising Center, Crooker Room 213 for registration and class scheduling help.

Athletics Earns Accolades, Introduces Upcoming Seasons

UST volleyball, soccer, golf and basketball are on the rise and are ready to stand out in the Red River Athletic Conference. Learn more about each program and how they are setting the tone for UST Athletics.

Volleyball Ranked Third in RRAC

The UST volleyball team is 7-2 in conference action with a record of 16-10 on the season. Stephanie Biediger was named RRAC Hitter of the Week, and she had a career-high 1,000 kills in the Oct. 20 win against University of the Southwest. Shirley Paul was named RRAC Libero of the Week. Also, Brittany Weiler picked up the RRAC Setter of the Week. The next home game is at 7 p.m. on **Nov. 2** in Jerabeck Athletics against the undefeated University of Texas-Brownsville.



Soccer Beats SAGU on Senior Night

The final home game for the University of St. Thomas men's soccer team celebrated Senior Night and a win on Oct. 6. UST came out and played with something to prove to the team and to its seniors: Gonzalo Nemi and Luis Bustos. Bustos and Nemi were presented with a framed jersey at halftime and took home a victory in their final match in front of their fans. UST soccer is ranked eighth in the RRAC at 3-6-1 in RRAC play and an overall record of 5-9-1.



Basketball Eager to Start Season

The men's basketball team will take the court in their first regular season home game at 7 p.m. on **Nov. 6** in Jerabeck Gym against Northwood University. The team is prepared with a new assistant coach Thomas Henderson, coming off of its first winning season, 18-13, and with 10 returning lettermen.



The women's team is ready to prove themselves as a threat in the RRAC. In only the second season as a program, the team signed five new freshmen and kept a strong foundation. The team's first home game is at 5:30 p.m., also on **Nov. 6** in Jerabeck Gym, against Dallas Christian College.

Golf Hosts First-Ever Invitational

UST golf hosted its first-ever home tournament on Oct. 8-9 at Sterling Country Club. The Celt men finished third with rounds of 301-305. Sophomore Zach Cabra took co-medalist honors with rounds of 73-72. Sophomore Kara Jones was the low Celt with a two-day total of 168. She finished fifth and earned her third top-10 finish at UST.



Scholarship Tee-Up

The University will host the Scholarship Tee-Up Tournament on **Nov. 5** in Pine Forrest, Texas, to raise money to support student scholarships. UST awards more than \$11.6 million in institutional aid each year. The golf program will participate in the Rent-A-Ringer program, which means UST will auction off UST golf players at \$1,000 each to play as a fifth member of a foursome.

Celt Classic

The 9th Annual Celt Classic is **Nov. 1-3** in Jerabeck Gym. Local athletes from private high school basketball teams play at UST every year during the first week of November. More than 200 athletes participate in the tournament. An "All Session" ticket is \$12, and a day pass is \$7. UST students, faculty and staff receive free admission with a valid UST ID. Visit www.stthom.edu/celtclassic for more information.

Events

All Saints, All Souls Day Masses

Campus Ministry will celebrate All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses at 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on **Nov. 1**. All Souls Day will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. on **Nov. 2**, in the Chapel of St. Basil.



Sunday Afternoon String Concert

The Music Department will host the "Sunday Afternoon String Quartet Concert" at 1 p.m. on **Nov. 4** in Cullen Hall. It will feature UST Music Preparatory School Faculty. It is free and open to the public.



3rd Annual Alumni Memorial Mass

Alumni, faculty and staff remember the departed at 11 a.m. on **Nov. 10** in the Chapel of St. Basil. Brunch is at noon in the Malloy Board Room following Mass. RSVP to Campus Ministry, 713-525-3589, and please note anyone specific to remember.



How to Survive the Research Paper

This workshop will teach UST students the ins and outs of a research paper. The session is at 12:30 p.m. on **Nov. 6** in the Tutorial Services Center, Room 207, Crooker Center. For details, contact Tutorial Services at tutoring@stthom.edu.



4th Annual Chili Cook-off

Gather a team to sign up to enter the Chili Cook-off. Tasting and judging is from noon to 2:30 p.m. on **Nov. 13** on the Academic Mall. UST attendees can taste the varieties of chili entries and vote for your favorite. For details, contact Campus Ministry at email at campusministry@stthom.edu.



Young Institute Event Fights Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a major social justice issue in Houston. The Annual Rev. William J. Young Social Justice Lecture will examine steps the community is taking to combat this issue during an all-day program on **Nov. 16** in the Scanlan Room.



Father Martino Nguyen Ba-Thong's topic is "Out of Slavery into the Promised Land – The Truth about Human Trafficking." The event will feature workshops with anti-trafficking organizations. It is free and open to the public. To RSVP, call 713-525-3149 or email mcaprio@stthom.edu.

The event is sponsored by the UST Rev. William J. Young Social Justice Institute, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and Houston Rescue and Restore.

Fr. Keon Remembered for Humor, Storytelling

The Rev. James Keon, CSB, will be remembered at St. Thomas for funny anecdotes, interesting lectures and incredible storytelling.

Born in 1925 in Ontario, Canada, Father Keon was an airman in the Canadian air force in WWII and an avid baseball player in the seminary. He was a priest for more than 60 years.



An icon at UST since 1965, he officially retired in 1997, but continued teaching philosophy part time at UST until 2002. He lived in the Basilian residence on campus and could often be seen doing his daily exercise routine, walking the stairs in the Academic Mall. He inspired, motivated and lifted the hearts of students, faculty and staff at UST with his vibrant spirit, imaginative journeys and innate wisdom.

The Rev. Mike Buentello, CSB, campus chaplain and director of Campus Ministry, remembers Father Keon fondly and his influence at UST.

"Father Keon lived and embodied the mission of UST through his life as a priest and professor," Father Buentello said.

Senior communication major James Ramos called Father Keon a "legend."

"My memories of frequent conversations with him over salad and pizza bring me so much joy," Ramos said. "If he didn't know your name, he'd give you a name and come up with the most wonderful, extravagant, outlandish stories about how you've met in the past. I met him while hot air ballooning across the States in a Great Balloon Race that I won."

Funeral plans are forthcoming.

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