



Education Introduces New BA/MA

In an initiative to train teachers for both public and private middle and high schools, the University of St. Thomas School of Education announces the new five-year Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts program.

The new program, in addition to providing students with a liberal arts degree in composite science, math, language arts or social sciences, will focus on an in-depth preparation, during the fifth year, for effective teaching in middle or high school to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching.

“This innovative program, which prepares highly-qualified teachers for inner city schools, will provide the knowledge and skills to assure teacher effectiveness and a high level of student learning,” said Dr. Nora Hutto, dean of the School of Education.

The five-year BA/MA program will attract current and future students who have a passion for their course of study and who also want to pursue teaching. A minor in theology is also available to students interested in teaching in parochial schools.

The School of Education and the School of Arts and Sciences will begin to recruit students in spring 2013 for the program that starts in summer 2013.

For more information about the BA/MA, contact Dr. Jean Kiekel, advisor for 5th Year Masters and Secondary Education, at 713-525-3553 or kiekelj@stthom.edu.

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Don't Miss Out on the Free Fitness Classes at Jerabeck Dance Room

Mondays

12:15 p.m. Yoga

Jan. 28-April 22

6:15 p.m. Pilates Barre

Jan. 28-April 22

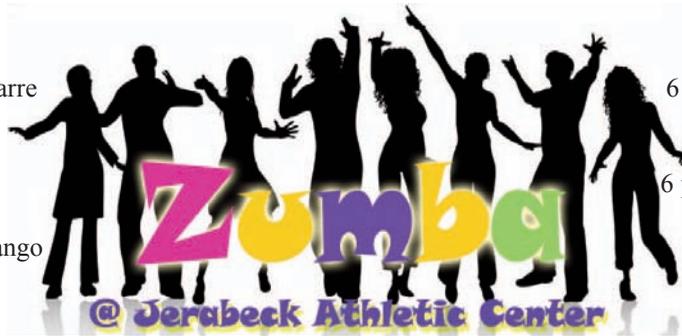
Tuesdays

5:30 p.m. Zumba®

Jan. 22-April 23

8 p.m. Argentine Tango

Jan. 22-April 23



Wednesdays

12:15 p.m. Yoga

Jan. 23-April 24

6 p.m. Cardio Step & Tone

Jan. 23-April 24

Thursdays

6 p.m. Cardio Body Sculpt

Jan. 24-April 25

7:15 p.m. Guts & Glutes

Jan. 24-April 25

Player Turns Heads in NAIA, RRAC



Amber Arceneaux-Francis, a senior forward on the University of St. Thomas women's basketball team, is making headlines in the Red River Athletic Conference and the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics. Arceneaux-Francis was honored as Player of the Week in both NAIA Division I and RRAC for the week of Dec. 31 to Jan. 6.

Arceneaux-Francis, a native of Houston, Texas, tallied a pair of double-doubles to lead the Celts to a combo of victories against Northwood University, 93-54, on Jan. 3 and Southwestern Assemblies of God University, 77-56, on Jan. 5. The senior forward converted 21 of 34 field goals and 17 of 22 free throws en route to a 29.5 points per game average. She also ended the week averaging 15.5 rebounds, four assists, two blocks and four steals per game.

Intramural Schedule Set for Spring 2013

Interested in intramurals? Recreational Sports has a wide range of sports and games to engage in some friendly UST competition.

The first activity is the Billiards Tournament at 10 p.m. on **Jan. 23** in Guinan Lobby. Registration begins on Jan. 14. Sign up at the Jerabeck Activity and Athletic Center front desk.

Upcoming intramurals include table tennis, ultimate Frisbee, sand volleyball, rock/paper/scissors and a free throw contest. For details about upcoming intramurals, visit stthom.edu/intramurals.



Upcoming Games



Basketball

Games are played in Jerabeck Gym. Admission is \$3 and free for children 12 and under.

Jan. 14

Men's Basketball vs. Paul Quinn College
7-9 p.m.

Jan. 26

Women's Basketball vs. Langston University
2-4 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Langston University
7:30-9:30 p.m.

UST women's basketball program has once again partnered with the Premier Sports Network. All scheduled broadcasts can be seen live at psnsports.com.



Martin Luther King Holiday

The University will be closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on **Jan. 21**.

Exploring Catholic Identity Lectures

Exploring one's Catholic identity is a natural part of faithfully experiencing one's faith. The University of St. Thomas will host three events to underline the range of Catholic culture and intellectual life through a thoughtful and reflective encounter with rock music, the Synod of Bishops and St. Thomas Aquinas. The events are free and open to the public on Jan. 23-24.



'Three Chords and a Longing for the Truth'

The Crossroads Cultural Center is sponsoring an imaginative engagement with popular culture, particularly rock music, from the perspective of John Waters, Irish columnist for the *Irish Times*, writer and music critic, at 6 p.m. on **Jan. 23** in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon. "Three Chords and a Longing for the Truth" will discuss how a song played on the radio, or an artist's message, can convey the desire of the human being for "something beyond." For more information, contact Crossroads at 713-823-2263 or Houston@CrossroadsCulturalCenter.org.



Inside the 2012 Synod of Bishops

Three speakers will reflect on the experience of attending the recent Synod of Bishops on the topic, "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith" at 7:30 p.m. on **Jan. 23** in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum. The Rev. Thomas Rosica, CSB, chief executive officer of Salt + Light Catholic Media Foundation and a member of the UST Board of Directors, served as the English language media attaché of the Synod. Sister Paula Jean Miller, FSE, founder and director of UST Catholic Studies and professor of theology, attended the Synod as an expert. Sebastian Gomes, producer at Salt + Light Television, will speak about his experience as a young person at the Synod.

Following the presentations, there will be a screening of *The Church Alive*, an interactive show hosted by Cheridan Sanders and Sebastian Gomes for Salt + Light Television. The panelists will respond to audience questions.



Lecture Assesses 'Capacious' Aquinas

The Rev. Kevin Flannery, S.J., professor of Philosophy at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, says there is good reason to follow Aquinas for guidance. Father Flannery will present the University of St. Thomas Center for Thomistic Studies Aquinas Lecture on "The Capacious Mind of St. Thomas Aquinas," at 7:30 p.m. on **Jan. 24** in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon St.

Father Flannery will point out why familiarity with Aquinas' thought is more relevant than ever before as people, both young and old, are confronted with an increasingly complex world of moral choices.

UST Hosts First US Aquinas Conference

Co-sponsored by the Center for Thomistic Studies and the John Paul II Forum, the first U.S. Conference of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas will be held on **Oct. 18-19, 2013**. The theme of the conference is "Thomas Aquinas: Teacher of Humanity."

Events

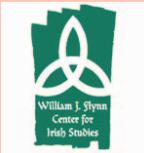
Guest Piano Recital, Faina Lushtak

A child prodigy studying piano and composition since the age of six, Faina Lushtak will perform a guest piano recital at 7:30 p.m. on **Jan. 18** at UST’s Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon.



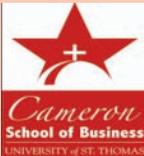
Tenth Anniversary Open House

The William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies will host its Tenth Anniversary Open House from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on **Jan. 23**. The Open House is free and open to the public.



Cameron School Graduate Open House

The Cameron School of Business will host a Graduate Program Open House from 6 to 7 p.m., **Jan. 22** in the Basilian Conference Room, Welder Hall. Register online at stthom.edu/CSBopenhouse.



Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas

Join Campus Ministry for a traditional Mass and reception for St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of UST, on **Jan. 24**. Mass, in the Chapel of St. Basil, begins at 12:30 p.m. and the reception, in Ahern Room, will begin at 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.



Tips for Student Success

Start the spring semester with the right "gear" at the "Tips for Student Success" discussion at 4:30 p.m. on **Jan. 24** in the Council of Clubs Room in Crooker Center. Campus resources and peer advice will be shared and discussed in this interactive session.



Free Faculty, Staff Symphony Benefit Tickets

St. Thomas will partner with the Houston Symphony for the New Vision, New Stars Benefit Concert at 7:30 p.m. on **Jan. 22** at Jones Hall downtown. Andrey Boreyko will guest conduct.



Funds raised from this year’s concert will support the interior design of the new UST Performing Arts Center. UST faculty and staff can reserve tickets at no charge. To reserve tickets, email Lauren Summerville at kalmanl@stthom.edu. General public tickets begin at \$35, \$55 or \$75 and are available online at www.HoustonSymphony.org/UST.

Bornigia Describes ‘Owning Space’ in Video

In front of an audience, Dr. Livia Bornigia, assistant professor of communication, encourages students to own their space. Your audience is only going to notice something went wrong if you behave as such.



“The concept of owning the space is something that comes from both my training in public speaking, but also my training as an actor and a director,” Bornigia said. “If you are fully present in the space at the time of your presentation, then absolutely nothing can go wrong.”

Bornigia teaches public speaking, persuasion and argumentation, propaganda, and Italian Cinema. Read more and see Bornigia teaching at stthom.edu/publicspeakingvideo.

The Beans Band Releases First Album

The Beans, a band formed by current and former UST students, has released its first self-titled album. The Beans is made up of drummer Brendan Hall '10, bassist Taylor '10, guitarist and international studies major Christian Galatoire and guitarist and vocalist Sam Griffin. The group has been writing and performing together since early 2011, after Hall and Taylor met as active members of the University’s Jazz Ensemble. They have since recorded a demo and gained popularity in the local music scene.



For more information about the album, visit their Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/beansband.

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