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**L'Alliance Française awards UST student scholarship,
González seeks adventure in France**

HOUSTON (March 6, 2007) – Words cannot describe the feeling of *gagnant*, a French word for winner, Roberto González, sophomore finance and marketing major at the University of St. Thomas, felt no different when he won the 2007 L'Alliance Française Scholarship. The only word that came to his mind was “excitement.”

The L'Alliance Française scholarship will award González \$3,000 to study abroad in France over the summer. He was one of six Houston university students, and the only University of St. Thomas student, to win this scholarship award. With the support of his UST professor Dr. Rolande Leguillon, González will consider studying the Université Michel al Montaigne in Bordeaux, France for a month this summer.

The Mexico City native gives credit to his mother, who refused to permit him to study Spanish as a foreign language when he was in school. “My mom would not let us take Spanish because we already spoke Spanish at home, so I fell to French,” he said.

But González will not find it difficult to pass the time while in France. He says he wants to learn about fine wines, architecture, and anything and everything filling the city museums. At the university, he will take courses on French civilization and a general study of the French language, which translates into six hours of class every day. In whatever spare time is left, González said he would like travel about the countryside.

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