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Burnett Family Gives $2.6 Million to Cameron School

The Cameron School of Business is poised to move toward higher levels of excellence with the establishment of the Burnett Distinguished Chair in Leadership, instituted through a $2.6 million gift from the Notsew Orm Sands Foundation. The funds were given by Mrs. Miriam Burnett, daughter of the late Canadian businessman and philanthropist W. Garfield Weston, and her son Mr. Charles Burnett III.

In cooperation with the Center for Business Ethics, the creation of an endowed chair for leadership in the Cameron School of Business enables the School to promote the development of leadership potential among students and other constituents. The chair will prepare graduates for leadership positions in the public, private and nonprofit sectors and for the ethical challenges they will encounter throughout their career.

"The establishment of this chair is in harmony with the University's mission of educating leaders of faith and character," President Robert Ivany said. "The chair will not only help advance the Cameron School of Business but also aid in the leadership development of UST students."

The selected professor for the chair will reside in the Cameron School of Business and meet the highest academic qualifications, which include: earned doctorate in related fields from accredited institutions, distinguished record of academic achievements in both teaching and research and demonstrated leadership experience. The holder of the chair will be responsible for helping faculty integrate the concept of leadership development into current philosophy and develop a new course on the topic. The Cameron School of Business plans to appoint an individual to the chair by Aug. 1, 2008.

The University of St. Thomas, dedicated to building leaders of faith and character, is a private institution committed to the liberal arts and to the religious, ethical and intellectual tradition of Catholic higher education.

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