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University of St. Thomas To Host Fourth Annual Alumni Association Fall Fashion Event

WHAT: The University of St. Thomas Alumni Association Fall Fashion Event featuring fashions provided by Neiman Marcus-Galleria. Proceeds will benefit the UST Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund.

WHO: Kathryn Sacco Smith ’93 and Julie Sacco ’96/’98 are co-chairing the event with Robin Thomas Klaes ’84 serving as honorary chair. This year, honorees include Betty Fischer ’52, Lucía Cordúa ’85, and Lauri Vallone ’93.

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. October 23, 2008

WHERE: River Oaks Country Club, 1600 River Oaks Blvd.

BACKGROUND:

The Sacco sisters, **Julie Sacco and Kathryn Sacco Smith**, generously lent their expertise to organize the Alumni Fall Fashion Event. **Sacco**, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication in 1996, and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in marketing in 1998, is the Social Investment Manager for Shell Oil Company. **Smith**, who graduated in 1993 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology, founded the public relations firm, Smith & Sacco, LTD, with her husband, Jeff Smith.

Lucía Cordúa and her husband, Michael J. Cordúa, are the owners of seven award-winning restaurants including Churrascos, Américas, Amazón Grill and Artista. Cordúa earned a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts in 1985 from the University of St. Thomas and continues to be involved with the University, most notably chairing UST’s Mardi Gras Gala in 2006.

Betty Fischer currently helps preserve the University’s historical record in the archives. Fischer, who earned her bachelor’s degree at UST in 1952, was in the University’s second class to enter and graduate. She also earned a master’s degree in religious education in 1991.

Lauri Vallone earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from UST in 1993. For the past 11 years, Vallone has worked in her family’s restaurant business, Tony’s Restaurant and Catering. She currently serves as business manager.

COST: Table sponsorships are $5,000, $2,500 and $1,250. A limited amount of individual tickets will be sold for $125.

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