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Hispanic-Serving Institution

UST currently enrolls approximately 1,700 undergraduate and 1,640 graduate students from 30 states and 57 countries. More than 30 percent of UST students are Hispanic.

U.S. Department of Education Awards \$2.4 Million Grant to UST and HCC

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a \$2.4 million grant to the University of St. Thomas and partner institution, Houston Community College, as part of the Department of Education's College Cost Reduction Access Act/Hispanic-Serving Institutions program (CCRAA-HSI).

The Program's priorities are to: 1) increase the number of Hispanic and low-income students attaining degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM); and 2) develop articulation agreements between two-year Hispanic-Serving Institutions and four-year institutions in such fields. Both UST and HCC meet the requirements for designation as Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

"Hundreds of students will achieve more than they thought possible thanks to the perseverance and dedication of UST and HCC faculty members who collaborated on this grant proposal," said UST President Dr. Robert Ivany. "Creating the program designs for this grant was the product of intensive work and collaboration among members of UST's natural science and mathematics faculty, but the leadership effort of Drs. Tom

Malloy and Michelle Steiger were crucial and indispensible to the success of this project."

The award funds two years of multi-faceted program activity, including:

- Intensive personalized support and mentoring including a residential summer program for selected entering students to ensure success in the first-year STEM courses.
- Collaborative training and research program between UST and HCC designed to encourage HCC students to matriculate to a four-year university and persist through to the bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering and math.
- Facilities and equipment upgrades at UST and HCC including the purchase of laboratory instrumentation for both institutions.
- Resources to increase and retain the number of Hispanic and low-income students attaining UST degrees in mathematics and the natural sciences, which includes the establishment of an endowed scholarship fund for STEM students at UST.

SAVE THE DATE

Irish Rebels in America Lecture



The Center for Irish Studies presents a lecture by David T. Gleeson, "Another Fight for Independence: Irish Rebels in the American South," 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15 in Cullen Hall. For more information, call 713-525-3592.

Catholic American Experience



The Knights of Columbus present a lecture by Dr. Glenn Olsen, professor of History at the University of Utah, titled "A Catholic Reading of the American Experience," 7:30 p.m, Monday, **Oct. 13** in Jones Hall. For more information, call 281-782-6302.

Understanding Euthanasia



The Catholic Daughters present a lecture by Dr. Marcella Colbert, titled "Understanding Euthanasia" at 7:30 p.m, Thursday, Oct. 16 in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center. For more information, call 713-828-2563.

American Politics Lecture



The Office of Academic Affairs presents a lecture by Father John Allen, STB, "John Courtney Murray and American Politics," 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23 in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center. For more information, call 713-525-2163.

Representing the U.S. Lecture



The Center for International Studies presents a lecture by Amb. Chase Untermeyer, titled "Challenges Representing the United States in Today's World" at 6:30 p.m, Monday, Oct. 27 in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center. For more information, call 713-525-3530.

UST UNdrunk Fest: Safe, Sensible & Sober

Did you know that 100,000 people died in the United States last year from alcohol related illnesses and accidents? National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is Oct. 20-24. Stop by the alcohol awareness event, "UST UNdrunk Fest: Safe, Sensible & Sober," sponsored by Health Promotion and Wellness from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22 on the University Seal.

The misuse of alcohol can have serious consequences:

- Drinking by 18- to 24-year-old college students contributes to an estimated 1,700 student deaths, 599,000 injuries and 97,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape each year.
- Alcohol consumption accounts for approximately 41 percent of all motor vehicle crashes.
- •Texas law enforcement statistics indicate that 30,399 people under age 21 were arrested in 2004 for

public drunkenness or for driving under the influence. These statistics also showed young people who drank alcohol were more likely to engage in illegal drug use.

•Alcohol consumption can increase the risk of sexual assault, suicide and depression.
•People who drink alcohol are also more likely to experience a decline in grades, poor concentration and problems in their relationship with friends, family and significant others.

More information can be found at the following Web sites:
National Institute on Alcohol and Alcoholism www.niaaa.nih.gov
Substance Abuse and Mental
Health Service Administration
www.samhsa.gov
Texans Standing Tall
http://www.texansstandingtall.org
/PDFs/StatewideProfile.pdf

Take a Hike Ike Collaborative Metal Art

Hurricane Ike left an indelible mark on the University of St. Thomas community. In order to help relieve hurricane-related stress, the Departments of Counseling and Disability Services and Health Promotion and Wellness facilitated a campus-wide art project for students, faculty and staff to comment on their experiences during the hurricane.

Participants channeled their storm impressions as they etched six-inch squares of heavy-gauge aluminum. The pieces were connected together to form a collaborative, unified piece that is now available to view at Crooker Center.



NATIONAL CYBER AWARENESS MONTH



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- •Post only information that is appropriate for the entire public to view
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- Be cautious of large e-mail attachments
- Be cautious when downloading software from Web sites
- Configure your Internet browser to be secure
- Read your license agreements before installing software
- Be aware of free downloadable software
- Be aware of e-mail links claiming to offer anti-spyware software

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The Cameron School of Business will host a Graduate Open House, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 in Malloy Hall. The Cameron School of Business Graduate Open House gives prospective students the opportunity to meet with the faculty, alumni and current students.

Graduation Deadline

Attention graduating students:

Don't forget, you cannot graduate if you do not apply for graduation. Due to hurricane Ike, the deadline to submit your application for December 2008 graduation was moved from

October 1 to October 15, but

time is running out.
Instructions and forms can
be found online at
www.stthom.edu/graduation.

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MicroCredit Channels Compassion into Action

For Sheza Hamdy, being an international studies major allows her to play to her strengths and explore her cultural ties and her personal interests.

Hamdy, who is of Egyptian descent and speaks fluent Arabic, said her passion for international affairs is further fueled by

her involvement in the UST MicroCredit Program.

The non-profit, student-driven organization offers microloans to small entrepreneurs in developing nations. The average microloan is \$50. By offering small lines of credit, the program encourages students to help others overcome economic challenges.

"In the MicroCredit Program, we encourage entrepreneurship, sustainable development and effective change, and we want to empower the people who receive microcredit loans, to help their families and to help their communities," Hamdy said. "It's that whole concept of teach a man to fish and you can feed them for a lifetime.

"I am a firm believer that poverty is not the consequence of misallocation of finances or the mere lack of wealth, but in the lack of knowledge and opportunity," she said. "We must shift away from the destructive misconception of poverty and begin to decipher the difference between maintenance and sustenance. The MicroCredit program has enabled me to channel compassion into positive action."

She currently serves as vice president of public relations and fundraising for the MicroCredit Program, and the secretary for the International Studies Society. Hamdy has been busy promoting Micro-Credit's *Dum Spiro* fundraising event on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

"Dum Spiro, is Latin for, 'as I breathe,'" Hamdy said. "The way we see it, 'as I breathe, the program will continue to flourish; as I breathe, the program will continue to eradicate poverty; just as long as people are willing, we will be able to reach our goals."

Last year's inaugural *Dum*Spiro event raised more than
\$10,000, enabling the Program to
dispatch loans to more than 70
beneficiaries around the world.
Hamdy said MicroCredit hopes to
attract even more people to the
event this year, which includes a
slideshow presentation, entertainment from the UST Jazz Band and
a silent auction featuring items such
as a stay at Hotel ZaZa and a gym
membership. Attendees will also
have the opportunity to make

Center for International Studies MicroCredit Program *Dum Spiro* Fundraising Event

Wednesday, Nov. 5 7 to 9 p.m. Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center

Free and open to the public For more information: Thomas Mendez at 832-257-5881 or tmendez@stthom.edu microcredit@stthom.edu 713-525- 3530