



News Release

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**“A Night in Rio”
University of St. Thomas Mardi Gras 2009**

WHAT: 59th Annual Mardi Gras celebration that raises funds for the Fr. Francis E. Monaghan Scholarship Fund. These scholarships enable current and future University of St. Thomas students to benefit from a values-based education. Each year, the University of St. Thomas awards institutional scholarships and grants totaling more than \$7 million to its student body.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24 (Fat Tuesday)

WHERE: Hilton-Americas, 1600 Lamar, Houston

BACKGROUND:

This Brazilian-themed evening will honor Mr. and Mrs. Odis Peavy. Gala chairs, Kerri and Downey Bridgwater, are evoking an atmosphere of Carnival with samba and capoeira dancers from the Brazilian Arts Foundation along with the Latin groove of the band Mango Punch!

In addition to the festive entertainment, you will have the opportunity to bid on lavish live auction items such as a trip to Rio de Janeiro, Dinner with Cardinal DiNardo, and a week-long stay at Cibolo Creek Ranch with transportation by private jet.

Attire is black-tie.

COST: Call for table sales or ticket information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Laura Dozier, director of Advancement Projects, at 713-525-3118.

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