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New Veterans Benefits Cover Up To Full Tuition at University of St. Thomas

Houston (May 10, 2009) – University of St. Thomas in Houston will participate in a new program that will enable qualified Post-9/11 veterans to attend the University for little or no cost.

“The new Post-9/11 GI bill gives veterans the option of applying their benefits to a private institution, like the University of St. Thomas,” UST Director of Veteran Services Shannon Wilson said. “In the past, veterans typically had large out-of-pocket expenses while attending private universities. The new Post-9/11 GI Bill gives veterans an opportunity to attend a private college with little to no out of pocket cost.”

The University is expecting an increase in the number of veteran students this fall.

“We’re working diligently to make our University a place where veterans can get more than an education,” Wilson said. “At the University of St. Thomas, we believe it is our responsibility to support those who have served our country. Our University President, Dr. Robert Ivany, was a Major General in the U.S. Army prior to his retirement in 2003, and is committed to assisting men and women who have dedicated their lives to service.”

Wilson, who was hired in March 2009 to serve the needs of veteran-students, spent four years in the Air Force and received the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Park University in Parkville, Missouri in 2004, and her Master of Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas in 2007.

“UST is well-positioned to assist veterans’ transitions from the military to university life,” Wilson said. “Small classes with a student to faculty ratio of 12 to 1 provide an excellent atmosphere for veterans to meet and interact with new peers and build new relationships. With an enrollment of about 3,000 students, you can choose from 31 undergraduate degrees and nine graduate degrees as well as nine pre-professional programs.”

University of St. Thomas is Houston’s only Catholic university founded by the Basilian Fathers, and is committed to making a quality private liberal arts education accessible and affordable. UST is located in the heart of Houston – the country’s fourth largest city. Nestled in Houston’s Museum District,

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which boasts 18 cultural attractions, students can walk to restaurants, museums and parks. Professional sports and nightlife of Downtown and Midtown are only a quick drive away.

To learn more about our programs or to receive general information about the Post-9/11 GI Bill, contact Shannon Wilson at 713-942-3409.

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