

# Star View



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## Father Mike Challenges Campus to Pre-Thanksgiving Chili Cook-off



The UST campus community has had numerous opportunities to sample Basilian Father Michael Buentello's famous Holy Smoke barbecue, but he has another culinary trick up his sleeve. Fr. Mike is also a competitive chili cook. He will put his strictly no-bean Texas chili to the test as he challenges faculty, staff and students to a John Wayne-style chili stand-off, at the inaugural UST Chili Cook-off from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday Nov. 17 on the Academic Mall.

"In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving to give thanks for all of the blessings and graces we have received

from God," Fr. Mike said. "A chili cook-off is a good way to come together as a community. Everybody makes chili, and chili recipes are as varied and diverse as our community. Let's get together and share our recipes, culinary talents and blessings."

Holy Smoke team members include Fr. Mike, Fr. Anthony Giampietro, CSB, and Fr. Joseph Pilsner, CSB. Teams and individuals must apply and pay a \$10 entry fee by Monday, Nov. 16. Go to the calendar at [www.stthom.edu](http://www.stthom.edu) to download the application and regulations, or call Fr. Mike at 713-525-6981 for more information.

## Donate Canned Goods, Your Time for Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving season provides many opportunities to share in the fellowship of the season and give back to the community. The **Chi Rho Theology Club Food Drive** will collect non-perishable canned goods to benefit St. Joseph Parish (1505 Kane Street) until **Nov. 20**. Drop them off in the red collection boxes located around campus.

Students can enjoy a **Thanksgiving lunch** served by faculty and staff from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, **Nov. 17**. The event is sponsored by the Staff Development Committee. A **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, **Nov. 26** in the Chapel of St. Basil.



### BOXES ARE LOCATED:

- Guinan Hall
- Young Hall
- Crooker Center
- Welder Hall
- Malloy Hall
- Jerabeck Center
- Hughes House
- Sullivan Hall
- Doherty Library
- The UST Lounge



## UST American Chemical Society Chapter Receives Recognition

The National American Chemical Society has awarded the Greater Houston Section (ACS-GHS) a ChemLuminary Award for the Best Activity or Program in a Local Section Stimulating Membership Involvement. The Greater Houston ACS Executive Board has asked that the award be displayed at UST to recognize that the UST ACS Chapter students have provided the vast majority of volunteers for the activities over the last five-to-seven years.

The award honors participation in Education Rainbow Challenge, a mathematics contest held twice a year for average, as opposed to gifted and talented students in HISD from the 3rd through the 8th grades. Both individual and team contests are held, and prizes recognizing the students, their teachers and the schools are awarded. Rainbow Challenge was started by a group of Asian professionals in 1998 to stimulate interest in mathematics and science in early grades. When the students are between tests, they are sent to the gym where the ACS volunteers have set up hands-on science demonstrations for the 400-600 students and their families.

The award is on display on the table opposite the elevator on the second floor of Robertson Hall. The next event will be held at Scarborough High School on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested in participating should contact Dr. Thomas Malloy, malloyt@stthom.edu or Dr. Elmer Ledesma, ledesme@stthom.edu.

*Shown above: UST ACS 2009-10 Officers with the ChemLuminary Award. L-R Front Quyen Tran, Megan Nunes, Jennifer Nguyen, Elizabeth Yu, L-R Back David Doctor, James Doan, Andrew Nguyen.*



## English Department Celebrates 'World's Worst Poetry' with Shadwell's Wake



The world's worst poetry will be read at the annual University of St. Thomas Shadwell's Wake to honor one of the English world's most awful poets at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20 at Malloy Hall, 3815 Mt. Vernon.

Thomas Shadwell was a 17th century poet laureate of England, known for his horrible poetry. The English Department satirically named its former location, a house located on Mt. Vernon, after Shadwell. Students believed the dead poet haunted the house, so in the 70s, students organized Shadwell's Wake as a joke to celebrate Shadwell's bad poetry, and as the English Department's yearly party.

Now, the entire UST and Houston community are invited to participate in the yearly bad poetry contest which awards equally bad prizes. This year, local band The Sideshow Tramps will perform, and food and drink will be provided. Students 21 and up bring IDs.

The event is free and sponsored by the English Department and Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society. Parking is available for \$2 at the Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama. For more information, contact Mary Green at greenme@stthom.edu.

## Mark Your Calendar



UST Jazz Ensemble Concert

University of St. Thomas Music Department will sponsor the UST Jazz Ensemble Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **Nov. 17**, in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon. The production is under the musical direction of Dr. Malcolm Rector. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, e-mail [dupleim@stthom.edu](mailto:dupleim@stthom.edu).



Pop Singers Revue

University of St. Thomas Music Department will sponsor the Pop Singers Revue at 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, **Nov. 23 – 24**, in Cullen Hall. Knapp will lead the ensemble in several selections of Broadway's greatest hits. The event is free and open to the public.



"An Evening of Lessons and Carols"

University Singers will perform, "An Evening of Lessons and Carols," at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, **Dec. 1**, in the Chapel of St. Basil. Dr. Brady Knapp will direct the ensemble in a program of seasonal carols, anthems, motets and readings from the Advent and Christmas narrative. The event is free and open to the public.



Miss UST Fall Fun Day Fundraiser

You are invited to the Miss UST Fall Fun Day Fundraiser on **Nov. 19** from 5 - 7 pm, benefiting the Miss UST Scholarship Pageant. The cost is \$5 and is open to the public. Entertainment includes a performance by the Houston Aero Dynamic Cheerleaders. Tickets will be sold on the UST Seal on **Nov. 17 and 19** during activity period. Contact Nicole Hickel at [hickln@stthom.edu](mailto:hickln@stthom.edu).



Men's Basketball

Cheer on the men's basketball team as they play Louisiana College on at 7 p.m. **Nov. 19** in Jerabeck Gym. Admission is free for UST students, faculty & staff and \$3 admissions for all others. The next home game will be at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday **Dec. 1**, versus Texas Lutheran University.



Semiotics

The Center for Thomistic Studies will host a reception to honor Professor Ivan Mladenov, visiting Fulbright Professor and Bulgaria's leading Semiotician. The reception, held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, **Nov. 18** in the Doherty Library Lobby, also highlights the participation of UST faculty and students in the meeting of the Semiotic Society of America.

## Water Color Paintings & Prints

by Sr. Mary Connors, FSE

*The Campus community is invited to an art show of Water Color Paintings and Prints by Sr. Mary Connors, FSE, on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22 from 1-4 p.m. each day at the Catholic Studies House, 4219 Yoakum. Proceeds benefit the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist.*



## Alumnus Drew Wilson Wins Prestigious Community Service Award

From the first day of freshman orientation, Drew Wilson, a University of St. Thomas 2002 alumnus, experienced the University's emphasis on social justice and service learning.

"Even before we started our first day of classes, we were volunteering at the Houston Food Bank," Wilson said. "St. Thomas truly shepherds students into giving back to the community."

Seven years later, Wilson has upheld the spirit of volunteerism which was instilled by his family and reinforced by his UST experience. He continues to balance his commitment to the community with his full-time job as an international corporate law consultant for Thomson Reuters. His numerous volunteer efforts were recently recognized with the prestigious Jefferson Award.

The Jefferson Awards are a national recognition system honoring community and public service in America. The Jefferson Awards began in 1972 to create the equivalent of a Nobel Prize for public service. Presented on the national and local levels, their primary purpose is to serve as a "call to action for volunteers" in local communities.

Wilson was nominated for the award by Houston philanthropist Carolyn Farb. Wilson and Farb met when they both volunteered for an event for the Children at Risk organization.

In 2002, he earned a Bachelor of Arts from UST in liberal arts with concentrations in communication and business. Traveling to London a year before his UST graduation, he concurrently worked on a Master of Science in international business and economics at the London School of Economics, which he completed in 2003. He also earned a Master of Business Administration from American University in 2004.

As one of the University's most active young alumni, Wilson serves on the University of St. Thomas Alumni Board of Directors, he is chair of the UST Class Agents Program and is a member of the UST Champions Club. While at UST, he was Program Council president, a Student Government Association senator and active in Campus Ministry and Young Republicans. Read the complete story at [www.stthom.edu](http://www.stthom.edu).



## Fernandez-Cueto Writes Eye-Opening Motherhood Article

Marion (Maendel) Fernandez-Cueto, a 2005 University of St. Thomas alumna, reveals the inner conflict she experienced with the birth of her first child, Dominic, in a recent feature article entitled "Hands to Heaven." The article was published in the online magazine Crisis, a subsidiary of InsideCatholic.com which is a Web site for Catholics interested in Church, politics and culture.

The article is infused with her feelings of guilt, anxiety, confusion and love toward being a new mother. She said this article has received immense amount of feedback from parents and young people without children. Read the complete story at [www.stthom.edu](http://www.stthom.edu).



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