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Linda Lorelle and Charles Bolden Speak at UST in Recognition of Black History Month

WHAT: The University of St. Thomas will celebrate Black History Month sponsored by the Black Student Union and the Office of Student Affairs.

WHEN: 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22

WHERE: Crooker Center 3909 Graustark
University of St. Thomas
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND:

Linda Lorelle
At 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, Linda Lorelle, two-time Emmy winning journalist, will speak in the **CoC Conference Room**, 2nd floor, Crooker Center. Her most recent work is a documentary titled "Beyond Brown vs. Board: The Journey Continues" on how Houston desegregated its schools. She is the founder of the Linda Lorelle Scholarship Fund which is a non-profit charity that has awarded more than $1.4 million to college bond students. Lorelle is also a two-time recipient of the prestigious national Gracie Award from the American Women in Radio and Television. In 2006 she received the Loving Hearts Caring Hands Award from M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and was an honoree at the Rose Gala, benefiting the Women's Home, as an outstanding community leader.

Charles F. Bolden, Jr.
At 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, former astronaut and retired Major General USMC Charles Bolden will speak in the **Ahern Room**, Crooker Center. Logging in over 680 hours in space, Bolden served as a pilot on the STS-61C Space Shuttle *Columbia* and the STS-45 Space Shuttle *Discovery*. He later commanded a crew on the STS-45 *Atlantis* and on the STS-60 *Discovery* which is considered a significant accomplishment in NASA history as the first joint US/Russian Space Shuttle mission involving a Russian Cosmonaut as a mission specialist crew member.

COST: Both lectures are free and open to the public.

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