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UST HOSTS DUAL LANGUAGE SYMPOSIUM

WHAT: First annual Dual Language Symposium open to all school administrators, teachers and anyone interesting in dual language education.

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 15 – Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007

WHERE: University of St. Thomas campus
3800 Montrose Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77006

Parking available in Moran Center Parking Facility
3807 Graustark at West Alabama

BACKGROUND: Dual language education is the fastest growing language immersion program in Texas. Dallas Independent School District has recently adopted dual language as the program of choice. The University of St. Thomas is committed to this program as evidenced by its support of Helms Community Learning Center, a K-5 dual immersion program. The Dual Language Institute at the University of St. Thomas sponsors this event, and is partially funded by Houston Endowment.

Schedule of events:

Thursday, February 15th, 2007
6:00-7:00 Registration
7:00-7:10 Welcome Dr. Ivany
7:10-7:15 Introduction of Speaker
7:15-8:15 Keynote Speaker, Julie Sugarman
8:30-10:00 Reception by Invitation

Friday, February 16th, 2007
8:00-9:00 Registration and Breakfast
9:00-10:00 Keynote Speaker, Hortencia Pina
10:00-10:15 Coffee Break/ Poster signing

10:15-12:00 Panel on Dual Language (Julie Sugarman, Hortencia Pina, Elena Izquierdo, Higinia Rimbau, Monica Sandoval, Teresa Campos, Kim Ogg.)
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-2:30 Keynote Speaker (Frances McArthur)
2:30-2:45 Coffee Break/ Visit Exhibits
2:45-3:45 Participants Rotation (Each panel will host some attendees for a more in depth discussion.)

Saturday, February 17th, 2007

8:00-9:00 Registration and Breakfast
9:00-10:00 Keynote Speaker, Elena Izquierdo
10:00-10:15 Coffee Break/Poster signing
10:15-10:30 Visit Exhibits
10:30-11:50 Breakout session: Literacy Development
11:50-12:00 Break
12:00-1:30 Lunch/Networking
1:30-2:45 Breakout session
2:45-3:00 Closing Session/Raffle

COST: The symposium is free with registration.

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