

**Thank-A-Prof Notes**  
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Prof\_Name: Dr. Wagonner

Thank\_You\_Statement: I want to give thanks to Dr. Wagonner because out of all my math teachers I can say she has been one of the few best ones I have ever had! She made Calculus seem a lot less complex than Pre Calculus was for me, and I thought that was pretty amazing. Even though I did not do as good as I wanted I know I learned a lot from her. She was always available at her office and every single time I went I would literally feel smarter because she makes calculus sound not as difficult and confusing. I could tell she likes her job of teaching math because of the way she taught it. She goes right to the point and explains very well. I am very glad I had her for Calculus last semester. She is a very good math teacher.

Prof\_Name: Mr. Denis Flanigan

Thank\_You\_Statement: I want to give thanks to Mr. Flanigan because he was always enthusiastic giving class. His great personality gave the class a spark that made it a very interesting and fun class! He is a very smart professor that always shared a little bit of his knowledge with us, and it was very fun. I am very glad I was in his class this summer.

Prof\_Name: Aoife Ni Ghloinn

Thank\_You\_Statement: Professor Ni Ghloinn is a wonderful teacher, she goes over the subject matter several times and makes the class so interesting. Her style of teaching makes learning fun!

Prof\_Name: Charles Krohn

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dear Professor Krohn, I think you are one of the most underappreciated English professors. Thank you so much for the year; I'm so glad I had you for my first two English classes at St. Thomas. You really helped me understand and enjoy the meaning behind much of the literature we read this year. Thanks so much!

Prof\_Name: Howland

Thank\_You\_Statement: This summer was my first semester back from having twins. They were only 3 months old when I began the summer session. I was a little nervous about how school would fit into my schedule with two new little ones. I don't think I would have returned this fall had I not enrolled in Dr. Howland's pre cal course this past summer. He really gave me the support and guidance that I needed to get back on track as a mother and student. Dr. Howland helped me to realize my potential and have confidence in my self. He did this by telling me

success stories about other struggling students and of those he knew that succeed as both mother and student. Dr. Howland deserves a big thank you because with out him I would not be fullfilling my dream of obtaining my degree while still being a mommy to two.

Prof\_Name: Dr. McCary

Thank\_You\_Statement: Thank you for the world's best and funnies examples to help us understand the material. It has been great have you as a professor. If I wasn't graduating soon, I would love to take one more of your classes. You are awesome!!!

Prof\_Name: Paul Krystofiak

Thank\_You\_Statement: I have learned so much from Mr. Krystofiak, and enjoy his classes. He gives praises and I find I never lose interest in what he is teaching.

Prof\_Name: Lori Gallagher

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dr. Gallagher has gone out of her way to assist me on my Research paper, providing books on the subject and giving us time to work on it. Her class is very interesting and I am enjoying her lectures and the way she teaches class.

Prof\_Name: Dr. Joe Graham

Time\_Met: 2006-2007 Phil Courses

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dr. Graham taught me so much about philosophy, who I am and who I should be. He set a high standard for me as a student and I walked away from my Philosophy courses knowing more than I thought was possible. He is an amazing teacher and a blessing to UST.

Prof\_Name: Dr. Mark Turner

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dr. Turner is always available for his students and supports them in their academic and professional endeavors. No matter the day, he is always willing to explain complex tax situations to inquiring students.

Prof\_Name: Dr. Maynard

Thank\_You\_Statement: I am not even a Psych major but I love you. You treat students like thinking, capable adults. You treat us with respect and integrity, and really challenge your students. And you're funny and relatable and amazing. Favorite UST prof ever.

Prof\_Name: Flanigan

Thank\_You\_Statement: Prof. Flannigan's class was always fun to attend. His sense of humor made learning a great experience!

Prof\_Name: Lee Williames

Thank\_You\_Statement: I want to give Professor Williames a thanks for being able to connect with his class so strongly, for being the eccentric guy he is, and for his open-mindedness!!(oh yes, and for the treats on test day!).

Prof\_Name: Dr. Krustchinsky

Thank\_You\_Statement: Thank you Dr. K for patiently helping me start out this school year of 2009. God Bless!

Prof\_Name: Dr. Kramer

Thank\_You\_Statement: Thank you Dr. Kramer for always finding time to help me. May God continue to pour His graces upon you.

Prof\_Name: Dr. Fairbanks

Thank\_You\_Statement: Thank you Dr. Fairbanks for your patience in teaching Music Theory. I enjoy learning in your class. Your little remarks and comments sparks up the class with joy. Thank you. God Bless.

Prof\_Name: Dr. Graham

Thank\_You\_Statement: Thank you Dr. Graham for your patience and your kind heart in teaching Philosophy. I believe you will achieve those virtues of yours! God Bless!

Prof\_Name: Dr. Paul Knopp

Time\_Met: Differential Equations (99?)

Thank\_You\_Statement: Thank you Dr. Knopp for always being there to teach our early early 8 am class, and more importantly keeping in touch after I graduated and letting me know what my classmates were doing!!

Prof\_Name: Lynn Godwin

Time\_Met: 2000

Thank\_You\_Statement: I had you at least 4 times. I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoyed your classes or how they prepared me for my career and my life.

Prof\_Name: Dr. Janet Lowery

Time\_Met: Summer I, 2009

Thank\_You\_Statement: I had not taken a graduate course since 1997 and was intimidated about the prospect of taking Dr. Lowery's Creative Writing-Fiction Course last summer. However, it turned out to be a positive experience thanks in large part to Dr. Lowery. Not only was she a wonderful professor, but she also helped me improve my creative writing skills. I highly recommend her and the course.

Prof\_Name: Dr. Kelter

Time\_Met: throughout my UST experience

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dr. Kelter is one of those professors that you never forget. His sense of humor and depth of knowledge far beyond his own field had the ability to make an entire room of honors students see things from a new perspective. Thank you, Dr. Kelter, for making my educational experience something I truly value.

**Thank-A-Prof Notes**  
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Prof\_Name: Dr. Elmer Ledesma

Thank\_You\_Statement: Thank you, Dr. Ledesma, for always being an inspiration every day. You are so passionate about your job and have so much respect for your students, and I admire and respect you for that. Chemistry was never a fun subject for me, but thanks to you, I now look forward to Chem lab every Tuesday. I may not get an A in every quiz or report, but you inspire me to work harder and do better. Thank You!

Prof\_Name: Professor Le (Sr. Francis Ai Le)

Thank\_You\_Statement: Hello Sr. Ai! Thank you for squeezing me into your busy schedule to help me with my studies. May God repay you double the strength you have give away and the intellect to pursue your degree!

Prof\_Name: Dr. C. Evans

Thank\_You\_Statement: I came to this school to learn more about my religion since I didn't have much knowledge about it. Dr. Evans was a great professor and really helped me learn about Catholicism. I would like to give thanks to him for being such a great person.

Prof\_Name: Dr. Shirvani

Thank\_You\_Statement: In addition to being an excellent instructor Dr. Shirvani was also my academic advisor. He was always available and very supportive. On occasion he helped me to overcome a curriculum issue that smoothed my path to a degree. I am grateful for his guidance as well as his instruction.

Prof\_Name: Sujin

Thank\_You\_Statement: She is very hard working professor. She is always willing to help student as possible as she can, especially for internation student. She is truly understand the point that inter students have to improve. She is the best!!

Prof\_Name: Dr. Roland Hauser

Thank\_You\_Statement: You once told me - "Sailor, arguing with you is like trying to clear a cloud of smoke with a handgrenade" - Proudest moment of my academic carreer! Hope you and your family are doing well. Take care!

Prof\_Name: Dr. Ho

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dr. Ho, Thank you for such a great learning experience at UST. Your classes were very enjoyable and you were an inspiration.

Prof\_Name: Rolande Leguillon

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dear Mme. Leguillon, Thank you for your dedication and love for teaching! You can't imagine the richness of your French classes! You teach us not only how to become fluent in French, but your classes are also a deep immersion in the French life and culture through your own life and experience. Thanks for teaching us!!!

Prof\_Name: Mary Caprio

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dear Mary, Thank you so very much for teaching us about John Paul II and the Theology of the Human Body. It is a wonderful class that challenges us to live better and deeply within the teachings of the Catholic Church. It is a privilege to be one of your students. You are an amazing teacher!! Thank you.

Prof\_Name: Michele Simms

Thank\_You\_Statement: I really enjoyed everything about Dr. Simms's classes. She keeps her classes so engaging. I learned so much from her and will always remember how much fun we had in her classes! I would love to visit her sometime.

Prof\_Name: Dr. S. McCary

Thank\_You\_Statement: He not only was kind about my circumstances for the semester but also asked how life was going for me. He cared as a professor but also as a mentor. THANK YOU

Prof\_Name: Dr. Robin Williamson

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dr. Williamson is by far one of my favorite professors. I purposely seek her out when searching for courses to enroll in. She encourages her students to give feedback and never makes a student feel odd for voicing what some would consider an odd opinion or comment. Being an MLA student, it can sometimes be difficult to balance taking classes with working full time but she has given encouragement to her students every step of the way and has given understanding when needed. Love her teaching style and look forward to taking more classes with her in the future.

Prof\_Name: Sam Havens

Thank\_You\_Statement: What a great experience to learn to write a screenplay from someone so accomplished and knowledgeable. I highly recommend to anyone consider screenwriting or playwrighting to take a course from Prof. Havens. You will not regret it.

Prof\_Name: Professor Fournier

Thank\_You\_Statement: I would like to thank Professor Fournier for all the great work she is doing. She has been at UST only a short time but has already left a lasting impact. She is a very thoughtful Professor who genuinely wants to help her students and help them succeed. Thank you Professor Fournier.

Prof\_Name: Professor Escriva

Thank\_You\_Statement: I would like to thank Professor Escriva for helping me become a great spanish speaker. Her patience and selflessness to me and through her interactions with other students are admirable. I feel honored to be her student and feel she is an asset to the UST community not only as a Professor and as a human being.

Prof\_Name: Fr. Ted

Thank\_You\_Statement: I would like to thank Fr. Ted for helping me become a great french speaker and also for serving as a great role model to me on how to be a great human being. I enjoy the way he teaches and I also enjoy the variety of medians he presents the student to help the learning process, his classes are truely enjoyable. While he is a great teacher, I also admire him as a human being. His selfless in giving to others through his work as a Father of the Catholic Church and his selflessness in helping students on campus is truely admirable. I aspire to model myself after his selfless and giving ways and I feel lucky to be his student.

Prof\_Name: Dr. Leguillon

Thank\_You\_Statement: I would like to thank Dr. Leguillon for helping me become a great french speaker and the human being I am today. Not only has she helped me tremendously to become a great french speaker but she also is a great role model for me and for the whole UST community. Her dedication and selflessness is admirable to the highest degree. I admire the way she conducts her classes and lives her life. I feel truely greatful and honored to have her as a professor.

Prof\_Name: Gustavo Wensjoe

Thank\_You\_Statement: I took Dr. Wensjoe's International Political Economics in Fall '08, the first and only course I ever took outside of the MBA. Unlike MBA courses, this one required a final paper, and--being an older student--I had not done a paper in many years. Consequently, I had trouble getting started, and indeed, was late getting my topic to him. To my surprise, Dr. Wensjoe chewed me out! He told me he expected better from grad students, and from me. I was floored...no instructor had had the temerity to yell at me since high school! But Dr. Wensjoe cared enough to push me to greater heights. I did well in the course and on the paper because Dr. Wensjoe would not accept less than excellence from me. Thank you, Dr. Wensjoe.

Prof\_Name: Hassan Shirvani

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dr. Shirvani brings wonderful and focused enthusiasm to class every day. He genuinely cares about both how his students learn the material, and the importance of the concepts he conveys. His openness and willingness to help has been much appreciated. Thank you Dr. Shirvani for being YOU!

Prof\_Name: Dr. Louie Galloway

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dr. Galloway is a great teacher! His concern for the students is exceptional and I can actually understand physics now. I find that I push myself to work harder in this class than in most others; he motivates me to learn and succeed! He's also a very kind person. Thanks for all you do, Dr. Galloway!

Prof\_Name: Professor Lee Carl

Thank\_You\_Statement: Professor Carl was such a wonderful teacher! It was my first semester as a transfer student at UST and he made it so much easier for me to adjust to the new school. He helped me understand the material in our accounting class by allowing me to ask him questions and attend his office hours often. I had to work hard for my A in his class but it was earned with much enjoyment and growth academically. His class helped me become more confident in myself and in the fact that I could achieve good grades by working closely with my professor and by studying. Professor Carl is someone that I truly look up to.

Prof\_Name: Lisa Munday

Thank\_You\_Statement: Dr. Munday is such a wonderful and brilliant person! She's understanding and challenges her students so that they truly succeed! I was blessed to have her as a professor... Take her if you ever get the opportunity to one day! Thanks for everything!

Prof\_Name: Bill Alexander

Thank\_You\_Statement: Prof. Alexander is an awesome professor, not only does he challenges his students to excel in his class he also allows us to express our thoughts and personal views which in the end helps us develop a better understanding of the subject. Thank you for your dedication!

Prof\_Name: Phillip Bell

Thank\_You\_Statement: Prof. Bell not only is a great professor but also is a great mentor, he encourages you to think outside the box and inspires you to want to learn more. I

Prof\_Name: Shirvani

Thank\_You\_Statement: Professor Srivani is a genius! He makes me want to go to class, pay attention, and just listen to what he has to say. He makes the class fun, and his students enjoy him very much!

Prof\_Name: Professor Bell

Thank\_You\_Statement: Professor Bell is a seasoned professional in his field, and a great professor. He consistently challenges his students to aspire to the next level, and he personally engages his students by encouraging them to share ideas and concepts about the course topic with one another in an open discussion format. It is evident, that he wants the student to succeed beyond the classroom, by fully developing their potential as a whole in all areas (i.e. writing skills, presentation skills, team work, etc...) and stresses the need for continuous improvement throughout their academic and professional careers).