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University of St. Thomas Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society Achieve Outstanding Status

HOUSTON (Oct. 23, 2006) – The University of St. Thomas Student Affiliates Chapter of the American Chemical Society has been awarded "Outstanding" status by the National ACS based on the activities and accomplishments listed in the 2005-06 Annual Report. This puts the chapter in the top 3.5 percent of the ACS chapters in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Out of 980 chapters, 34 outstanding; 56 commendable; and 75 honorable mention awards will be presented. The chapter will be listed in an upcoming issue of *Chemical and Engineering News*, the society's official new magazine and in *In Chemistry*, the Student Affiliates magazine. The chapter is invited to present a poster at the 233rd National Meeting and Exposition to be held in Chicago, March 25-29, 2007 and will be honored for the outstanding ranking at a ceremony on March 25.

"The 2005-06 ACS Student Affiliates at St. Thomas worked incredibly hard with a number of on-campus and community outreach events and really earned the outstanding ranking from the national ACS," Dr. Thomas Malloy, Cullen Trust/Welder-Mitchell Professor of chemistry. "I am currently attending the Regional ACS Meeting held in Houston this year and the 2006-07UST Student Affiliates are holding up the tradition by helping out as volunteers. They are very visible. I could not be more proud to be the Faculty Advisor."

The UST chapter has achieved commendable or honorable mention status every year since 2000, but this is the first time it has achieved the highest honor. The award plaque will be displayed on the second floor of Robertson Hall, along with the plaques from previous years.

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