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FOUR STUDENTS MERIT V. J. GUINAN SCHOLARSHIPS

HOUSTON (June 6, 2006) – Four University of St. Thomas freshmen were granted the Father Vincent J. Guinan Scholarship, which will cover their full tuition. The awardees are Tomas Diaz, from Strake Jesuit College Preparatory; Margaret Wingfield from St. Agnes Academy; Robert Lavery from Our Lady of Grace High School and Vanessa Snodgrass from Robert E. Lee High School.

Ten finalists go through individual interviews with the Guinan committee to vie for the five full-scholarships awarded. The recipients are required to help with admissions by joining the Presidential Ambassadors and be active in campus ministry.

Applicants must be Catholic, and are selected for their academic achievements, based on GPA, SAT score and rank in graduating class. The scholarship application includes a 500-word essay and a letter of recommendation from a high school principal or guidance counselor.

Finalists must also complete an on-campus interview with the selection committee, consisting of Sr. Clare Hunter, coordinator of Campus Ministry, Fr. Daniel Callam, University Chaplain, Dr. Terry Hall, director of the Honors Program and Elsie Biron, advisor to the President for Catholic Outreach.

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