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***University of St. Thomas Student Breaks the Mold
At the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey***

HOUSTON (Feb. 8, 2006)--- University of St. Thomas' Holly Marie Gindy was among 30 students from several universities across the United States who participated in the annual "Gateway to Dentistry" program at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. This intense two-week internship paired with her education at the University of St. Thomas, introduced Gindy to the wide range of career options associated with the dental profession.

Gindy, a second year pre-dental student pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration, credits the challenging classes at UST with her success in the dental program. "The classes here are designed to keep you working and studying all the time, and that definitely is the best way to prepare for any type of graduate school," Gindy said. The support and guidance of Dr. John A. Palasota and Dr. E. Larry Nordyke, co-chairs of the Health Professions Advisory Committee at the University of St. Thomas, encouraged Gindy to take advantage of this opportunity. "Dr. Nordyke and I, as co-chairs of the Health Professions Advisory Committee, encourage students to apply to summer programs such as this. We support their applications by providing up-to-date information and writing letters of evaluation," Palasota said.

The University of St. Thomas premedical program prepares students for entry into medical school, and UST students enjoy outstanding medical and dental school acceptance. UST believes that the first step in planning for a medical education is to

plan an undergraduate education. Medical schools are looking for well-rounded, broadly educated students. The liberal arts education in philosophy, theology, the humanities and the sciences provided by UST's core curriculum is valuable preparation for admission to medical school and for the practice of medicine.

Gindy left the internship inspired as the program encouraged her to work harder in order to obtain her professional goals. Gindy realizes that she has a long road ahead of her, but the hard work and grueling academic schedule will not deter her from her dreams.

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