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UST Professor, Dr. Joseph McFadden Receives Honorary Convocation Award

HOUSTON (May 25, 2006)—University of St. Thomas President Emeritus and History Professor Dr. Joseph McFadden was awarded a Convocation Honorary Degree by St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

“A convocation honorary degree is an old tradition in America that recognizes the achievements of individuals that reflect the values of that particular institution,” McFadden said. McFadden said he was surprised yet thankful to receive the award. “It’s nice that people recognize the things that you do because it reinforces the importance of your work,” Mc Fadden said.

Dr. McFadden is a professor, university president, and community leader whose efforts have improved the campus community at the University of St. Thomas. He has used his educational experience to lead UST to enrollment and endowment growth and ran a successful capital campaign for the addition of the Chapel of St. Basil and the Robertson Hall science building on campus. *In addition to serving as president of the University of St. Thomas, he presided over the University of South Dakota and Northern State University.*

At the commencement ceremony, Dr. McFadden’s accomplishments and contributions as an educator and humanitarian were celebrated. “His life has been committed to serving students, academic institutions, and community organizations outside the academy. It is his commitment to the ideals of service and citizenship that binds together his long career as an educator and administrator,” Dr. Bradley Cross, St. Thomas University associate history professor, said.

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During his role as a university administrator, he has maintained an active teaching and research role in UST's history department. "I love to teach and I've always enjoyed what I've done," McFadden said. McFadden also advises students who wish to enter the educational field and follow the path that he has taken to "work hard and be open to all opportunities that become available to them."

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