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**UST School of Education
Counselor Education Program Proven a Success**

HOUSTON (July 19, 2006)—A newly awarded Ph.D. is sufficient reason to celebrate, but for Ron Monachello '99, it was continued support of two of his University of St. Thomas education professors that has him cheering. In May, Monachello graduated from St. Mary's University in San Antonio with a doctoral degree in counselor education with Sr. Marie Faubert, CSJ, and Dr. Emiliano Gonzales, supporting him throughout the process. Both School of Education professors served as mentors, and attended Monachello's dissertation defense in San Antonio.

"We're very proud of Ron as he is our first counselor education graduate to earn a Ph.D. in counselor education," said Sr. Faubert. "Ron is an inspiration to the other students who are thinking of entering doctoral programs when they finish at the University of St. Thomas."

"Although the Ph.D. admissions process was quite rigorous, I felt that Sister Marie Faubert and the course work at The University of St. Thomas well prepared me for the academic challenges of that particular endeavor and the doctoral program that lied ahead," said Monachello.

The Counselor Education Program at UST is a graduate-level program that prepares students to qualify as professional school counselors, licensed professional counselors, or both. All of the counselor education program courses probe the dynamics of interpersonal relationships, including those related to ethnicity, race, class, gender and distinctive populations. In addition, the Counselor Education Program considers pertinent, professional, ethical and legal issues in professional counseling.

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"My experience in the School of Education at St. Thomas was a turning point in my academic career," said Monachello. "The personal attention I received in the Masters Program from UST faculty and staff members empowered and encouraged me. At UST, I was taught to think critically, respect diversity, and to lead ethically. I now carry those core values into my professional career and everyday life. I am truly thankful for my educational experience at The University of St. Thomas. It made me a better person."

Monachello earned his undergraduate degree in Spanish from University of Houston in 1993.

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