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University of St. Thomas School of Education Awarded $718,540 Special Education Grant

HOUSTON(Nov. 7, 2006)—The U.S. Department of Education awarded a $718,540 Multicultural Urban Special Education grant to the University of St. Thomas School of Education to provide a master in education program focusing on multicultural urban special education.

The four-year MUSE grant aims to increase the number of highly qualified special education teachers to work with English Language Learners with disabilities from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. If accepted into the program, scholars will receive full tuition paid by the grant.

"The UST School of Education has distinguished itself in training teachers in exceptionality and multiculturalism," Dean Ruth Strudler said. "We place most of our graduates in multicultural environments."

Participants will earn an M.Ed with supplemental special education certification, ESL endorsement and possibly a bilingual supplemental certification.

The fourth cohort program will begin January 2007. Candidates are required to have a bachelor's degree, a Texas teacher certification in early childhood, elementary, middle or high school general education and a commitment to teaching students with disabilities from culturally and linguistic diverse backgrounds. Additionally, candidates must be accepted into UST's School of Education M.Ed program and be teaching full time prior to entrance into the program.

An information meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 9, 16 and 30, UST Strake Hall, Room 106. Additional information meetings are scheduled from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Nov. 8, 15 and 29, Alternative Certification Bldg., 300 W. 17 St. For more information, please contact Dr. Borreca at borrece@stthom.edu or Kristen Jones at 713-525-3129 or jonesk@stthom.edu.

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