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UST SELECTS ASSISTANT VP FOR ADMISSIONS

Houston (May 10, 2006) — The University of St. Thomas conducted a broad search for an assistant vice president for Admissions, but found the winning candidate, David Melton, working across town at Houston Baptist University. Melton has spent most of the last seven years at HBU, most recently as associate vice president of admissions and marketing.

"David brings a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to his new position," said Dr. Steve Sutton, UST vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services. "His knowledge of both the Houston and greater Texas markets, as well as his understanding of our Catholic mission, will be tremendous assets for our university."

At HBU, Melton was responsible for all aspects of graduate and undergraduate recruitment, hiring staff and budget authority. He has experience recruiting from area churches and helped develop a successful student ambassador program.

Prior to working for HBU, Melton served as assistant director of admissions and assistant director of athletics at Avila University in Kansas City, Mo. Among other duties at Avila, Melton oversaw all aspects of an NAIA softball program. He claims to be the "winningest coach in Avila history," having coached three Conference Players of the Year and four NAIA All-American Scholar Athletes.

Avila is a private, co-educational, values-based liberal arts institution founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1916. The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet continue to sponsor the university.

Melton earned his undergraduate degree in communications at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1982. He was awarded a Master's in the Urban Missions program at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. He also completed graduate program coursework in higher education administration at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

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