

## UST diplomats recognized for their service



New and veteran Presidential Ambassadors were recognized and inducted on Friday, Nov. 10. UST President Robert Ivany; Dr. Steve Sutton, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; and David Melton, assistant vice president for University Admissions, attended to congratulate and welcome the new Ambassadors. The Presidential Ambassadors represent UST and the Office of Admissions by attending college fairs, giving tours and assisting with campus visits. For more information on the Presidential Ambassadors contact Melissa Read, events coordinator, at 713-525-3509.

Pictured above front row l-r: Meghan Smith, Kathleen Wiles, Kim-Thoa Nguyen, April Yang,

Isabelle Kusters, Danielle Schwartzenberg; second row: Nicole Keith, Kim Garcia, Eric Murillo, Danielle Young, Amanda Baldwin, Amy Dinh, Misbah Mohammed; third row: Alexandria Ward, Vania Phuoc, Maurielle Balczon, Nick Santowski, Leslie Fiedler, Clint Mendoca.

Ambassadors not pictured: Angela Gutierrez, Catherine Chanoine, Vanessa Snodgrass, Leandra Hernandez, Margaret Wingfield, Megan Silva, Julio Morales, Cristina Nuila, Matthew Giampietro, Catherine Wargo, Anabelle Dominguez, Anna Edwards, Michael Gillespie, Jonathan Hanus, Casey Johnson, Cathy Monroe, Katy Hamilton, Nancy Velasquez, Vida Daneshvar, Amanda Venta.

## Political Science experts on the air



Political Science Adjunct Professor Michelle Carnahan and Associate Professor J.P. Faletta presented Republican vs. Democrat color commentary on AM 740 KTRH on election night, Nov. 7.

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## Holiday hobnobbing is here

Celebration...exactly what the Christmas season is all about. Finals are almost here, but for UST students the fun has only begun. December brings lots of ways to celebrate the ending of one year and the joy of a new one to come:

- UST's annual **Deck the Mall** celebration is Tuesday, Dec. 5, on the Academic Mall. Who can forget the hayrides, cookies, eggnog—even a petting zoo—everything you need to celebrate the season with flare!
- At 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil, join the **University Singers** in their last performance of the semester. This concert will

feature solo performances, readings and congregational hymns.

- Celebrate with the **Modern and Classical Languages** Department as they decorate the second floor of Malloy Hall at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7.
- And of course we cannot forget the fall 2006 graduates who will celebrate with their classmates one last time at the **Winter Class Completion Reception**. A Mass will begin at 6 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil, and the reception will follow in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.



UST Jazz Ensemble, led by Tom Borling, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27, in Cullen Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.



UST Pop Singers, directed by Brady Knapp, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Cullen Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

## Order up: New minors on the menu

UST's annual Taste of the Minors fair will be held from 12:30–2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, on the Academic Mall. This unique event highlights the diversity of UST programs, and encourages students to incorporate one or more minors into their academic plans. During the Taste of the Minors, faculty and students bring their programs to life with music, culture, food and performances.



This year, the fair will include three new areas of study: Social Justice minor, Latin American and Latino Studies minor and the Women, Culture and Society minor. The Social Justice minor is a study of serious contemporary problems in areas such as the dignity of human life, the promotion of justice for all, the quality of

personal and family life, the protection of nature and the search for peace and political stability.

The Latin American and Latino Studies minor provides students with a focused understanding of Latin American and Latino areas of study, including culture, language, history and politics.

The Women, Culture and Society minor aims to introduce students to scholarship of women across the disciplines, including Catholic teachings on the dignity and vocation of women; to increase awareness of women in culture and society; and to address social justice concerns. Enjoy their diverse academic offerings and international culture. For more information contact Sara Laidlaw at 713-942-3494.

## Students' band rocks, breaks the ice

Armed with new material and renewed spirit, Arms for Eternity took to the ice before the Houston Aeros games vs. the San Antonio Rampage last week at the Toyota Center. Roy Mitchell, Student Government president, said the best part about playing in the band together with his brother and two friends was playing for their fans.



Band members from l-r: UST students James Stautberg, drums; Jared Mitchell, lead guitar; Roy Mitchell, guitar and vocals; and Francis Giampietro, bass. Pictured above at the Houston Aeros game are UST students Suzanna Garcia, Catherine Chanoine and Roy Mitchell with Mayor Bill White and Adjunct Professor Michelle Carnahan.



### Escape to Wonderland

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, a different twist on the original tale, will play at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Nov. 14-Dec. 7, (except Thanksgiving) in Jones Hall.



### Welcome to the Moon

Come to this student-directed play that portrays the often ruthless, sometimes kind, but always unpredictable thing called love. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Dec. 6-9, in Jones Theatre. Tickets \$6 and \$10.



### Scene in Retrospect

Get to the Little Archaeology Gallery before Dec. 17 to see "Scene in Retrospect," a collection of 33 19th Century photographs of classical sites in Greece and Italy. Exhibit is open weekdays, noon-6 p.m.



## Winter Wonderland with a Hollywood Twist

Feel like a celebrity for the night and walk down the white carpet. The Student Organization of Latinos and Student Activities Board have teamed up to celebrate the holidays—celebrity style. This semiformal gala begins at 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1 in the Dining Hall, Crooker Center.



The Hollywood-inspired dance will feature a chocolate fondue fountain, delicious appetizers and an all new iced-out lounge filled with holiday goodies and snow.

Tickets are on sale in the Office of Student Activities for \$3 a person and \$5 a couple.



## Stockton in Taiwan

The Taiwan Ministry of Education recently awarded a field research grant to Dr. Hans Stockton, associate professor of International Studies and director of the Study Abroad Program. The grant will cover 10 days in November when Stockton will study the development and expected consequences of Taiwan's adoption of a new electoral system for the 2007 legislative elections.

Additionally, he will continue research on the construction of national identity and its consequences for the island's internal politics and external relations with our government. While in Taiwan, Stockton will interview elected officials, scholars and various civil servants on these issues. He also has been invited to make a presentation to officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will provide guest lectures at universities in Taipei and Kaohsiung. Stockton's visit is hosted by the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy.

Earlier this year, at the Taiwan and World conference at the University of Southern Missouri, Stockton presented the paper "Taiwan's Identity Debate: Consequences for Foreign and Security Policy."



## USTinsights wants you

The third USTinsights Alumni Mentoring Students program will begin in January 2007. The program focuses on helping UST seniors and graduate students to achieve their career goals as well as to give alumni the chance to reconnect with their alma mater in a meaningful way. Students are matched with UST alumni who volunteer their time to share their career expertise. USTinsights is one semester in length and offers a framework of formal and informal monthly events and activities. Space in the program is limited, so it is essential that those interested in participating act quickly.

Students graduating in May, August or December of 2007 are eligible to participate in the USTinsights. The completed application packet is due by noon on Nov. 28, and can be found on the Career Services Web site at [www.stthom.edu/studentaffairs/career/insights.html](http://www.stthom.edu/studentaffairs/career/insights.html). The application packet is also available in the Career Services office, second floor, Crooker Center. For more information contact Patricia McKinley at 713-525-3160.

Pictured above are former mentor Christene Kimmel and UST student Lindsley Sturgis.



## Late Night Breakfast

You've run out of coffee and you've gotta pull an all-nighter to study for finals. No worries! Put your slippers on and stroll down to Crooker Dining Hall for the traditional Late Night Breakfast on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 9-11 p.m.

Enjoy waffles, made-to-order omelets, bacon, eggs and more, all free, courtesy of Student Affairs. You could also win a Starbucks or Shell gift card. Haven't sent out your holiday cards yet? Grab some construction paper and glitter and send mom and dad a card you made yourself (UST will buy the stamp). Or challenge your friends to a mean game of checkers, monopoly or one of the many other board games scattered around the dining hall. And because there may be many late nights ahead, you'll walk away with a handy survival kit to make it through finals.

"Late Night Breakfast is a time for faculty and staff to provide a place for students to relax and enjoy the company of their friends before finals begin," said Patricia McKinley, dean of students and director of Career Services and Testing.

To reserve your spot at the breakfast table e-mail [studentactivities@stthom.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stthom.edu).