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Clinton Global Initiative University Features UST MicroCredit Program



L to r: Hiba Haroon, Thomas Barnes, Michael Black and Joseph Konkel

They've seen the pictures before — images of microfinance beneficiaries and projects around the world — but as four University of St. Thomas MicroCredit Program Student Board members watched a slideshow of those familiar photos before an audience at the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U), suddenly, the summation of three years of hard work came into view.

“Here at UST, we are all so focused on the details to make each project move forward that we don't see the bigger picture,” said Hiba Haroon, “When we were being featured at CGI U, we saw all that we

have accomplished. It was neat to take a step back and see ourselves from the audience perspective.”

Haroon, Joseph Konkel, Thomas Barnes and Michael Black represented the UST MicroCredit Program at the Clinton Global Initiative at the University of Miami from April 16-18. Each year, CGI U hosts a meeting of nearly 1,500 students, national youth organizations and university officials to discuss solutions to pressing global issues.

In their second year to attend CGI U, University of St. Thomas MicroCredit was named a “featured commitment.” A video highlighting UST MCP was shown at the poverty alleviation workshops. Of nearly 1,000 commitments, only about 20 were featured. The students were presented a certificate by actress Heather Graham.

In only three years, the MicroCredit Program has dispatched loans to more than 550 beneficiaries around the world. Loans are completely funded through donations and fundraising events organized by UST students. MCP is actively making a difference through projects in the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, Chile and Pakistan. Future projects are planned in Turkey. The UST MCP students commented that being featured at the poverty alleviation workshop raised a considerable amount of interest among their peers.

“After seeing our program presentation, people would come straight to us to learn from our know-how and expertise in microfinance in the developing world,” said Konkel, who serves as UST MCP president. Read complete story at www.stthom.edu.

Graduation Events

Baccalaureate Mass

Date: 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 14
Location: Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Address: 1111 Saint Joseph Pkwy

Graduate Reception

Date: 8 p.m., Friday, May 14
Location: Crooker Patio

Commencement Ceremony

Date: 10 a.m., Saturday, May 15
Location: Reliant Arena
Address: 1 Reliant Park Houston, TX 77054

Alumni Social Hour & Graduation Party

Date: 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 26
Location: Hideout at Capones
Address: 4304 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027

UST Bids a Fond Farewell To Retirees: Dr. Leguillon, Dr. Galloway, Fr. Kelly



Affectionately known as Madame Leguillon, **Dr. Rolande Leguillon** has transformed University of St. Thomas students into francophones in her 41 years of service to the university. An alumna of UST, she earned her bachelor's degree at the University of St. Thomas, master's from the University of Houston, and her doctorate from Rice University. At St. Thomas, she has served as chairman and director for the Modern and Classical Language Department. She has been recognized as Teacher of the Year by the Texas Foreign Language Association, and has been honored by the American Association of Teachers of French. She is also decorated by French government, awarded the rank of Chevalier in order of the Palmes Académiques.

Rev. William Kelly has given the University of St. Thomas community 25 years of service. Father Kelly began teaching theology at UST in 1985, and received tenure in 1990. Fr. Kelly has also been teaching courses to seminarians since 2002. He serves UST in more ways than teaching. He is also known to the community as a spiritual mentor by celebrating Mass and other Sacraments, and offering counseling and spiritual direction for students, faculty and staff. He has been pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish from 2001 to the present.



Dr. Louie Galloway has served the University of St. Thomas for 27 years. Galloway arrived at the UST community in the fall of 1983 as a professor of physics. Since then, he has become the Department of Physics and Chemistry chair. Dr. Galloway has offered insight to other scientific scholars through his large number of published works, including a book called *Mathematical Techniques for General Physics*.

Young Social Justice Conference Focuses on Caring For God's Creation

The Rev. William J. Young Social Justice Conference will focus upon "Caring for God's Creation: Catholic Teaching on Environmental Issues" on June 10-11.

The conference will examine the growing imperative to address environmental issues in the global society of the 21st century. The conference should be of particular interest to any one working in social justice activism or educational ministry.

Keynote speakers are Dr. Kristin Shrader-Frechette from the University of Notre Dame, and Walter Grazer, former policy advisor for European Affairs for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Breakout sessions will pay particular attention to how to incorporate Catholic teaching on the environment into Christian education ministry and parish social ministry. His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo is the celebrant of the conference opening liturgy.

Continuing education credits will be offered for social workers, licensed professional counselors, and teachers. Registration is \$50; housing on campus for the two-day conference is \$75 per night. For more information, contact Chris Lively at livelyc@stthom.edu or 713-525-3812 or visit www.theyounginstitute.org.



New Undergraduate Core Curriculum Focuses on Integration of Knowledge

The University of St. Thomas Board of Directors approved a new undergraduate core curriculum that focuses on the integration of knowledge. The core will be introduced in fall 2011.

The core's strong emphasis on integration brings it into greater conformity with Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Constitution for Catholic Universities, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, published in 1990.

"Integration of learning has long been a hallmark of Catholic education," says Dominic A. Aquila, UST's Academic Vice-President, "and is a much needed complement and corrective to the over-emphasis on specialization in undergraduate education in the United States. It is entirely fitting that UST's new core was approved in this year, which marks the 20th anniversary of *Ex Corde's* publication."

A Task Force chaired by Dean of Arts and Sciences Fr. Joseph Pilsner comprised 10 faculty members from across the disciplines whose efforts culminated 36 months of meetings and discussions by faculty members.

"Our Task Force was asked to identify what *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* is calling Catholic universities to do and then to bring the new core curriculum into conformity with this summons within the boundaries requested by the administration," Fr. Pilsner said.

According to the Task Force's Proposal that was approved by the Curriculum Committee, and forwarded to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board, "The vision of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* is that the most comprehensive understanding of reality is achieved when disciplines collaborate and enlighten one another. Core courses introduce students to the distinctive contributions to knowledge made by various academic disciplines."

Aspirations of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* include the natural desire to know the truth, dialogue between faith and reason, dialogue of faith with cultures of our time, dialogue of faith with modern sciences and technology, achieving an integrated worldview, social teachings of the Church and professional ethics.

Faculty Senate President Dr. J. P. Faletta comments on the process, "The new core curriculum represents the culmination of over three years of negotiations, efforts and several proposals; it is a product that built on the previous work."

Dr. John Starner, associate professor of mathematics, served as a member of the Core Curriculum Task Force that produced the final draft. Dr. Starner expressed his approval of the final draft. "The real work of refining and developing course work that will fill this framework and form our core curriculum lies ahead," Starner said. "I have high hopes for the outcome of this process."



Leadership Banquet Celebrates Year of Student Leadership, Achievement

The eighth annual Leadership Banquet, "Celebrating the Stars of UST," was held Sunday, April 25 to celebrate a year of student leadership and achievement.

This year's recipients are: Presidential Leadership Award, Shawna Boothe; Marsha A. Wooldridge Citizenship Award, Vania Phuoc; Spirituality Commitment Award, Jared Mitchell; Emerging Leader, Ashley Worhol; Dr. Janice Gordon-Kelter Outstanding Woman of the Year, Nicole Keith; Outstanding Non-Traditional Student of the Year, Derek Pershing; Advisor of the Year, Ramiro Juarez, visiting assistant professor of Modern and Classical languages; Outstanding Club or Organization, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA); Student Enrichment Award, Tri-Beta's Super Science Saturday; Community Service Award, ACS for Hospitality Apartments Outreach; Creativity Award, Miss UST Scholarship Pageant; Co-Programming Award, 5th Annual Salsa Contest.

Upcoming Events



Stay Afloat for Finals

The Office of Student Activities along with the Office of Recreational Sports will host the 7th annual end-of-the-year event, Stay Afloat for Finals, 4 p.m., Tuesday, **May 4**, in the Jerabeck Pool. There is no cost. For more information, contact Jessica Domann at 713-942-5036 or Angie Montelongo at 713-525-3572.



University Singers Concert

Join the University of St. Thomas Music Program for an evening of beautiful choral music spanning the centuries at 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, **May 4**, in the Chapel of St. Basil. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Monique Dupleich at dupleim@stthom.edu.



Late Night Breakfast

Ring in 2010 finals by attending Late Night Breakfast for a great meal served by your favorite UST faculty and staff. This event takes place at 9 p.m., **May 5**, in Crooker Cafeteria. Survival kits will be available to help you through this stressful week. This event is free for students. For more information, contact Angie Montelongo at montela@stthom.edu.



Laurels Reading

Contributors to the UST literary magazine, *Laurels*, will conduct a reading celebrating the release of the publication from 7-11 p.m., on Thursday, **May 6**, in the Old Bookstore. *Laurels* is a student publication, sponsored and published by the English Department. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Travis Wooten at laurels.mag@gmail.com.



CSB Open House

Make your next move to further your education by attending the Cameron School of Business Graduate Open House at 6 p.m., Tuesday, **May 11** in the Malloy Board Room. Meet faculty, alumni and current students, ask questions about graduate programs and discuss degree requirements. RSVP to www.choose-ust.org/mba or contact Sandra Flanagan at 713-525-2115.



Veteran Open House

Learn more about degree opportunities with the University of St. Thomas at an open house exclusively for veterans at 6 p.m., Wednesday, **June 9** in Malloy Board Room. You will learn how veteran educational benefits can cover up to full tuition at UST and why UST is an ideal choice for veterans. Contact Shannon Wilson at 713-942-3409 or RSVP to stthom.edu/veteranevents.

UST Appoints Kimberly Sanders as Registrar

The University of St. Thomas has appointed Kimberly E. Sanders as registrar. Sanders brings 16 years of experience as a dean, registrar, accountant and financial analyst. She is also a former officer in the United States Army Reserves. Most recently, Sanders has been working as registrar at the University of Houston-Clear Lake and Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Michigan, and dean of Enrollment Services/registrar at Marygrove College in Detroit.



Sanders earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at Lawrence Technological University in 1993, and continued her education, receiving a master's degree in finance from Walsh College in 1997.

Win \$100 for Your Insights

Enter in a drawing to win a \$100 gift certificate when you complete the Star View Newsletter survey online. The survey was sent to faculty, staff and students on Tuesday, April 27.

Your insights will allow us to keep you and the UST community well informed and connected. If you did not receive the survey, call 713-525-3116.

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