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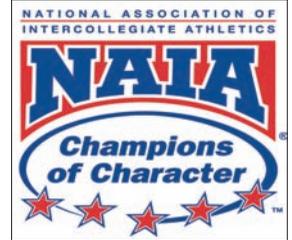


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## UST Named Champion of Character for Second Year

Dedicated to the principle that character is a choice, and that being a champion is not just about winning, the University of St. Thomas has been named a Champion of Character Institution by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for the second year in a row. UST was one of the 209 institutions that made the list for the 2007-2008 school year.



NAIA developed the Champions of Character program in an effort to instill character values and create an environment in which every NAIA student-athlete, coach, official and spectator is committed to the true spirit of competition.

“It is an honor to be a named among of the Champions of Character institutions for a second time,” said UST Athletic Director Todd Smith. “As the University of St. Thomas strives to educate leaders of faith and character, the athletic department and our student-athletes make every effort to exemplify the principles represented by the Champions of Character program. We look forward to continuing a long and meaningful association with the program.”

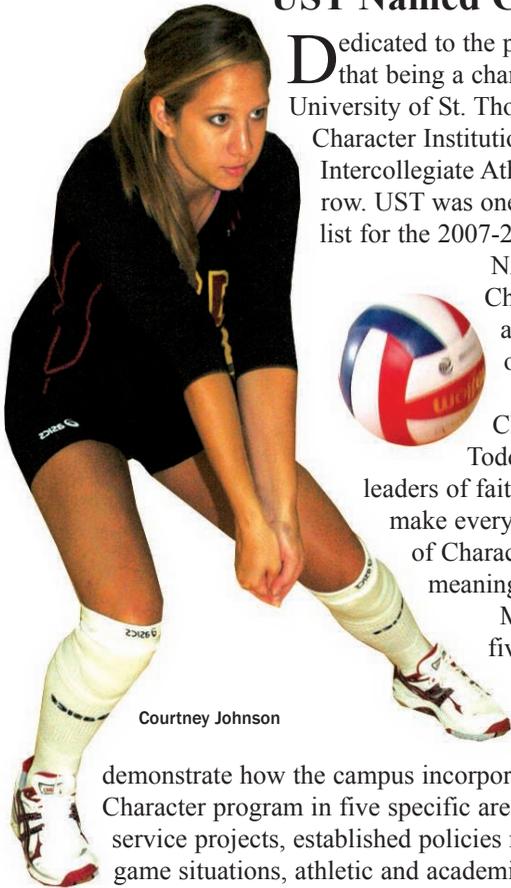
Member institutions are selected on the basis that they embody the five tenets of Champions of Character: respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

These institutions must also

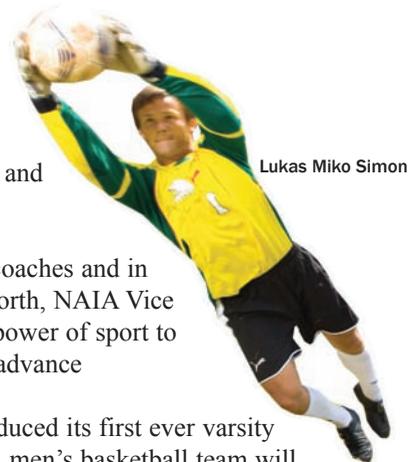
demonstrate how the campus incorporates the Champions of Character program in five specific areas: athletic contests, public service projects, established policies related to behavior in practice and game situations, athletic and academic environment and character education.

“Champions of Character has a profound impact on student-athletes, coaches and in the communities the NAIA and member institutions serve,” said Rob Haworth, NAIA Vice President for Champions of Character. “Champions of Character uses the power of sport to teach lessons for life. I applaud these institutions for their commitment to advance character-driven intercollegiate athletics.”

In 2006, UST became an independent member of the NAIA and introduced its first ever varsity women’s volleyball team. In 2007, men’s soccer was added to the roster. A men’s basketball team will join the UST Athletic Department in 2009.



Courtney Johnson



Lukas Miko Simon

Upcoming Events



**Global Connections**

The Houston Area Association for Bilingual Education and the Institute of Hispanic Culture present Global

Connections, a seminar on developing and sustaining a multi-lingual workforce for the 21st century, Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Ginny M. Torres-Rimbau at 713-525-3550 or rimbauh@stthom.edu.



**All-Classes Reunion**

Reconnect with old friends, make some new ones, and celebrate your time at UST during the fun-filled 2009 Reunion weekend

on the UST campus, Feb. 6-7, 2009. Stay up-to-date with reunion happenings and other alumni events at stthom.edu/alumni or contact Brenda Cooper at 713-525-3407 or benkenb@stthom.edu.



**From Protest to Peace**

Northern Ireland Bogside Artist Tom Kelly will deliver a lecture, "From Protest to Peace," illustrating the 12 open-air murals

that make up what is now known worldwide as "The People's Gallery."

The lecture will present the commemorative murals in context, giving the history surrounding their creation as a means to objectify the past and bring about healing, Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Cullen Hall.

For more information, contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592 or irishstudies@stthom.edu.

**UST Archives Begins to Post Collections Online**

led by Archivist Ron Drees and assisted by long-time volunteers and staffers Betty Fischer and Betty Kaffenberger, the University Archives has achieved the first of many steps in its goal to make the Archives collections available online.



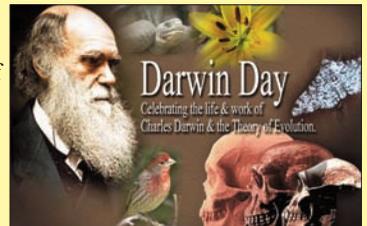
The growth, accomplishments and struggles of the University are recorded in the Archives in collections ranging from the papers of the presidents, vice presidents of academic affairs, hundreds of photographs, collections of papers from individual faculty members, student publications of newspapers, yearbooks and literature, and the Communications Office (formerly known as Public Affairs) which document lectures, concerts, debates and events.

The initial online phase features various aspects of the University's history. University presidents, their terms of office and photographs are online already while the history of University buildings and documents significant to the University's founding and growth will be added shortly. A portion of the photograph collection is also displayed.

"This Web page is dynamic and will continue to grow," said Drees. "We developed the online archives to make the treasures of UST available to everyone at any time." Check it out at [www.stthom.edu/archives](http://www.stthom.edu/archives).

**Birthday Cake and "A Flock of Dodos: The Evolutionary-Intelligent Design Circus"**

To commemorate the 200 anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin and the 150 anniversary of the publication of "On the Origin of Species," the city of Houston, and the rest of the world, will celebrate the life and work of Charles Darwin on Feb. 12.



As part of the citywide activities, the University of St. Thomas Biology and Psychology departments along with Tri-Beta, the Biology Honor Society, will celebrate with a Darwin Birthday Cake and refreshments from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in front of Anderson Hall. At 5 p.m., they will screen the documentary, "A Flock of Dodos: The Evolutionary-Intelligent Design Circus," in Anderson Hall 103. Additionally, the Evolutionary Psychology class will view film clips from the PBS series entitled "Evolution: Learning and Teaching Evolution," in Strake 107 beginning at 3:35 p.m.

These events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Biology Professor Dr. Don Frohlich at [frohlich@stthom.edu](mailto:frohlich@stthom.edu). To learn more about Darwin Day 2009 go to [www.darwin2009houston.org](http://www.darwin2009houston.org).

## Former Columbia, Harvard Professor Joins Cameron School of Business Faculty

**John O. Whitney**, former professor of management and executive director of the Deming Center for Quality Management at Columbia Business School, has joined the Cameron School of Business faculty. Whitney will serve as interim holder of the Burnett Family Distinguished Chair in Leadership.

Whitney brings to UST an entrepreneurial legacy and a history of turning around businesses in challenging economic times. Whitney first visited campus to deliver the 2006 President's lecture entitled, "Market-based Ethics in Business, Government and Society." His first book, "Taking Charge: A Management Guide to Turnarounds and Troubled Companies," 1987, has been characterized as a "Bible" in the turnaround business. Whitney is currently teaching an MBA course, Seminar in Strategic Management.

"John will promote the development of leadership potential among students and other constituents," said UST President Dr. Robert Ivany. "This endowed chair, a \$2.6 million gift from the Notsew Orm Sands Foundation, will prepare graduates for leadership positions in the public, private and nonprofit sectors and for the ethical challenges they will encounter throughout their career. We're fortunate

to have John as a faculty member."

Whitney joined the faculty at Columbia Business School in 1986. Prior academic experience includes five years at the Harvard Business School where he taught Creative Marketing Strategy, was chairman of the Written Analysis of Cases course, and was Associate Dean from 1970 to 1972. Much of Whitney's experience, however, has been in the business world. He founded several businesses from 1955 to 1967, when he joined Harvard. He was president of the Pathmark Division of Supermarkets General Corporation, where he led his first business turnaround from 1972 to 1977. Subsequently, he has been chairman or CEO of other turnaround companies.

Whitney received the 1988 Prize for Teaching Excellence at the Columbia Business School, which he again won in 1996. In 1993 he was named by *Business Week's* guide to The Best Business Schools as "Columbia Business School's most outstanding professor." *Business Week* also listed him as one of the 10 most sought-after professors in corporate executive education.



## Centesimus Annus and the Renewal of Catholic Political Philosophy

**Rev. Robert. A. Sirico**, president of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, will speak about "John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus* and the Renewal of Catholic Political Philosophy." The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 in the Scanlan Room, Jerabek Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon. A reception will follow the talk.

John Paul II's encyclical letter *Centesimus Annus* was issued in 1991, on the 100th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, two years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, but seven months before the end of the cold war and collapse of the Soviet Union.

"CA is a seminal work," according to Dr. John Hittinger, UST professor of philosophy. "It stands as one of the best presentations of Catholic social teaching. The University of St. Thomas is committed to the exploration of the Catholic intellectual tradition and this encyclical by this Pope is a fine way to become acquainted with it. Fr Sirico is a leading interpreter of the thought of Pope John Paul II."

Fr. Sirico will explore the idea of the free and virtuous society as enunciated by John Paul II. In such a society the truth revealed by faith and reason will be integrated. He will examine the implications of his vision for democracy in the 21st century. The lecture sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, the Center for Thomistic Studies and the Political Science Department. The Strake Foundation has generously funded this lecture.



## UST Welcomes two Ex-Military Staffers to Campus Security

With extensive military experience, new campus security officers Raul Pineda and Orlando Smith who have histories of protecting the nation, will make the campus community feel a little safer.

United States Marine Reservist Pineda has joined the Security Department after serving active military duty in the Marine Corps. Pineda, who graduated from Pasadena High School, said his choice to join the Marines was fueled by his desire to serve his country. "This country has given me so much. I thought this is the best way to give back," Pineda said.

Upon deployment Pineda was a logistics officer and concluded in one of the most sought after military assignments-Embassy duty. "I volunteered for Embassy duty in Afghanistan and was deployed there for one year," Pineda said.

Pineda has served in Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Muscat; the capitol and largest city of the Sultanate of Oman and Afghanistan to name a few.

He is currently enrolled in San Jacinto Community College and plans to transfer to the University of St. Thomas to pursue a degree in International Studies. "The military has taught me that education is very important, and it just so happens that I have an incredible opportunity here at the University of St. Thomas to work and go to school," Pineda said.

After completing his education, Pineda's long-term goal is to work for the State Department as a diplomatic security agent. If selected, Pineda will supervise Marines deployed in the Embassy where he will be stationed.

Co-worker and fellow "brother-in-arms" Orlando

Smith comes to the University of St. Thomas with an extensive Naval resume that spans service in Al Manamah, Brahmin, Millington, Tenn., and Yorktown, Va, as well as two Mediterranean deployments.



Raul Pineda

Born and raised in Amory, Miss, Smith looks forward to acquiring additions to his associate degree in Criminal Justice and a bachelor's in sociology. "I am hoping to complete my MBA in Human Resources Management in August and my doctorate in 2016," Smith said.

Smith entered the military before completing his high school education under the Delayed Entry Program following his junior year of high school and attributes his attitude and work ethic to his Naval career. "My military career has given me a keen attention to detail, patience, and a diligent work ethic," Smith said.

Director of Security Daryl Bissett said both Pineda and Smith are great assets to the UST staff. "Officers Smith and Pineda have both proven to be valuable additions to the Security staff. As a result of their military service, each has a range of experiences that benefit the campus community in combination with strong work ethic, positive attitudes and an innate desire to provide quality service. We are very fortunate to have them with us," Bissett said.

### ATTENTION GRADUATING STUDENTS: *Don't forget –* ***YOU MUST APPLY FOR GRADUATION!***

**The deadline to apply for May and August graduation is Monday, March 2.**

**Please give your advisors plenty of time to review your record!**

Application forms and instructions are available on the Graduation page online at <http://www.stthom.edu/graduation>.



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