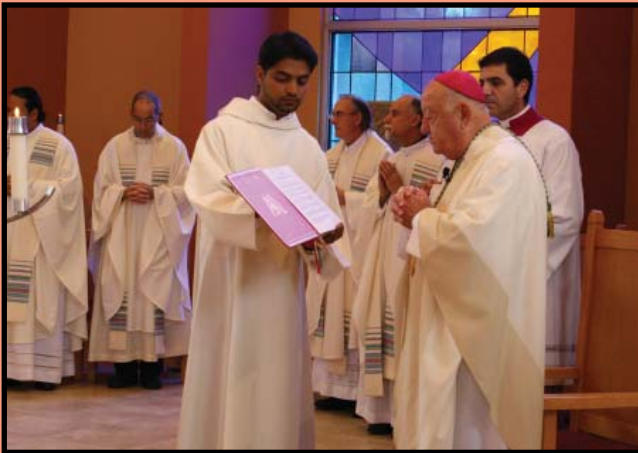




5TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL OF SAINT ANTHONY



It seems hard to believe it has been five years since the Chapel of Saint Anthony was dedicated February 10, 2004. The Fifth Anniversary of the Chapel of Saint Anthony was celebrated on Thursday, March 19, the day of St. Joseph.

During the mass, celebrated by the Archbishop John C. Favaro and Monsignor Franklyn Casale, Marta Gutierrez, our longest-employed staff member, was honored for her loyal 55 years of service to the University. Father Jorge Sardiñas, who designed the Chapel, was also remembered for his efforts and dedication to St. Thomas University.



“I can’t help but think of Father Sardiñas when we are in this Chapel, because as beautiful as the edifice is, his artwork has done such wonders to make this such a peaceful place,” said the Archbishop during Mass. “A place, like Monsignor said, where you can be in the presence of the Lord. It is a wonderful occasion and I am honored to be here celebrating its anniversary.”

Chapel of Saint Anthony benefactors Wini and Joe Amaturio during the dedication of the Chapel.

AFFORDABILITY IS KEY AT STU



At St. Thomas University, our goal is to make education accessible and affordable.

We offer a comprehensive program of financial aid resources. When you apply, our Office of Financial Aid will work with you to help ensure that you receive the maximum aid for which you qualify.

Most financial aid packages for St. Thomas University students consist of a combination of scholarships, grants, loans, and employment opportunities. At present, over 87 percent of our students receive some type of financial assistance in the form of:

- * Scholarships, ranging from \$3,000 to \$14,000
- * Federal grants
- * State grants to Florida residents
- * Loans from the federal government and other sources
- * Work-Study awards providing on-campus employment
- * Outside scholarships

In addition, interest-free monthly payment plans are available. St. Thomas University is investing in your future!

MAJOR FACTS

* Our average financial aid package totals approximately \$16,000

* 87% of our students receive some type of financial assistance.

* We provide additional scholarship funds up to \$14,000, complements of the Archdiocese of Miami

* Work study students can work up to 20 hours per week if enrolled full time



FINANCIAL AID CALCULATOR

Find out yourself how affordable we really are with our new easy-to-use **financial aid calculator**.

Just go to: www.stu.edu/financialaidcalculator and follow the step by step instructions to learn how affordable your education at St. Thomas University is.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM'S REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE IN PRESTIGIOUS LAW COMPETITION



Congratulations to the St. Thomas University School of Law's International Moot Court Team for their remarkable performance in the Southeast Regional Round of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (the world's largest moot court competition).

The St. Thomas University team placed sixth out of a total of 22 teams, beating out, in direct competition, traditional moot court powerhouse teams from Stetson University, Florida International University, and Virginia's Washington & Lee College. It also placed ahead of teams from other top Florida Schools including Nova Southeastern, Florida State and the University of Miami.

The St. Thomas University School of Law team is comprised of three oralists: Nancy Fajardo, Angela Jones, and Ravi Patel; two brief writers: Kristen Kawass and Diana Chung; as well as coach José Miceli.

SGA NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS



These are the new elected government officials, who will represent the students of each of St. Thomas University's Schools.

Biscayne College Senator: Charnele Crosdale, Criminal Justice major

School of Science, Technology, and Engineering Management Senator: Craig Curry, Biology major

School of Leadership Studies Senator: Maria Gil, Criminal Justice major

School of Theology and Ministry Senator: William John, Criminal Justice major

School of Leadership Studies Senator: Luz Peña, Political Science/Communications major

School of Theology and Ministry Senator: Kamille Ricketts, Mathematics major

School of Business Senator: Peter Symonette, Business major

Junior Class Senator: Heather Miller, Political Science major

Sophomore Class Senator: Juan Pajon, Political Science major



STU ART NEWS



St. Thomas University Sardiñas Art Gallery, in conjunction with the MA Communication Arts Art Management program, will host an evening of art exhibits and performance art March 26, 2009 from 5 – 8 pm.

The Sardiñas Gallery will host the opening and reception of Silent Voices by the National Art Exhibition by the Mentally Ill (NAEMI.) The reception will be followed by the dedication of the sculpture “The Price of Freedom,” by artist John Angée, who donated the piece to St. Thomas University. After the dedication, Art by Floyd will provide a unique live entertainment experience.



Art by NAEMI

For over 20 years NAEMI, The National Art Exhibitions by the Mentally Ill, has been dedicated to the promotion and exhibition of art work by the mentally ill. The art is naïve and done by individuals who portray a beauty, mystery and stillness to their inner visions. Through an altered state of consciousness, the artists bring their world to the viewer, with colors, line, shapes and images personal to their own inner self but child-like and primitive to the viewer. It is with great pleasure that St. Thomas University’s Gallery Director, Gale Casale, hosts this important exhibition and brings to light the work of these artists who make art outside the standard realm of creation. These exhibitions promote the artistic, accomplishments and help the public to accept the mentally ill as creative, productive citizens.



The Price of Freedom
by John Angée

John Angée, sculptor and architect is an accomplished artist with many talents. Angée most recent work a 10 foot high steel sculpture titled “The Price of Freedom” was donated to St. Thomas University. This sculpture depicts his unique style and creative use shape and imagery. The sculpture expresses the extreme sacrifices people endure for liberty, in this case the Cuban Rafter’s need to get away from a life that offers little to no protection for basic human rights. Entire families, including pregnant women and very small children, tempt the dangerous journey through treacherous seas for a better life, all in the name of freedom.”

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDENTS HELP IMMOKALEE WORKERS



Students taking the class “Spring Break Immersion Justice” by STU Center for Justice and Peace spent five days of their spring break experiencing the reality of farm workers in Florida.

The group of 12 students had the opportunity to work with social service agencies and meet extensively with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, a leading grass-roots farm workers organization that works to improve the lives and wages of farm workers.

The community based learning course is an intensive introduction to Catholic social thought on immigration, agriculture, farm labor and the reality of our food system today. The students lived the life of a farm workers from March 1 - 5, helped them work and fight for their cause.

“Spending 5 days in Immokalee and witnessing the surreal cases of abused workers and their stories about modern day slavery in America created a personal commitment in me to fight for the human rights of these workers and not stay blinded to the reality that slavery and abuses are still seating in our backyard, 2 hours away from home,” said Luz Peña, a political science sophomore who took the class.





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APRIL 9-10
UNIVERSITY CLOSED
EASTER BREAK

APRIL 23/ 6-8 PM
GRADUATE OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 25 9 AM - 1 PM
UNDERGRADUATE OPEN HOUSE

MAY 15TH
LEADERSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT
DORAL GOLF RESORT & SPA
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MAY 16
10:00 AM LAW SCHOOL
2:00 PM MAIN UNIVERSITY
COMENCEMENT CEREMONY
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