The Mission Statement

St. Thomas University is an urban, student-centered, Catholic university with rich cultural and international diversity, dedicated to developing leaders who contribute to the economic and cultural vitality of the regions they serve.

A Brief History of St. Thomas University

The seeds of St. Thomas University were planted on August 15, 1946 in Havana, Cuba, when a group of Augustinian priests from Philadelphia, led by Italian-born Fr. Lorenzo Spirale, founded the Universidad de Villanueva, Cuba's first private Catholic university.

Lorenzo Spirale was a poor immigrant from the Abruzzi mountain region of Rapino, Italy. He arrived in the U.S. with three years of primary schooling and subsequently worked as a street sweeper in Philadelphia. There he was befriended by Augustinian priests. He entered the seminary, was ordained a priest and developed an illustrious career, including the founding of the Universidad de Santo Tomas de Villanueva in Havana.

At the height of its success, the Universidad de Santo Tomas de Villanueva housed renowned Schools of Education, Business, Law, Liberal Arts, Engineering, Architecture, Economics, Psychology, and Art. By 1961 however, Fidel Castro's militia had confiscated the school's land and expelled the Augustinian Fathers.

At approximately the same time, Bishop Coleman F. Carroll, the first Catholic prelate to lead south Florida's Archdiocese of Miami, embarked on a journey to build a Catholic men's college for the region. Archbishop Carroll invited the Augustinian founders of the Universidad de Santo Tomas de Villanueva to establish the college he envisioned. With a vacant lot, limited resources, and working out of their living room with a portable typewriter, Fr. Edward J. McCarthy and Fr. Robert M. Sullivan began recruiting students and faculty. With the assistance of Judge C. Clyde Atkins, the college was fully incorporated in Miami.

Biscayne College was founded through the willingness of faculty, many of whom taught at the Universidad de Santo Tomas de Villanueva in Havana, to work for small salaries and teach multiple subjects. In 1984, Biscayne College changed its name to reflect its history and pay homage to the patron Saint of the Universidad de Santo Tomas de Villanueva. Today, St. Thomas is a Catholic university with a rich heritage and culturally diverse population, dedicated to developing leaders for life. The Mission Statement
The Tradition of Academic Regalia

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at university functions date back to the middle ages, when Monks and students of those days wore them to keep warm in the damp, draft twelfth-century castles and halls of learning. In 1894 the design was standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission; at which time it was decided that all robes would be black. Each college degree has a distinctive gown and hood. If more than one degree is held, the gown and hood of the highest degree are worn. Doctor’s gowns carry three velvet bars on full bell-shaped sleeves. The velvet trim may either be black or the color of the field of learning in which the doctorate was earned. Master’s gowns have long oblong sleeves that are open at the wrist. Bachelor’s gowns are distinguished by their full, open sleeve. Both master’s and bachelor’s wear mortar boards accompanied by a tassel. The black tassel is worn by master’s students; the bachelor’s tassel is in the color signifying the academic program, and the gold tassel is reserved for doctorate degrees. The hood worn by both doctorate and master’s professors and students is a black shell that is lined in silk with the colors of the institution conferring the degree; it is bordered with velvet of the color signifying the academic discipline in which the degree is earned.

Academic Colors

Citron:  counseling, marriage and family therapy
Drab:  accounting, business, international business, finance, health management, marketing, sports administration, executive management, organizational leadership, travel/hospitality management
Gold:  human resources, psychology, sociology, health care services, human services, computer science, computer information systems, biology, chemistry, criminal justice, political science
Light Blue:  education
Peacock:  public management
Purple:  law, justice administration
Red:  religious studies
White:  communication arts, English, history, liberal studies

The Mace

Since the earliest times, the mace has served as a symbol of power and authority and was carried for protection. During the Middle Ages, European Universities adopted use of the mace to symbolize the authority of the faculty over academic programs. The mace serves as a symbol of growth and prosperity of the university and the incorporation of former practices with new traditions.

The St. Thomas University Mace is crowned with the crucifix, which symbolizes our faith and servitude to God as a Catholic community. The sphere along with the carved map is a representation of the world, which further signifies the rich cultural and international diversity of our campus. Hearts are subtly positioned on the rod which reveals to the external community our tireless service. Much like the traditional mace, this mahogany staff embodies the strength of our institution, while personifying the life and continuous expansion of our academic traditions.
Law Student Speaker

Andreas Koutsoudakis

During his time at St. Thomas University School of Law, Mr. Koutsoudakis served as a member of the Law Review, Competition Chairperson for the 2008 Susan J. Ferrell International Moot Court Competition, Vice President of the Business Law Society, and was employed as an Active Learning Instructor for a first-year torts course and as a Research Assistant for Corporate Law Professor Pierre-Louis. Mr. Koutsoudakis was awarded numerous best student awards in various courses and pursued a joint degree, simultaneously earning his J.D. and M.B.A. in International Business in two and a half years.

Mr. Koutsoudakis was a member of both the Honorable Peter T. Fay American Inn of Court and the Honorable Stephen R. Booher American Inn of Court. In addition, Mr. Koutsoudakis served as a Judicial Intern for the Honorable Judge Adalberto Jordan of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and then worked as a Summer Transactional Intern in the Corporate Matters Division of the Law Department for the New York City Housing Authority. Most recently, he served as a Legal Intern for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, during which he was involved in the arbitration and mediation process for claims between investors and broker-dealers.

Mr. Koutsoudakis grew up in New York, a graduate of Moore Catholic High School in Staten Island. He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Management with a specialization in Entrepreneurship from Pace University in Manhattan. During his last year at Pace, Mr. Koutsoudakis was employed full-time at Koehler & Isaacs, LLP, a New York law firm, where he worked primarily in the Labor and Employment Law Division.

Currently, Mr. Koutsoudakis is working with the University of Dayton Law Review on the publication of the Article he wrote as a member of the St. Thomas Law Review entitled, “Antitrust More than a Century After Sherman: Why Protecting Competitors Promotes Competition More than Economically Efficient Mergers.” The Article will be published this February in Volume 34, Issue 2, of the University of Dayton Law Review. Mr. Koutsoudakis will be returning to New York to take the New York and New Jersey Bar Examinations, after which he plans to pursue an LL.M. degree and practice in the area of Corporate Law.
Angela Dimovski was born in Toronto, Ontario, where she completed her undergraduate degree. She received her Honors Bachelor of Science in Molecular Physiology from the University of Toronto in 2005. After working in a pathology laboratory during her last year of study, she decided to switch concentrations from clinical research to business administration in the health care industry. One year later, she moved to Miami, Florida to pursue her M.B.A. in Health Management at St. Thomas University. Ms. Dimovski worked as a graduate assistant in the St. Thomas University School of Business and as an administrative intern at a private hospital in Plantation.

Ms. Dimovski is enjoying the warm South Florida weather and plans on staying to pursue a career in the health care industry with a focus on health care management. Angela enjoys mountain biking with her boyfriend, experimenting with different recipes, and reading science journals. Ms. Dimovski aspires to attain a PhD in Public Health as she is keenly interested in the U.S. model of health care delivery. She currently devotes her time to trying to pronounce “pasta” and “sorry” like an American but is adamant that she will never say “Zee” instead of “Zed.”
César J. Baldeolomar was raised in Hialeah, FL after his family fled the tumultuous political situation in Nicaragua during the 1980's. He attended St. John the Apostle Elementary School and Monsignor Edward Pace High School, where he developed a passion for philosophy and social and environmental justice. This passion led César to pursue a double major in Global Leadership and Religious Studies with two minors in History and Philosophy at St. Thomas University.

Thanks to the guidance of many professors, particularly Dr. Joe Holland, César has had a rich undergraduate experience. In addition to belonging to several honor societies and professional organizations, he has attended competitive and prestigious seminars at the University of Notre Dame, Rutgers University, St. Louis University and Harvard University. Further, he has participated in Pax Romana Global Leadership internships at United Nations offices in New York, Paris and at Vatican offices in Rome. He has also traveled extensively as part of his undergraduate internship as the Executive Director of the Pax Romana Center for International Study of Catholic Social Teaching, a think-tank devoted to social and ecological thought and justice.

While at St. Thomas University, César won the University's writing contest for three consecutive years. He has published over thirty newspaper articles, five scholarly essays in fine undergraduate/graduate academic journals, and dozens of other publications in newsletters of different organizations. César has also edited three books, written a preface for a book, and is currently editing and contributing a chapter to a study-guide book on the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, which will be published March 2009.

César is currently teaching high school theology at Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame in Miami. He plans to attend Harvard University in the near future to pursue a dual degree in Law and Theology.
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To ensure respect for the solemnity of this ceremony for our graduates, we ask all those who have cellular phones, beepers or other electronic devices please turn the off until the end of this ceremony.

AWARDING OF DEGREES
We ask members of the audience to respect others while taking photographs during the ceremony and to hold your applause until all the candidates for a given school and degree level have received their degrees. Msgr. Casale will return to this stage after the ceremony, at which time he will be available for all those who would like to have their picture taken with him.

DURANTE LA CEREMONIA
Para garantizar respeto ante la solemnidad de la ceremonia de graduación, pedimos a todos los que tengan celulares, localizadores (beepers) y otros aparatos electrónicos, que por favor los apaguen hasta que termine la ceremonia.

ENTREGA DE DIPLOMAS
Les pedimos que sean respetuosos con las otras familias que también deseen tomar fotografías y les rogamos que contengan sus aplausos hasta que todos los graduados hayan recibido sus diplomas. El presidente, Monseñor Casale, regresará a esta plataforma después de la ceremonia para que los graduados que deseen tomarse una foto con él puedan hacerlo.
December 2008 Commencement Ceremony

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Graduates receiving honors will wear gold cords.
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- Guidance & Counseling
  - Tonjeria M. Hammond
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  - Yvette C. Ledon
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### Master of Science

- Marriage & Family Therapy
  - Kristin Nichol Anderson*
  - Maritza Diaz*
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  - Misaki Mizuma
  - Shannon Kae Monnig
  - Geralda Pigeot
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  - Jami Annette Visaya

### Bachelor of Arts

#### Liberal Arts
- Dianne Markizer*
- Cesar J. Baldeolmar
  - *Summa Cum Laude*
- Erika Blanco*
- Emmanuel Gonzalez
- James Anthony
- MacDonald IV
  - *Magna Cum Laude*
- Vandilla Patricia McClendon
- Marie S. Sanon*

#### Political Science
- Alessandra Alvarez
  - *Cum Laude*
- Kemarr Latoya Brown
  - *Magna Cum Laude*
- Aldys Desir*
- Kettlene Eloissaint
- Ana M. Garcia
  - *Cum Laude*
- Francheska Valerie Greene
- Sandra Patricia Martinez Caicedo*
- Jennifer Pena
- Katty Luz Perez-Pinon*
  - *Magna Cum Laude*
- Ingrid Nicole Robinson
- Jeisson Fernando
- Rodriguez Fajardo

### Bachelor of Arts

#### Criminal Justice
- Adriana M. Arenas*
- Johnny B. Castillo*
- Alex Meyer Chariff
- Barbara Yolanda Davis
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- Shaul Hagiel
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- Maria De La Caridad Orta

#### Human Services
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- Vandilla Patricia McClendon
- Sergio Muriel
  - *Cum Laude*
- Lirian Oquendo-Horn
- Adrian Jose Santiago*
- Stanley Gerald Solow

### Bachelor of Arts

#### Psychology
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- Sara Teixeira De Castro
- Patricia M. Dominguez**
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- Alexander S. Gervais
  - *Cum Laude*
Emmanuel Gonzalez  
Hollis F. Hunt  
Magna Cum Laude

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Randolph Richard Petit-Frere

Jennifer Ann Prada  
Zulaymis Roves*  
Kia Nicolle Simmons  
Cum Laude

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

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James Marshall  
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Idays Guallar  
Kishauna Karima Henry*

**Bachelor of Arts Sports Administration**
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Cum Laude  
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Bachelor of Business Administration
Accounting
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Summa Cum Laude
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Magna Cum Laude
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Bachelor of Business Administration
Finance
Zachary McGrew Carroll
Magna Cum Laude
Omar Shariff Grant
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Business Administration
International Business
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Master of Science
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Bachelor of Arts
Communication Arts
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*Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts
Organizational Leadership
Jose L. Alberto
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Denise Don
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Maria Teresa Toro Isava  
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\textbf{Bachelor of Arts}  
\textbf{Religious Studies}  
Cesar J. Baldeolomar  
\textit{Summa Cum Laude}  
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\textit{August 2008 Graduates}  
\textit{Agosto 2008 Graduates}  
\textit{May 2008 Graduates}  
\textit{Mayo 2008 Graduates}
University Honor Societies

Phi Delta Phi Spellman Inn
Phi Delta Phi is an organization dedicated to promoting legal culture and the highest standards of professional ethics. Founded in 1869, Phi Delta Phi is the oldest national association in the legal profession. Membership in the Spellman Inn is open to law students who are ranked in the top third of their classes. Phi Delta Phi sponsors speakers, community service activities, and social activities for students and practicing attorneys.

Kappa Gamma Pi
Kappa Gamma Pi was founded June 30, 1926, in Louisville, KY, by the Conference of Catholic Colleges for Women of the National Catholic Educational Association. Since then Kappa Gamma Pi has grown in size and scope. Originally intended for lay women graduates of Catholic colleges, the society extended membership in 1967 to members of religious orders and to those of various faith commitments, and in 1981, to eligible male graduates as well.

Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society, exemplifies excellence in leadership, scholarship, faith, and service. The diverse membership serves as a network of motivated people who support each other and the wider community in the search for justice, compassion, and wisdom. Candidates must have a 3.8 G.P.A. or above and have demonstrated leadership in university, church and community activity.

Delta Epsilon Sigma
“Delta Epsilon Sigma is the National Scholastic Honors Society for Catholic colleges and universities. The Delta Theta chapter of the society was established in 1976 and recognizes students for academic achievement and for service in enhancing the intellectual life of the university.” St. Thomas University students are eligible to join as Juniors and Seniors. The GPA requirement is that an individual be “on track” to graduate with academic honors, which means at the time of graduation a 3.55 average and sixty credit hours of standard St. Thomas University coursework (not credit-by-exam and portfolio credits) must have been achieved.

Phi Alpha Theta
Phi Alpha Theta is the official honor society for students of history. To be eligible a student must have a 3.0 overall average and a 3.2 average in all history classes taken. The society has yearly regional and national meetings where students may present papers and a journal which is open to submissions from both students and professors of history.

Psi Chi
Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology founded in 1929 for the purpose of promoting excellence in scholarship and advancing the science of psychology. Psi Chi members have the benefit of new opportunities to develop leadership skills, to network and develop one-on-one relationships with faculty and other psychology professionals, and socialize with other psychology students. Membership is open to graduate and undergraduate students with an overall GPA of 3.0 and a psychology major GPA of 3.2 after completing a minimum of 9 credits in psychology. Currently, Psi Chi has more chapters than any other honor society in baccalaureate institutions and the largest membership of any psychological organization in the world.

Honors Program
The honors program at St. Thomas University is open to all students with a GPA of 3.2 or better. The purpose of the program is to create a community of scholars. The Honors program sponsors weekly lectures by distinguished faculty during the academic year and also provides scholarship money for the highest achieving honors students as determined by grade point average.
Graduation with Honors

School of Law – Juris Doctor

Cum Laude – 3.4
Magna Cum Laude – 3.6
Summa Cum Laude – 3.8

Bachelor of Arts students earn traditional graduation honors by completing a minimum of 60 semester hours with grade point averages as follows:

Cum Laude – 3.55 to 3.74
Magna cum Laude – 3.75 to 3.89
Summa cum Laude – 3.90 to 4.00

The awarding of degrees and honors to the candidates named in this program is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the appropriate requirements by each candidate. The listing of the students’ name in this program in no way implies or insures graduation or the award of honors.

Honoress De Graduación

Facultad de Derecho - Doctorado en Jurisprudencia

Cum Laude – De 3.4
Magna Cum Laude – De 3.6
Summa Cum Laude – De 3.8

Los estudiantes que se gradúan con título de Bachelor of Arts reciben honores de graduación tradicionales completando un mínimo de 30 horas semestrales con los siguientes promedios:

Cum Laude – De 3.55 a 3.74
Magna cum Laude – De 3.75 a 3.89
Summa cum Laude – De 3.90 a 4.00

La concesión de los diplomas y honores a los candidatos en este programa depender del cumplimiento satisfactorio de los requisitos necesarios de cada candidato. El hecho de que aparezcan los nombres en este programa de ninguna manera implica o asegura la graduación o concesión de honores.
National Anthem

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed by the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land and the free and the home of the brave?

Pledge

With a solemn sense of my responsibility, I pledge myself to hold my degree as a sacred trust, an emblem of my obligation to serve, to hold it with untarnished honor to myself, in generous loyalty to St. Thomas University, and with fidelity to God, my country and my fellows.

Alma Mater

St. Thomas now, we sing our song of gladness,
To be a part of your great, honored name.
Here in this land so rich with ancient memories,
Of peoples from so many native lands.
Bless this our home and loving Alma Mater,
And make us true to her great heritage.
Born in the light of noble St. Augustine,
Her teachings stand like beacons on our shores,
Leading us to a life of love and service,
No matter where our feet will tread anew.
Keep live in us the memories now we treasure,
And bring us to Your eternal home.

Sung to the tune of "Finlandia"
J.C. Maloney, O.S.A. April 1976