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.

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.
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.

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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.
As you successfully complete your studies, I join your families and friends in extending heartfelt congratulations.

Today’s graduation is the culmination of your dedicated study, personal growth and ever deepening relationship with Almighty God, the fountain of all Truth. It is my hope that it will also be a day of commencement as you put into practice the many good things you have learned at Saint Thomas University – now to be your *alma mater* – and thereby build up the common good for all in our society.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly.
Reverend Monsignor Franklyn M. Casale


Prior to joining St. Thomas University, Msgr. Casale was the Vicar General, Chancellor and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, where he also served as a member of the Board of Trustees at Seton Hall University; Governing Board of Fair Oaks Hospital, Board of Trustees and executive committee at Bloomfield College.

He is active in a wide range of community organizations and has been a significant presence in Miami since his arrival. He has served on the Board of Governors for the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and continues to serve on the Board of Directors for the Carrfour Corporation, an organization that establishes permanent housing for the homeless. His involvements also include Palmetto General Hospital; Catholic Community Foundation, Archdiocese of Miami; Holocaust Documentation & Education Center, Inc.; Orange Bowl Committee and Fonkoze USA, an organization to enable the economic development of Haiti's poor. He was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the Governor's Haiti Advisory Group.

Msgr. Casale's leadership positions in higher education associations include Executive Council, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges; Governing Board, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; Chair, Presidents Council of Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida; Florida Association of Colleges & Universities; and Haiti-Tech, an organization he helped found that organizes and maintains a vocational/technical school in Haiti and educates over 700 students yearly.

He received his B.A. in Humanities with a concentration in Philosophy from Seton Hall University, a Bachelor in Sacred Theology (STB) from the Catholic University in Washington D.C., and his Masters of Divinity (M.Div.) from the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, New Jersey.
Keynote Speaker

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan

Dr. Wheelan currently serves as President of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is the first African American and the first woman to serve in this capacity. Her career spans 35 years and includes the roles of faculty member, chief student services officer, campus provost, college president and Secretary of Education. In several of those roles she was the first African American and/or woman to serve in those capacities.

Dr. Wheelan received her Bachelor's degree from Trinity University in Texas (1972) with a double major in Psychology and Sociology; her Master's from Louisiana State University (1974) in Developmental Educational Psychology; and her Doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin (1984) in Educational Administration with a special concentration in community college leadership.

She has received numerous awards and recognition including four honorary degrees; the Distinguished Graduate Award from Trinity University (2002), and from the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin (1992); Washingtonian Magazine's 100 Most Powerful Women in Washington, DC (2001); and the AAUW Woman of Distinction Award (2002).

She holds and has held membership in numerous local, state and national organizations including Rotary International; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; the American College Testing, Inc., board of directors; American Association of Community Colleges' board of directors; and the President's Round Table of the National Council on Black American Affairs.

Dr. Wheelan attributes her success to hard work, endurance, tenacity, and being in the right place at the right time. She recognizes that prayer and support from family and friends make anything possible.

Dr. Wheelan is the mother of an adult son named Reginald.
Michael S. McCormack

Michael McCormack holds a BA in Education from Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts and was an educator and Assistant Principal at St. Joseph’s School in the heart of Greenwich Village, New York City. After seventeen years in the educational field, he went on to develop his entrepreneurial skills in a career change that led him to the candy business, starting a homemade peanut brittle company called Nutty Ducky’s, sold in six states and fifteen different stores. After a year, the financial well ran dry despite all the financial planning and forecasting. At this juncture, he was given the gift of a Lenten retreat with Dr. Mary Carter Waren, a professor at St. Thomas University who said: “I think you need to come to Miami!” His response? “Miami? Heat and Hurricanes? I don’t know!”

Born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, this change was needed and has proven to be one of renewal. He is graduating with a Masters Degree in Pastoral Ministry from the School of Theology and Ministry. He hopes to enter work ministering to younger people as a chaplain either in a hospital or an educational setting. He is deeply grateful to his professors, faculty, staff, family and friends who have supported and renewed him for the journey over these two years. He graduates as a member of the Theta Alpha Kappa, National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology.
Ivelisse Vazquez was born December 28, 1987, in New York City and attended elementary school PS 36, Middle School 127, and Herbert H. Lehman High School. While in high school Ivelisse earned high academic honors as a member of the Chancellors Honor Roll. She served as a senior class officer, president of the Latino Club, was a member of the Multicultural club, dance team, chorus, and the photography club.

Looking for a change and wanting to broaden her horizons, Ivelisse has been an active member of the St. Thomas University family. She currently serves as Vice President of the Student Government Association in charge of clubs and organizations. She is a former president of the Global Leadership Pax Romana Society, a member of Psi Chi Honor Society and the National Honor Society for Catholic Colleges and Universities, and was a University Student Ambassador. Ivelisse is also a recipient of one of the most prestigious scholarships awarded at St. Thomas University, the James O’Mailia Scholarship. Ivelisse represented St. Thomas at the Catholic Social Teaching Seminar in 2008, and earned a paid internship at New York University School of Medicine.

Ivelisse will earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Leadership Pax Romana Liberal Studies and in Psychology, with a certification in Philosophy. Ivelisse aspires to be become a lawyer and plans to continue her studies in pursuit of a law degree. She will wed her college sweetheart in late fall. She is the daughter of Milagros Cruz and Ismael Vazquez.
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DURING THE CEREMONY

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 them 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.
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Gulsah Cetin
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Brantley Daniel
Monica Figueras

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Cum Laude

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Caryna Damaris Riveron
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Cum Laude

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Bachelors

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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 higher. 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.

HONORES DE GRADUACION

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 depende 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 hail’d by the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watch’d, 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