ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY HOLDS 6th ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Miami, Florida, September 17, 2014 – The School of Science, Technology and Engineering Management at St. Thomas University inaugurated its Summer Research Institute (SRI) five summers ago. The School’s program is geared towards minorities and first generation college students in response to the shortage of minorities studying and working in the science field. The hands-on research experience places them in an excellent position to gain entrance into graduate or professional Schools, or to directly enter the workforce in South Florida. Most students in the nation do not have this research opportunity until they reach graduate school.

September 19, in an all-day affair, 140 talented undergraduate students and 23 participating professors will gather at the Carnival Cruise Lines Building for students’ oral and poster presentations. Dean Wim Steelant announced that, for the first time, seven faculty members and 19 students involved in interdisciplinary research from the School of Business, the School of Leadership Studies and Biscayne College have joined the initiative. During lunch break, students, judges, faculty and staff will mingle at the Rodger Shay Terrace, an opportunity where judges and the public can view the projects and talk to the students.

This summer’s schedule is as follows:

- Registration, Breakfast and Poster Setup: 8:00 AM
- Invocation and comments by STU President, Monsignor Franklyn M. Casale and Dean Wim Steelant: 9:10 AM
- Program / Sessions Kick-off: 9:30 AM
- Lunch at the Grace and Rodger Shay Terrace: 12:30 – 1:00 PM
- Poster Session with Candidates: 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- Award Ceremony and Closing Remarks: 4:00 PM

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About St. Thomas University:

The only Catholic Archdiocesan-sponsored university in Florida, St. Thomas University places an institutional emphasis on justice, science, ministry and business. The STU School of Science, Technology and Engineering Management boasts state-of-the-art laboratories and a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to conduct scientific research next to doctoral-level professors who have extensively published. The University offers 25 undergraduate and 12 graduate degrees at its 145 acre campus in Miami Gardens, Florida, and through distance learning, including the oldest (and highly ranked) undergraduate program in Sports Administration in the Country. Approximately 90% of the faculty holds the highest degree in their fields and the university offers low student/teacher ratios. Rich in diversity and small in size, St. Thomas University is one of cohesiveness and collegiality where faculty are accessible and approachable, sharing a commitment to respond to student needs and support the University’s motto: “Developing Leaders for Life.”