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## **ST. THOMAS APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEE: CARL CAPUANO JOINS COLLEGE BOARD**

(SPARKILL, NY – August 20, 2007) -- Carl Capuano, Senior Vice President of Provident Bank (Montebello, NY), has been name to the St. Thomas Aquinas College Board of Trustees, announced Dr. Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, S.C., College President.

Mr. Capuano has spent 25 years in the field of commercial banking. For the past 11 years he has served as the Manager of Commercial Lending at Provident Bank. He is responsible for the day to day management of the Bank's commercial portfolio, a professional staff of 20, and the generation of commercial loans.

During Mr. Capuano's tenure at Provident Bank, the commercial loan portfolio has grown from \$65 million to over \$800 million. He serves as a member of Provident Bank's Director Loan Committee and Management Loan Committee.

Mr. Capuano has taught college-level courses for the American Institute of Banking on Commercial Lending, Financial Statement Analysis and Commercial Loan Documentation. He studied finance and computer science at Fordham University (NY) where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He earned his Masters of Business Administration in finance from Pace University (NY). He has completed professional programs at institutions including University of Virginia and University of Colorado. Currently, Mr. Capuano is enrolled in the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin.

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“Mr. Capuano’s extensive commercial banking background and his savvy as a business man will serve the College well. His continual self-development through various education programs and service to his local community exemplifies some of the ideals our College community highly values,” said Dr. Fitzpatrick.

A New York City native, Mr. Capuano now resides in Rockland County with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two children. He currently serves on the Board of Operations, Inc. Foundation of Orange County. He has served on not-for-profit boards including the Police Chiefs Association of Rockland County, the Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, the Epilepsy Society of Southern New York, and YMCA of Rockland County. He is a past member of the Allocations Committee of the United Way (Westchester/Putnam Division).

**MORE ABOUT ST. THOMAS**

The College’s 2,700 full and part time students major in one of 31 programs offered in five division areas: The Humanities; Business Administration; Social Sciences; Natural Sciences & Mathematics; and Teacher Education or are enrolled in one of our graduate programs. The College offers a full scholarship Honors Program which provides students with a Summer Study experience at Oxford University in England. In addition, there are several study abroad opportunities and strategic alliances designed to offer expanded opportunities for students. For example, students can major in mathematics at St. Thomas for three years and then enter an engineering program at either George Washington University or Manhattan College as part of a dual degree program.

St. Thomas has expanded its offerings to include: a Master of Science in Education with specializations in Literacy, Special Education, and Educational Leadership, a Post Masters Certificate program in Education, a Master of Science in Teaching, a Master of Business Administration program, a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science in Education, and an Associate of Arts and an Associate of Science degree, the latter two offered at the West Point Military Academy. In addition, St. Thomas is the host campus for a Master of Science in Social Work program offered by New York University.

The College currently includes 21 buildings, the most recent one an additional residence hall. Its most recent academic building project is Costello Hall, an Art, Sciences & Technology Building. This state-of-the-art facility includes new science labs, an art gallery and two multi-media theatres along with additional technology classrooms.