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ST. THOMAS TO HOST HONORS CONVOCATION

(SPARKILL, NY –April 9, 2007) – St. Thomas Aquinas College will induct approximately 150 students into several national honor societies and recognize 100 students named to its Dean’s List during its annual Honors Convocation on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Aquinas Hall on campus.

Dr. Joan Beairsto, O.P., professor of education and psychology and the college’s very first graduate in 1958, will be the Convocation speaker. Sr. Margaret Ryan, O.P., President of Aquinas High School and a member of the college’s board of trustees, will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Dr. Maria Roglieri, professor of foreign languages, will receive the Trustees’ Award for Excellence.

Each honor society is committed to academic excellence in their respective areas. Societies inducting students at the Convocation include: Alpha Chi for general studies; Alpha Phi Sigma for criminal justice; Chi Alpha Sigma for student-athletes; Delta Mu Delta for business administration; Kappa Delta Pi for teacher education; Kappa Mu Epsilon for mathematics; Phi Sigma Iota for Spanish; Pi Gamma Mu for social science; Psi Chi for psychology; and Sigma Tau Delta for students majoring in English.

A reception immediately follows for honorees and their guests in the Romano Student Alumni Center. For more information about the Honors Convocation, contact the College at 845-398-4020.

MORE ON DR. ROGLIERI

Dr. Roglieri has taught Italian at the College since 1995. She recently published [The Gluten-Free Guide to New York: Everything You Need To Know About GF Dining, Shopping, and Cooking in the World's Greatest City \(and Its Suburbs\)](#). The book was coauthored with the Executive Director of The Gluten Intolerance Group of North America, Cynthia Kupper. Dr. Roglieri has also published the [Gluten Free Guide to Italy](#) (2008) and [Dante and Music](#) (2001).

MORE ABOUT ST. THOMAS

The College’s 2,700 full and part time students can choose from over 60 different majors, minors, specializations, and dual degree programs across five divisions: The Humanities; Business Administration; Social Sciences; Natural Sciences & Mathematics; and Teacher Education or are enrolled in one of our graduate programs. 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. For more information on the College visit www.stac.edu.