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**ST. THOMAS NAMED TO  
PRESIDENT’S HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL  
FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

(Sparkill, NY –February 15, 2008) – The Corporation for National and Community Service named St.

Thomas Aquinas College to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth, announced Dr. Margaret Fitzpatrick, S.C., president of the College. This honor recognizes the students, faculty, and staff of St. Thomas for their help in building a culture of service and civic engagement in our nation.

“I am so proud of our students, faculty and staff here at St. Thomas for receiving this recognition for the second consecutive year. Their hard work and dedication is a model for all of us. Giving back through various community service efforts has enhanced our students’ overall learning experience and extended it beyond the classroom and into our society. It is truly an honor for our institution to receive this recognition,” said Dr. Fitzpatrick.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

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St. Thomas Aquinas College has over 40 student clubs and activities on campus. The Spartan Volunteers is one of the most active co-curricular organizations on campus and encompasses a broad assortment of service opportunities. These include teaching English to immigrants, working with the elderly in the community, and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

“College students are tackling the toughest problems in America, demonstrating their compassion, commitment, and creativity in by serving as mentors, tutors, health workers, and even engineers,” David Eisner, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service said. “They represent a renewed spirit of civic engagement fostered by outstanding leadership on caring campuses.”

The Honor Roll is jointly sponsored by the Corporation, through its Learn and Serve America program, and the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. The Corporation administers Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America, a program that supports service-learning in schools, institutions of higher education and community-based organizations. For more information, go to <http://www.nationalservice.gov>.

Contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 845-398-4020 for more information about the College.

### **MORE ABOUT ST. THOMAS**

The College has 2,700 full and part time students. Undergraduate students are offered choices of 60 different majors, minors and specializations 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' graduate offerings 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.