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**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE  
RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION:  
IACBE APPROVES BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS**

(SPARKILL, NY – January 29, 2008) – St. Thomas Aquinas College has received specialized accreditation for its Bachelor of Science and its Master of Business Administration degree programs in business through the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), (Olathe, Kansas), announced Dr. Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, S.C., president of the College.

"We are excited about this recognition from a very prestigious accrediting organization. IACBE is known internationally and our graduates who pursue careers anywhere around the globe will benefit from this accreditation. We continually build our reputation for excellence and this reinforces our own efforts to raise the bar, especially for our students who wish to pursue a career in business fields," Dr. Fitzpatrick said.

The IACBE is a leading accreditation assembly for business programs in student-centered colleges and universities throughout the world. The IACBE exists to promote, develop, and recognize excellence in business education.

St. Thomas offers several business majors at the undergraduate level including business administration, accounting, finance, and marketing, as well as minors in business administration, international business, management information systems, economics, and human resource management.

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St. Thomas' MBA classes are offered on either Friday evening, Saturday morning, or Sunday morning - each class meeting for nine sessions. Occasionally a week night class is offered. The program provides students with the option of choosing among Finance, Marketing, Management or a self designed concentration.

"This IACBE accreditation underscores the strengths of our business programs and our business faculty, since it represents an external assessment by colleagues and peers from other institutions," said Dr. John Durney, Provost and Vice President For Academic Affairs.

"And such accreditation also lends a measure of public visibility and credibility to our programs -- prospective business majors should have confidence that they will receive a quality, personalized educational experience if they choose to attend St. Thomas, and the IACBE has echoed that confidence!"

St. Thomas will hold graduate information sessions on Saturday, February 2 and March 1 at 10 a.m. and an open house for undergraduate students on Sunday, April 27 at 11 a.m. For more information on these or other events, contact the office of Admissions and Financial Aid at 845-398-4100 or visit [www.stac.edu](http://www.stac.edu).

**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. 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.