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**STAC ACCEPTING APPS FOR  
M.S.ED. IN ED LEADERSHIP!**

**(SPARKILL, NY – March 18, 2008)** – St. Thomas Aquinas College is accepting applications for the 2008 cohort of its Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.) in Educational Leadership, designed to assist teachers who are seeking school building leadership certification, announced Dr. L. John Durney, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the College.

“This is a wonderful program for professionals in education wishing to pursue a career at the administration level. It will prepare teachers for challenges as leaders at the school building level,” said Dr. Robert Searson, Director of the Graduate Teacher Education Program at St. Thomas Aquinas College.

Applications will be accepted through May 1, 2008 for the program which can be completed in 14 months of part-time study. Classes will be held on select Saturdays during the regular semesters and on weekdays during the summer months with a reduced class meeting schedule and an online component. The program leads to eligibility for New York State School Building Leader (SBL) certification.

St. Thomas also offers up to two Kaplan Scholarships to new students in this program. This partial tuition award is made possible through Dr. Naomi Kaplan, an honorary alumna of the College.

The College offers initial Teacher Education Programs at the baccalaureate level in Childhood Education, Childhood and Special Education, and Adolescence Education. The M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership along with the M.S.Ed. in Literacy, the M.S.Ed. in Special Education, and the Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.T.) represent the programs available on the graduate level.

An informational session will be held on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. for individuals interested in learning about Graduate Education programs offered at the college. For more information about the M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership, or the College’s other teacher education graduate programs, contact the Graduate Admissions Office at (845) 398-4100 or e-mail [admissions@stac.edu](mailto:admissions@stac.edu).

**More on STAC’s Graduate Teacher Education Program**

The mission of St. Thomas’ Teacher Education Program is to prepare educators who are informed decision-makers who create effective learning opportunities for all students. They are effective communicators and collaborators and can create supportive, inclusive environments for learning. St. Thomas’ teachers become fully acquainted with the realities of the 21st century classroom. All initial and advanced Teacher Education Programs are nationally recognized and accredited by The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. For more information on the College visit [www.stac.edu](http://www.stac.edu).