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STAC HOLDS INFO SESSION FOR GRAD ED PROGRAMS

(SPARKILL, NY –October 22, 2008) – St. Thomas Aquinas College will host a Graduate Information Session for individuals interested in the College's Master of Science in Education, Master of Science in Teaching, or post graduate studies in Education on Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. For reservations or more information, contact the Graduate Admissions Office at 845-398-4100 or e-mail admissions@stac.edu.

The Master of Science in Education programs enable teachers to enhance and/or expand on their teaching careers. Literacy, Special Education and Educational Leadership are three specializations offered. The graduate education program also offers post-grad certificates in Literacy and Special Education.

The M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership prepares teachers for leadership opportunities at the school building level as assistant principals, principals or curriculum specialists. The program leads to eligibility for N.Y.S. School Building Leader (SBL) certification.

The College's Master of Science in Teaching program is designed for bachelor's degree holders who now want to become teachers. This program enables individuals to shift careers and become certified to teach in a subject area, based on their prior undergraduate degree area.

St. Thomas' Teacher Education Programs have been awarded NCATE accreditation. The college offers initial Teacher Education Programs at the baccalaureate level in Childhood Education, Childhood and Special Education, and Adolescence Education.

"We're extremely proud of our NCATE certification and our current students and alumni should be equally proud to participate in a teacher preparation program that is second to none," said Dr. Meenakshi Gajria, chairperson of the division of teacher education.

Most graduate education courses are offered in the late afternoon and evening, as well as during the summer months to work with teaching schedules.

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.