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## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE NAMED TO PRESIDENTIAL HONOR ROLL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

**(SPARKILL, NY – February 9, 2009)**– The Corporation for National and Community Service honored St. Thomas Aquinas College today with a place on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities, announced Dr. Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, S.C., College President.

“I am so proud of our students, faculty and staff here at St. Thomas for receiving this recognition for the third 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 innovation 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.

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.

“In this time of economic distress, we need volunteers more than ever.” said Stephen Goldsmith, vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees the Honor Roll. “We salute St. Thomas for making community service a campus priority, and thank the millions of college students who are helping to renew America through service to others.”

Overall, the Corporation honored six schools with Presidential Awards. In addition, 83 were named as Honor Roll With Distinction members and 546 schools as Honor Roll members. In total, 635 schools were recognized. A full list is available at [www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll](http://www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll).

The Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation, in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is presented during the annual conference of the American Council on Education.

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 [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov).

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The College's 2,700 full and part time students can choose from 97 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](http://www.stac.edu).

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