



Dear St. Thomas Parents and Families,

In just a few short weeks, the excited buzz of students will once again return to campus. New students will march through the arches, seniors will be discussing internships and interviews. Wherever they are in their journey, it is my deep hope that each one of our students sees St. Thomas as a partner in forging a life of purpose and meaning.

The whole-person formation of our students is our number one priority. We do that by providing stellar academic opportunities, of course, but we also prioritize providing the life experiences, mentorship, and support our students need to discern how their interests, beliefs, and gifts can meet the world's needs.

In this newsletter you will find a great deal of information about resources aimed at supporting students academically, mentally, and spiritually. I always remind students that college will invariably bring challenges, and those can be the times that stretch us in important ways. But they don't have to navigate those challenges alone. We are here to walk the journey with them and to help them find meaning and growth along the way.

I encourage our students and families to use these resources - and use them often. That's why we're here. As a university, we are called to help every one of our students find a vocation, be their best selves, and contribute towards a better world for all.

As the father of three college-age daughters, I know that the college journey is a weighty milestone for parents too. We never take for granted the enormous privilege we have in guiding the development of your beloved sons and daughters. We are so fortunate to have them - and you - in our St. Thomas community.

With warm regard,

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