

## **SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY FATHERS' CLUB PRESENTS ANNUAL AWARDS**

**MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., May 13, 2009** – The Saint Thomas Academy Fathers' Club presented its annual awards at the Father/Son Banquet held Tuesday, May 5. The three awards honor an outstanding volunteer, faculty member and junior student.

### **The Archbishop John R. Roach Volunteer Award**

This award was established soon after the passing of the Archbishop in honor of his memory and his many lasting contributions to the school. Archbishop Roach was a professor, dean of students, and founder and headmaster of the Academy in Mendota Heights. Each year the Fathers' Club honors an individual volunteer who has demonstrated uncommon leadership and effort in the betterment of the school.

2009 Recipient - Bill Sullivan '69 of Minneapolis

### **The Michael Rongitsch Faculty Award**

This award was established after the passing of Mike Rongitsch, beloved mathematics teacher and coach, to honor a faculty or staff member who best exemplifies the spirit of the Academy and honors Rongitsch's memory.

2009 Recipient - Caroline Little, French teacher

### **The Nicholas Masciopinto Leadership Award**

This award memorializes the life of Nicholas Masciopinto '03, who taught us how to live, laugh and learn fully, without judgment or prejudice and with hope, faith and perseverance. This award is given to a junior student, who, through dedicated and disciplined commitment, has exercised his talents to the betterment of the Academy and the community at large.

2009 Recipient – C. McFadden '10

### **About Saint Thomas Academy**

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, college preparatory, Catholic, military/leadership school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, morally and physically in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit [www.cadets.com](http://www.cadets.com) <<http://www.cadets.com>> .

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