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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY TEAMS WINS STATE ECONOMICS CHALLENGE

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., April 23, 2008 – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that its Economics Challenge team, consisting of seniors J. Davis of Mendota Heights, C. Evans of North Oaks, E. Harms of Farmington, and C. Nocker of Woodbury, recently won the Minnesota Economics Challenge. Economics teacher Dean Simmons is the team moderator. The competition tests of students economic understanding and reasoning abilities in both individual and team categories.

Saint Thomas advances to the online Heartland Multi-State Regional Economics Challenge on Tuesday, April 29. The winning team and their teacher in the Multi-State Regional will each receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and advance to the national finals in New York City on May 17-19, 2008.

Economics Challenge is sponsored in Minnesota by Ameriprise Financial and the Minnesota Council on Economic Education. Other sponsors include Minnesota Power, which supports the *Lake Superior Economics Challenge*. The Minnesota state competition is also supported by a grant from the National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) and the Goldman Sachs Foundation.

Economics Challenge originated in Minnesota in 1987 to promote student interest in economics, reinforce classroom instruction, advance academics and school spirit and reward scholarship. The competition was first held nationally in 2000.

The Minnesota Council on Economic Education is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, founded in 1961. The mission of the Minnesota Council is to provide Minnesotans with the economic and financial understanding they need to function effectively in a complex, global environment. The Council reaches students through training for teachers, student competitions such as *Economics Challenge*, distribution of quality curriculum materials to teachers, community education, and research. The Minnesota Council's programs are delivered statewide through six centers for economic education in Mankato, Moorhead, St. Cloud, Duluth, and the Twin Cities.

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>> .

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