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THREE SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY STUDENTS RECEIVE SALUTE TO YOUTH SERVICE AWARD

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., April 24, 2008 – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that three cadets have been honored with a *Salute to Youth* award, recognizing their achievements in volunteer projects, academia, sports, spiritual development and family. Chosen for the award were seniors: R. Kelly of Mendota Heights, G. Kleinschmidt of Hastings and M. Miley of St. Paul.

The awards program has recognized Twin Cities students in their senior years for more than 50 years. Originally hosted by the Inter-Club Council, the program is now hosted by Degree of Honor, a St. Paul fraternal insurance society.

About the Recipients

Kelly plays the piano at the Keystone Nursing Home and has volunteered with the memory loss and elderly residents at Cerenity Senior Care. He is a campus minister and a member of the Academy's marching band, jazz band, worship band, musical pit orchestra and VISTA Theater. He is a staff member of the school yearbook, newspaper and literary magazine. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar and a 2007 Boys State delegate.

Kleinschmidt traveled to the Philippines last summer for a service trip to help the poor. He assists in leading the Young Life group at his church and served as a senior retreat leader in school. He was named All-Conference in football, received the Torch Award and won a silver and gold medal for the National Latin Exam.

Miley is the oldest of nine children. He volunteers monthly at Feed My Starving Children and is a teacher's aide at Johnson Elementary School. He is a member of the Academy's Experimental Vehicle Team, school newspaper, yearbook staff, Spanish Club and KEE Club. He is a past recipient of the Commandant's Award for Service and Leadership.

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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Photo caption: L to R: G. Kleinschmidt of Hastings, M. Miley of St. Paul and R. Kelly of Mendota Heights, seniors at Saint Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights, recently received a Salute to Youth Service Award for their achievements in volunteer projects, academia, sports, spiritual development and family. The annual awards are hosted by Degree of Honor, a St. Paul fraternal insurance society.