

**SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY ALUMNI HONOR CLASSMATE WITH
ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AND EDITORS AWARD**
Cerebral Palsy Hasn't Dampened Tom Pauly's Love for Academy and Life

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., Nov. 24, 2008 – In honor of their classmate and his love for Saint Thomas Academy, the 1955 graduates of Saint Thomas Military Academy have established the Thomas J. Pauly '55 Endowed Scholarship Fund and the Thomas J. Pauly Editors Award. Pauly, who has had cerebral palsy his entire life, was surprised by his classmates at a special formation in his honor on Oct. 21.

His classmates presented Pauly with a plaque reading, "The Thomas J. Pauly '55 Endowed Scholarship Fund was created and funded by members of the Class of 1955 and other friends to honor Mr. Thomas J. Pauly '55 for his service, dedication and belief in his education at Saint Thomas Military Academy."

Tom Lee '55 said, "Tom Pauly has always been very physically challenged and yet has had a positive attitude in spite of those challenges. He hasn't let his physical limitations keep him from living life. Even when attending the Academy, he participated in all the marching and military activities. Our class wanted to recognize Tom for his inspiration to others and love of the Academy."

At the assembly, senior cadet B. Lee of Edina (no relation to Tom Lee) was surprised to be named the first recipient of the Thomas J. Pauly '55 Editors Award. Lee, the editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, *The Citation*, received the award and the \$500 prize for his commitment to the writing and production of the newspaper. As editor, Lee leads six editors in the publishing of five or six issues of the newspaper during the year.

"The alumni community at Saint Thomas Academy helps make the school great," Lee said. "It means a lot to me to be the first recipient of the Pauly Award, because it is an award given by the alumni to honor their classmate."

Lee also received a plaque, his reading, "This certificate is presented to B. Lee on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 as the inaugural recipient of the Thomas J. Pauly Editors Award for his contributions and leadership as the Editor-in-Chief of the Saint Thomas Academy Citation for the 2008-2009 Academic Year."

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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