

TWO SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY FACULTY MEMBERS TO RECEIVE A 2010 MINNESOTA PRIVATE AND INDEPENDENT EDUCATION AWARD

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., April 27, 2010 – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that two faculty members will receive a 2010 Minnesota Private and Independent Education Award from the Minnesota Independent School Forum <<http://www.misf.org/>> at its awards reception on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

Mark Westlake, physics instructor and moderator of the Saint Thomas Academy Experimental Vehicle Team <<http://www.staevt.com/>> (EVT) will receive a Story Award in the Program category for his work with the EVT. Elliott Hays, technical director for VISTA Productions, the joint Saint Thomas Academy and Convent of the Visitation School theater program, is a finalist for the Honor Teacher award in the 9-12 category.

The 2010 Minnesota Private and Independent Education Awards recognize excellence in Minnesota's private and independent school community and is the only statewide awards event for non-public education. The individuals, organizations and programs recognized at the awards celebration will exemplify the strength of private schools, the support of the community, and the many notable outcomes of their efforts to deliver and improve K-12 education in Minnesota. The award categories include: Honor Teacher (K-8) and Honor Teacher (9-12); Story Awards: Against-All-Odds, Behind-the-Scenes, Community Champion and Program.

The event will be held at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Minneapolis on Thursday, April 29, 2010, 4 to 7 p.m.

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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