



Dr. Sinda K. Vanderpool **Class of 1991**

Dr. Sinda K. Vanderpool became the 10th President of the University of St. Thomas in 2025, bringing more than two decades of leadership experience in Catholic and Christian higher education. Prior to her appointment, she served as President and Vice-Chancellor of St. Mary's University in Calgary, where she guided the institution through a period of growth and innovation.

Before her presidential roles, Dr. Vanderpool spent 18 years at Baylor University, where she advanced student success initiatives and most recently served as Associate Vice Provost for Student Success. A scholar of French literature, she earned her Ph.D. from Princeton University and her B.A. with high honors from Davidson College.

Dr. Vanderpool is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the International Women's Forum. She has also served as the PI for successful federal, state and foundation grants. She was nominated as a Business in Calgary leader and has been honored with the URSA Leadership Award for expanding undergraduate research opportunities. She is active in professional organizations including the American Council on Education the Council of Independent Colleges, and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

At University of St. Thomas, Dr. Vanderpool is leading efforts to advance student success for students across Houston and beyond. She is focusing on strengthening the University's Catholic mission and expanding national awareness and academic excellence for the University.