

## **Thomas Upgrades Alumni System: Fourth in the Nation**

Thomas College completed an upgrade to its alumni IT services during the first week of January. Thomas was the fourth college in the nation to upgrade its Windows Live @ EDU system to version 2. Since October 2006, Thomas has partnered with Microsoft to provide all alumni free e-mail-for-life and other IT services residing on the Hotmail/Windows Live site.

Thomas alumni have the following items through the Windows Live partnership:

- an @[alumni.thomas.edu](mailto:alumni.thomas.edu) e-mail address and Windows Live ID (formerly Passport ID)
- the ability to receive alerts on cell phones when new e-mails arrive
- an address book
- a calendar
- the ability to synchronize these items with other Microsoft office products
- 2Gb of storage space
- access to all "Sign In" areas of MSN/Windows Live

The version 2 upgrade provides the following enhanced features to our alumni:

- The ability to rename/change e-mail addresses (available now)
- Use of the new Windows Live Mail interface (available now) with Thomas logo and links to specific pages on our web site (coming in the next few days)
- Increased storage space to 4Gb (coming in Spring 2007)