Southern Methodist University and Santander Offer Study Abroad Opportunities for Art History Students

Boston, May 21, 2015 – Southern Methodist University (SMU) and Santander Bank, N.A. announced today a philanthropic agreement for the Bank’s Santander Universities to support international travel for students in SMU’s art history program.

“As a graduate of Southern Methodist University, I can attest to the rewarding educational experience and the wonderful opportunities that students can participate in at SMU,” said Tom Dundon, CEO of Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc. “Study abroad programs give students the opportunity to discover themselves, while experiencing different styles of education. They also learn about new cultures and countries that broaden their perspective of the world.”

Santander will provide scholarships to students in the art history program in SMU’s Meadows School of the Arts who study abroad in Spain or Latin America. Students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture and language, while visiting museums, conducting research on works of art, and building a network of contacts in the art industry.

“SMU is committed to offering its students challenging opportunities to study abroad as part of the University’s pledge to produce graduates who are ready to step out and change the world,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “As Tom Dundon can attest from his own experiences here, this gift from Santander will be well used and is much appreciated.”

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