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### **FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RETAINS #7 SPOT IN *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S* ANNUAL RANKING OF AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES AND CAPTURES #1 RANK IN FLORIDA**

**MIAMI, September 6, 2006** – Florida International University's (FIU) College of Business Administration today announced it has retained its position in the *U.S. News and World Report's* ranking of business schools nationwide with undergraduate programs focusing on international business. Extensively well-known for these types of programs and diversity among students and faculty, the College of Business Administration takes the number one spot in Florida and continues to rank at number seven in the U.S. in this category.

*U.S. News and World Report's* annual ranking, *America's Best Colleges 2007*, is considered a key reference tool for students and families evaluating top-quality collegiate programs.

"Being named among the best business schools in the country by *U.S. News's* renowned rankings strengthens the sense of dedication our faculty, students, and community have to achieving excellence," said Joyce Elam, executive dean of FIU's College of Business Administration. "We are always forging ahead to the future of business education, and we will continue striving to prepare students to become brilliant, well-rounded, professionals able to take on any challenge posed by large, multinational corporations and small businesses alike."

"We are very excited to have maintained our status of excellence this year. The commitment made year after year by the student body, our top-notch faculty, and our dedicated staff have made the College of Business Administration what it is today," said FIU President Modesto A. Maidique. "We take pride in the quality of our international business programs and are very pleased that all the academic tools and services of the university are recognized worldwide. Being in such a culturally diverse city as Miami, FIU is a true hub of its complex global business arena. Rightfully so, it is an honor to be leading the ranks in the state of Florida."

#### **About Florida International University's College of Business Administration**

Florida International University's College of Business Administration, South Florida's leading business school with unique expertise in international business, entrepreneurship, and a broad range of financial services, is the largest of the university's professional schools. It also is well known for its innovative, market-driven, technology-enabled educational programs for both degree- and non-degree-seeking business professionals in South Florida and beyond. Among the college's more than 30,000 alumni are some of South Florida's most successful business and civic leaders and entrepreneurs. Approximately 6,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate business courses in its R. Kirk Landon Undergraduate School of Business and more than 1,000 graduate students study attend its Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., Graduate School of Business every year. Another 1,000+ professionals participate annually in one or more of its professional and executive education programs.

For additional information about the college, its Landon Undergraduate School of Business, and its Chapman Graduate School of Business, please visit the college's Web site at <http://business.fiu.edu> or call Dr. Sally M. Gallion at 305-348-6631.