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FIU’s COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES
2003 BETA GAMMA SIGMA INDUCTEES

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – (June 9, 2003) – Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA) recently announced the 2003 inductees into Beta Gamma Sigma, a national honor society dedicated to encouraging and honoring academic achievement in the study of business and personal and professional excellence in the practice of business.

Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest international recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in an undergraduate, master's or doctoral program at a school accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The 2003 FIU College of Business students, who were inducted into the society at a recent awards ceremony, include:

Fort Lauderdale
- Connie L. LaFlamme and Jose F. Perez-Rivas

Lauderhill
Nardia Bailey

Coral Springs
Paivi Merilainen

Davie
- William Wilson

Weston
- Jessica Sanders

Pembroke Pines
- Marc Bernard, Curtis James, Joshua Scott Mcleod and Anya Swann

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“We’re extremely proud of our students who were inducted into this prestigious society,” said Executive Dean of the College of Business Administration Joyce J. Elam. “We realize this is an honor bestowed upon a select group of students and are thrilled to be educating such a fine group of talented and dedicated future business leaders.”

To be eligible for membership, the academic ranking of those being considered must place them in the upper 7 percent of the junior class, upper 10 percent of the senior class or upper 20 percent of the graduating master’s class. While almost 300,000 students receive bachelor’s or master’s degrees in business in the U.S. each year, only about 19,000 students are elected to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma.

Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA), South Florida’s business education leader with unique expertise in international business, entrepreneurship, and information technology (IT), is the largest of FIU’s professional schools. It enrolls approximately 3,400 students in its undergraduate program and more than 1,100 graduate students in its Chapman Graduate School of Business each year. It also is South Florida’s top-rated business research school and one of only 435 business schools in the world accredited by the AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The College’s Chapman School offers the 6th-largest part-time MBA program among this group. Business Week (October 21, 2002) ranked it among the best in the U.S., placing it in the group with American, Fordham, George Washington, South Carolina, Syracuse, Rutgers, Tulane, and others. The August 23, 2002 issue of America Economia, a premier pan-regional business journal, rated it among the top 50 international MBA schools for Latin American students. Hispanic Business (March 2002) ranked the CBA among the top five business schools for Hispanics. The College also is one of only 30 business schools to have received a Department of Education grant to establish and support an international business center. For additional information about the CBA and its Chapman School, please call Assistant Dean Sally Gallion, (305) 348-6631.

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