BALL-LLOVERA NAMED ASSOCIATION OF LATINO PROFESSIONALS IN FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SOUTH REGION STUDENT OF THE YEAR

MIAMI, Aug. 24, 2005 – Vanessa Ball-llovera, a senior accounting major at Florida International University’s College of Business Administration, was named South Region Student of the Year by the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA). The announcement was made by Zameer Upadhya, president of the ALPFA Miami Chapter.

Ball-llovera, who will graduate in December 2005, served on the board of the FIU Accounting Association (FIUAA) for six semesters, holding a number of positions, including President. She interned at Johnson & Johnson for two summers, which allowed her to get a feel for private accounting. Ball-llovera will also be interning with Ernst & Young beginning in January 2006.

A native of Miami, Ball-llovera loves the beach and water sports. She also enjoys playing sports such as volleyball and going out with friends.

According to Ball-llovera, the networking events in ALPFA were the biggest advantage to her.

About ALPFA
The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) is the leading professional association dedicated to enhancing opportunities for Latinos in the accounting, finance and related professions. The ALPFA Miami Chapter, founded in 2003, is the second largest chapter in the nation. The association strives to offer its members more exposure, better recognition, and a huge networking arena of professionals. The Miami Chapter’s case study team has placed 2nd and 3rd in national competitions, and in the last four years, this chapter has had three Students of the Year at the South Region and one Student of the Year at nationals.

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