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MUNGUIA NAMED ASSOCIATION OF LATINO PROFESSIONALS IN FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING MEMBER OF THE YEAR

MIAMI, Aug. 24, 2005 – Manuel Munguia, an accounting major from Florida International University’s College of Business Administration, has been named by The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) as the ALPFA South Region Member of the Year. The announcement was made by Zameer Upadhya, president of the ALPFA Miami Chapter.

Munguia is an auditor at BDO Seidman, and will be sitting on the ALPFA national board as student director beginning October 2005 for two years. Notably, Munguia is slated to be the next president of the ALPFA Miami Chapter.

A native of Managua, Nicaragua, Munguia is slated to graduate from the College’s School of Accounting in August 2005. One of his most satisfying achievements has been the creation of the first—and only—high school chapter of ALPFA.

“I went to Braddock Senior High School and wanted to start a chapter there so that high school kids could learn about accounting careers and ALPFA at a young age,” said Munguia.

Munguia lines up a speaker a month to address the 35 student members, and has helped raise scholarship funds every year.

“The money, which has been as much as $1,500, can be used by the recipient toward tuition at any school he or she gets into,” he said.

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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