UPADHYA NAMED ASSOCIATION OF LATINO PROFESSIONALS IN FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING MOST PROMISING BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

MIAMI, Aug. 24, 2005 – Zameer Upadhya, a 2002 accounting graduate of Florida International University’s College of Business Administration and auditor at BDO Seidman, was named Most Promising Business Person of the Year. The announcement was made by Manny Espinoza, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance & Accounting.

Upadhya, founded the Florida International University (FIU) chapter of ALPFA in 2001, was the first student to sit on the national board, and is the current president of the ALPFA Miami Chapter. In 2002, he was named National Student of the Year for his achievements.

Upadhya has been praised for significantly growing the ALPFA Miami Chapter up to 680 members, as well as raise $20,000 in scholarships. In May, the FIU student chapter recognized him as Most Supportive Professional.

Upadhya credits the accounting program at FIU and the student chapter of ALPFA with contributing to his success.

“I chose the program at FIU because I knew it would be tough, so my knowledge base would be greater. That has helped me in every job,” he said. “ALPFA helped me from a development perspective, opening doors to businesses because of my active involvement.”

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.
About Florida International University College of Business Administration
Florida International University College of Business Administration, South Florida’s leading business school with unique expertise in international business, entrepreneurship, and information technology (IT) strategy, is the largest of the University’s professional schools. Among the College’s more than 25,000 alumni are some of South Florida’s most successful business leaders and entrepreneurs. Approximately 6000 students are enrolled in undergraduate business courses in its R. Kirk Landon Undergraduate School of Business and more than 800 graduate students study in its Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., Graduate School of Business every year. Another 1,000 participate annually in one or more of its professional and executive education programs.

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