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FIU’s COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SELECTED AS RECIPIENT OF 2003 KAUFFMAN COLLEGIATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP NETWORK GRANT

$50,000 Grant to Support the Development of Entrepreneurship Teaching, Research, and Service

MIAMI, Fla. – (March 7, 2003) – Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA) was recently selected as a recipient of a 2003 Kauffman Collegiate Entrepreneurship Network grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation of Kansas City. As defined by the grant criteria, the funds will support the enhancement of teaching, research, and service in the area of entrepreneurship. The $50,000 grant will be matched by an equivalent amount in state funds.

“We are thrilled that the College was selected to receive this prestigious grant and are honored to be part of the Kauffman Collegiate Entrepreneurship Network,” said CBA Executive Dean Joyce J. Elam. “One of the College’s main focuses is entrepreneurship. This grant will help us continue to strengthen existing and develop new programs devoted to entrepreneurship to ensure we are providing the best resources for our students as well as for the business communities we serve.”

According to Elam, the initial proposed initiatives the grant will support include establishing an ongoing lecture series showcasing leading entrepreneurs from around the country. The series, to be entitled “The Kauffman Thought Leaders in Entrepreneurship,” will increase awareness of the interdisciplinary academic basis of entrepreneurship among business and engineering faculty. The “Thought Leaders” also will serve as advisors for the College’s proposed Center for Global Entrepreneurship, an endowment for which is being sought. The funds will support the College’s annual Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony as well.

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Additionally, the College will use the grant funds to support continued interdisciplinary faculty and curriculum development in entrepreneurship and family business and to enhance experiential learning programs, including the College’s annual business plan competition, that provide students with hands-on experience and internship opportunities with entrepreneurial firms throughout the region.

By receipt of this grant, the CBA has joined the Kauffman Collegiate Entrepreneurship Network – a network of more than 120 colleges and universities with an interest in advancing entrepreneurship. As part of the Kauffman Network, colleges and universities have access to resources and knowledge enabling them to advance entrepreneurship at their individual institutions. The Kauffman Network focuses on peer learning, the dissemination of best practices, and the facilitation of a collaborative environment.

The Kauffman Foundation embraces the ideal that every college student with a dream of being an entrepreneur will have access to the educational resources necessary to achieve that dream.

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 third tier group along 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.

Additionally, the Academy of Management Journal (December 2000) published a study that ranked its IT faculty among the top 20 (11th) in the U.S. in terms of research productivity and, -more-
just recently, *OR/MS Today* (December 2002) published another study that ranked the IT faculty 7th in the U.S. among universities surveyed in terms of their research productivity in flagship INFORMS journals between 1990-2002. 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.

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation of Kansas City works with partners to encourage entrepreneurship across America and improve the education of children and youth. The Kauffman Foundation was established in the mid-1960s by the late entrepreneur and philanthropist Ewing Marion Kauffman. More information about the Kauffman Foundation is available at [www.emkf.org](http://www.emkf.org).

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