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FIU’s COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROFESSOR RECOGNIZED BY PRESTIGIOUS BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

MIAMI, FL – (April 8, 2002) – Leonardo Rodriguez, a professor of Accounting at Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA), was recently named Business Man of the Year by the Interamerican Businessmen Association (IBA) and first vice president for the Interamerican Accounting Association (IAA).

A long-standing member of the IBA, Rodriguez has held several positions in the organization, including president of the Miami Chapter, international president and chairman of the board of past-international presidents. The group, which was founded in Miami in 1960, was established to help preserve free enterprise and promote the flow of ideas in the international market. Since then, the IBA has grown to eleven chapters with more than 1,300 members throughout the Americas.

“Dr. Rodriguez’s commitment to the association and his enthusiasm for education is commendable,” said Dr. Jorge Ripa, International President of the IBA. “We are delighted to present him with this well-deserved honor.”

In addition to his award, Rodriguez was named first vice president for the IAA, an organization that helps advance the accounting profession through research, auditing, education, and technology development. During his eight years as an IAA member, Rodriguez has chaired the accreditation committee and twice chaired the education committee. He will remain vice president until Sept. 2003, when he becomes president of the association.

“Dr. Rodriguez works tirelessly to encourage and uphold the highest professional standards within the accounting profession,” said CBA Executive Dean Joyce J. Elam. “He sets a fine example for his students and colleagues and is a -more-
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wonderful asset to the College.”

Rodriguez’s research has appeared in numerous publications, including the Florida Journal of International Law, Hispanic Business, Diario Las Americas, American Journal of Small Business and others. He also is author and co-author of four books: Accounting for Small Business; Small and Medium Enterprise Cases; Managerial Accounting, and Planning, Organizing and Directing Small Enterprises. He has taught and consulted at universities throughout the Americas and is a member of the American Accounting Association and the Academy of Management.

Rodriguez earned his first bachelor’s degree in Management from Florida State University, and a second in Accounting from the University of Miami, where he also received his MBA in Management. He is listed in the first edition of Who’s Who Among Hispanic Americans and was a Fulbright professor at the Universidad Santiago de Chile.

Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA), South Florida’s business education leader with unique expertise in international business and information technology (IT), is the second largest of FIU’s professional schools, enrolling approximately 3,800 undergraduate and more than 900 graduate students each year. It also is South Florida’s top-rated business research school and one of only 411 business schools in the world accredited by the AASCB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The College’s Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., Graduate School of Business offers the 8th largest part-time MBA program among this group, and its IT faculty has been ranked among the top 20 (11th) in the U.S. in terms of research productivity. Its Executive MBA and full-time International MBA programs were ranked at or near the top in recent Executive MBA Council and AACSB International benchmarking studies respectively. U.S. News and World Report (Oct. 15, 2001) ranked its Global Executive MBA program among the top 25 best online MBA programs. The Sept. 13, 2001, issue of America Economia, a premier Pan-regional business journal published by Dow Jones, listed the CBA among the top 50 business schools from around the world for Latin American business students. Hispanic Business (March 2002) ranked the CBA among the top five business schools for Hispanics. It
also is one of only 28 business schools to have received a Department of Education grant to establish and support an international business center.

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