MIAMI, Fla. – (June 29, 2004) – Joyce J. Elam, Executive Dean of Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA), recently appointed Michael Pustizzi to her Alumni Circle.

The Circle consists of a dynamic group of mid- to senior-level CBA alumni who serve as advisors to Elam and as role models for current and future alumni. The group also lends its business expertise to help strengthen the College’s curricular and research efforts.

Pustizzi, who received his MBA through the College’s Global Executive Program, is the Director of Human Resources Compensation, Organization and Staffing at Telemundo Network. As such, he is responsible for the planning, development and management of strategic initiatives that affect the organization and its staffing needs. Pustizzi lends his time to the United Way and helps with local blood drives. He also is the founder and chairperson for the Southwest Broward Human Resources Consortium.

Florida International University’s 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 30,000 alumni are some of South Florida’s most successful business leaders and entrepreneurs. Approximately 5,000 students are enrolled in its undergraduate business programs and more than 800 graduate students study in its Chapman Graduate School of Business every year. Another 1,000 participate annually in one or more of its professional and executive education programs.

The College is one of only 480 business schools in the world—about 25% of all business schools—accredited by the AACSB International—The Association to
Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. It ranks in the top 10 among these schools in the number of students it graduates each year, and its Chapman School offers the 6th largest part-time MBA program among them. *U.S. News & World Report* (2004) ranked the College’s undergraduate international business programs the 14th best in the nation and its graduate international business programs among the top 25 in the U.S. (*Best Graduate Schools 2005*)—the only Florida business school to make both lists. *Business Week* (October 21, 2002) also ranked the College among the best in the U.S., placing it in the group with American, Fordham, George Washington, South Carolina, Syracuse, Rutgers, Tulane, and others. For the past three years, *America Economia*, a premier pan-regional business journal, has rated it among the top 50 MBA schools for Latin American students. For the last five years, *Hispanic Business* has ranked the College among the top 25 business schools for Hispanics. *Hispanic Trends* (Summer 2003) ranked the College in its list of the Top 25 MBA programs for Latinos—the only Florida business school to make the cut. Additionally, in March 2004, *HispanicMagazine.com* ranked the school in its Top 25 colleges for Latinos. The College also is one of only 30 business schools to have received a U.S. Department of Education grant to establish and support a Center for International Business Education and Research.

For additional information about the CBA and its Chapman School, please call Assistant Dean Sally Gallion at (305) 348-6631, e-mail gallions@fiu.edu or visit the College’s website at http://cba.fiu.edu.