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SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING AT FIU’s COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
THE NATION’S LARGEST, ACCORDING TO WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT

MIAMI, Fla. – (August 23, 2004) – Universities across the country are experiencing record enrollments in their accountancy programs, and according to The Wall Street Journal (WSJ), the School of Accounting at Florida International University’s (FIU) College of Business Administration (CBA) takes top-ranking as the nation’s largest.

In a recent article the WSJ reported that the CBA’s program registered a 43 percent hike in enrollment between 2000 and 2003. The school prevails as the premier producer of accountants in the U.S., surpassing such prestigious institutions as the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

“The accolades keep coming,” said Executive Dean of the CBA Joyce J. Elam. “The College owes its successes to the excellent professors, dedicated students and supportive business people in our community who together are continuing to build the recognition of this great business school.”

The statistics included in the WSJ article were provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the national professional organization for all CPAs. The AICPA has noted that in the School of Accounting’s relatively short 30-year history, it has produced two Gold Medals on the CPA exam, which denote the top score in the nation; a Silver Medal, for the second-highest score in the nation, and four Florida Top-10 awards, including one for the highest marks in the state.

“We knew we were one of the best in quality, but we didn’t know we were the best in size, too,” said Manuel Dieguez, associate director School Accounting. “Our accounting program is fast becoming recognized as one of the top in the nation.”

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 web site at [http://cba.fiu.edu](http://cba.fiu.edu).

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