MIAMI, Fla. – (August 29, 2003) – Florida International University’s College of Business Administration’s (CBA) Alumni Chapter recently elected a new board of directors.

The Chapter, a division of FIU’s Alumni Association, offers the College’s alumni the opportunity to attend social, networking, cultural, and family events. The new board, which consists of Miguel Horvath, Manuel Pravia, Jeremy Baker, Luis Pereria, Senen Garcia, Carla Alegria and Denise Pena, will help facilitate these activities and promote the organization.

As president, Miguel A. Horvath, Jr. (BBA, ‘00) will be the chief executive officer for the Chapter, preside over all meetings, appoint chairs to committee positions, represent the Chapter at all University functions, and sit on the Executive Board of Directors of the FIU Alumni Association. Horvath is a financial advisor at American Express.

Manuel E. Pravia (MST, ’92), an income tax manager at Burger King Corporation, has been elected vice president of the Chapter. In this role, Pravia is responsible for assisting the President, presiding over meetings and attending functions in his absence.

Jeremy Baker (BBA, ’01) has been elected historian and will collect and record the activities of the Chapter. He also is responsible for keeping all records up to date and available for viewing by Chapter members. Baker is a senior accountant at FIU.

As treasurer, Luis F. Pereria, Jr. (BBA, ‘01) is responsible for the accounting of all Chapter funds. He will present a financial report to the Chapter at each meeting, a quarterly report to the Dean’s office, and an annual report to the Executive Board of the FIU Alumni Association. Pereria is a corporate internal auditor at Neoris.
Senen D. Garcia III (BBA, ’02) chief executive officer of Alphmega, has been elected secretary of the Chapter. He is responsible for the maintenance of the Chapter’s records, has charge of the Chapter insignia, and will record and provide the minutes of all board, committee, and general membership meetings and functions.

Carla Alegria (BBA, ’96), an assistant vice president and compliance officer at Credito e Inversiones, will serve as communications director for the Chapter. Her responsibilities include communicating with the membership, gathering information about their activities, and soliciting newsworthy information.

As chairperson of the social committee, Denise Pena (BBA, ’97), will be responsible for coordinating all social activities. She is a senior credit analyst at Commerce Bank.

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 454 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 group with 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. 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.

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

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