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STUDENTS FROM FIU’s COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAKE IMPRESSIVE SHOWING IN KPMG ACCOUNTING COMPETITION

MIAMI, Fla. – (Nov. 25, 2002) – A team of accounting and finance students from Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA) won second-prize in the KPMG Case Study Competition, which took place recently during the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting Conference in Orlando. The winning students, Leighton Chang, Yvette Hernandez, Samir Qureshi, Jose Rioseco and Linda Sanchez, were presented a scholarship check for $1,000.

Kenneth Henry, faculty advisor to the group, said the students’ effort was particularly noteworthy because this was the first time FIU competed in the competition. In addition to the scholarship money, the win automatically qualifies the CBA to send a student team to next year’s competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The CBA students were selected to participate in the program because of their scholastic achievements and proven leadership qualities. Each team studied a fictitious company’s accounting practices and was given the opportunity to work closely with professionals from KPMG as they researched, discussed and applied relevant and practical accounting practices in the development of a solution for their case. The teams were then evaluated by a panel of judges based on a 20-minute presentation that demonstrated their critical thinking and presentation skills.

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 largest of FIU’s professional schools, enrolling approximately 3,400 undergraduate and more than 1,100 graduate students each year. It also is South Florida’s top-rated business research school and one of -more-
only 424 business schools in the world accredited by the AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. It 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 College’s Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., Graduate School of Business offers the 6th-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 *U.S. News and World Report* (October, 2002) ranked its Global Executive MBA program among the top 40 best online MBA programs. *Business Week* (October 21, 2002) ranked the Chapman School 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 the Chapman School among the top 50 international MBA schools for Latin American students in a global ranking. *Hispanic Business* (March 2002) ranked the CBA among the top five business schools for Hispanics.

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