MIAMI, Fla. – (Dec. X, 2003) – Joyce J. Elam, executive dean of Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA), recently appointed Carlos Garcia and Joaquin Urquiola 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 role models for current and future alumni. The group also lends its business expertise to help strengthen the College’s curricular and research efforts.

As Senior Manager for Goldstein Schecter Price Lucas Horwitz & Co., P.A., certified public accountants and consultants in Coral Gables, Garcia leads the firm in marketing and practice development efforts and is responsible for providing client services in auditing and consulting. Prior to assuming this position, Garcia was the president and chairman of the board for Total Support Inc., a professional services firm. Garcia currently is obtaining his Master’s in Business Administration at FIU.

Urquiola also is a Senior Manager for Goldstein Schecter Price Lucas Horwitz & Co., P.A. He is responsible for internal audits and the management consulting practices of the firm. Additionally, Urquiola is a member of the Weston Area Chamber of Commerce and the United Way. He earned a Bachelor’s in Accounting from FIU in 1988.

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 ranks in the top 10 among these schools in the number of students it graduates annually, and the College’s Chapman School offers the 6th-largest part-time MBA program among them. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the College’s undergraduate international business program 14th in the nation. *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 15, 2003 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. *Hispanic Trends* (Summer 2003) ranked the College in its list of the Top 25 MBA programs for Hispanics. The CBA, which was featured amongst other leading MBA programs from Universities including Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, Stamford and the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business, was the only school in Florida to be included.

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 http://cba.fiu.edu/.

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