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**Octavio Hernandez, Vice Chairman, President and CEO of
U.S. Century Bank Receives FIU Torch Award
*Local Banker Recognized for Career Achievements***

MIAMI, **March 16, 2010** – Octavio Hernandez, Vice Chairman, President and CEO of U.S. Century Bank, received the **2010 Torch Award for Outstanding Career Achievement from Florida International University (FIU)**. Hernandez recently

received the award during the FIU Annual Torch Awards Dinner and Gala which recognizes the university's outstanding alumni. FIU President, Mark B. Rosenberg along with FIU Alumni Association President, Jose Perez de Corcho, and FIU Alumni Association Executive Director Bill Draughon presented the award.



“I’m thrilled to be recognized by Florida International University and I am proud to have been part of the university’s first graduating class of 1974,” said Hernandez. “When I walk through the university’s campus now, it’s amazing to see how it has grown

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and continues to excel in offering a good, quality education. So many of our community's leaders are FIU graduates who are truly making a difference in South Florida and spearheading the region's future," he added.

Hernandez has been a leader in Miami's banking community for more than 35 years. He is co-founder of U.S. Century Bank, one of the strongest financial institutions in South Florida. Under his leadership, the bank has supported FIU through a generous gift to the Athletics department which resulted in the naming of the University's Arena (U.S. Century Bank Arena), as well as providing student scholarships to both the College of Law and the Honors College.

U.S. Century Bank is one of the 10 largest community banks headquartered in Miami, with assets of \$2 billion. Through its network of 25 branch locations and its online banking platform, it offers South Florida's business community a wide range of financial products and services. The bank received the 2008 Beacon Award in Financial Services and the 2009 and 2008 Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Top 100 Minority Business. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch near you, call (305) 715-5200 or visit www.uscentury.com.

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