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3 U.S. Century Bank Directors Selected for FIU, Miami Dade College Halls of Fame

MIAMI, May 31, 2005 – Three members of U.S. Century Bank's board of directors have been selected for admission to the halls of fame of Florida International University (FIU) and Miami Dade College.

The FIU Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame added Agustín (Tino) Herrán, president and founder of General Real Estate Corp., on May 12. FIU's Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame recognizes alumni who have achieved distinction as founders and builders of new business enterprises.

Herrán's General Real Estate Corp. is a successful Miami-based residential and commercial property investment, development and building company. He is also the president of Tire Group International, a tire wholesaler and distributor, as well as president of Sedano's Management Inc.

Miami Dade College' Alumni Hall of Fame will honor Sergio Pino, chairman, president and CEO of Century Partners Group, and Rodney Barreto, founding partner and president of Barreto, Cunningham, May, Dudley and Maloy, on June 1.

Pino's residential real estate company, Century Homebuilders LLC, is the largest Hispanic-owned homebuilder in the United States. His other companies include Century Plumbing Wholesale Inc., which is one of the largest plumbing wholesalers in the Southeast.

Pino serves on the board of trustees of Florida International University. He has also served as a commissioner of the Florida Department of Transportation. A former president of the Latin Builders Association, he previously served on the board of trustees of Miami-Dade County's Public Health Trust and currently serves as a member of the selection committee for the Public Health Trust.

Barreto's corporate and public affairs firm has offices in Miami and Tallahassee. He is the owner of Metro Parking Inc. and BODE Export/Trading. Barreto is the 2007 chairman of the South Florida Super Bowl Host Committee. He currently serves on the executive committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Foundation Board of Baptist

Health Systems and a trustee of Goodwill Industries. He also served as chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

About U.S. Century Bank

U.S. Century Bank is a Miami-based community bank that serves the financial needs of South Florida's business community. U.S. Century Bank currently offers a wide range of banking products and services to customers in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch located near you, call (305) 260-9400 or visit www.uscentury.com.

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