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U.S. Century Bank Awards FIU College of Law Graduates



MIAMI, June 12, 2008 – As U.S. Century Bank’s continued commitment to supporting educational initiatives, three graduating students from the College of Law at Florida International University (FIU) received scholarship awards from U.S. Century Bank, one of the fastest growing community banks headquartered in Miami. The awards were announced during the College’s annual commencement ceremony, which took place at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. College of Law Dean, Leonard P. Strickman was joined by FIU President Modesto A. Maidique and U.S. Century Bank SVP, Regional Manager, Armando Trabanco in presenting the awards.

“We are very proud of the relationship we have developed with FIU and are pleased to recognize these students who are sure to excel as they move into their new careers,” said Armando Trabanco. “As a bank headquartered in Miami, we recognize that this university, our only public university, provides a good, quality education and serves a real need in South Florida,” he added.

“We want to thank U.S. Century Bank for their support of FIU and the College of Law,” said Dean Strickman. “As a matter of fact, their generous support allows us to be here today at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. Today, we will be awarding three graduating students with scholarship funds provided by the Bank” he added. ”

The award recipients were:

Mary Thwaites	U.S. Century Bank Excellence in Service and Commitment to Public Interest Law
Katrina Valiente	U.S. Century Bank Excellence in Service and Commitment to Public Interest Law
Darren Aponte	U.S. Century Bank Award for Pro Bono Work in the Communities of South Florida

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About FIU College of Law

The Florida International University College of Law meets an important need in the community by providing a quality, affordable legal education for South Florida residents. The student body, while principally from South Florida, is diverse in racial, ethnic, and professional background. FIU College of Law graduates have passed the Florida Bar Exam at rates exceeding the

statewide pass rate. At the most recent examination, in July 2008, FIU graduates passed at the second highest

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