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BusinessWeek Ranks UC Irvine’s Paul Merage School of Business Among Top 50 in the Nation

Irvine, CA – (November 16, 2012) – According to the BusinessWeek 2012 Business Schools Ranking report released today, the Full-Time MBA program at UC Irvine’s Paul Merage School of Business ranks 43rd among business schools in the U.S. In addition, the Merage School is in the top 5 in the U.S. for job offers accepted within 90 days of graduation. The Merage School is also ranked 14th in the nation for intellectual capital, as measured by the number of articles published by each school’s faculty in 20 publications that range from the Journal of Accounting Research to the Harvard Business Review. The new BusinessWeek ranking puts the Merage School among the top 9% of AACSB accredited institutions in the U.S.

“This BusinessWeek 2012 Rankings report confirms the progress we have made in creating one of the world’s top public university research-based business schools,” said Andrew J. Policano, dean of The Paul Merage School of Business. “This ranking is a true testament to the value proposition of our program. It’s rewarding to be recognized for the work we have done to prepare up-and-coming business executives to better meet the demands and expectations of our business community.”

“We’re very pleased about our position in the BusinessWeek ranking this year,” said Gary Lindblad, assistant dean and director of the Full-Time MBA program. “We made a conscious strategic decision to align our MBA admissions process with our MBA Career Center training, recruiter outreach, and the curriculum in order to provide our students with the best possible experience and post-graduation career outcomes. The Merage School faculty, staff, and students deserve high praise for all their efforts.” The strategy has paid off as 94% of the 2012 full-time MBA class received and accepted job offers within 90 days of graduation. The Full-Time MBA program ranked 39th in student satisfaction in the U.S., according to the BusinessWeek 2012 report.

Recently, the Full-Time MBA program at the Merage School was ranked first in the nation for employment of its MBA graduates three months after graduation, by U.S. News and World Report’s 2011 annual ranking of
America’s Best Graduate Schools. The Merage School’s Executive MBA (EMBA) and Fully Employed MBA (FEMBA) programs both ranked in the top 25 nationally among part-time business school programs by *U.S News and World Report* in 2011, with the EMBA program ranking 23rd and FEMBA program ranking 21st. The Executive MBA Program was also recently ranked 44th in the world in the *Financial Times* 2012 global ranking of EMBA programs.

**About the Methodology**

The *BusinessWeek* 2012 Business Schools Ranking report was based on three distinct components: the first is a student satisfaction survey, which accounts for 45% of the ranking; the second is a recruiter assessment survey, which also accounts for 45% of the ranking; and the final component is an intellectual capital score, which accounts for 10% of the ranking. The intellectual capital score is measured by the number of articles published by each school’s faculty in 20 publications that range from the *Journal of Accounting Research* to the *Harvard Business Review*.

**About The Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine**

The Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine offers four dynamic MBA programs, a Master of Professional Accountancy – plus PhD and undergraduate business degrees – that deliver its thematic approach to business education: sustainable growth through strategic innovation. It graduates leaders with the exceptional ability to help grow their organizations through analytical decision-making, innovation and collaborative execution. In-class and on-site experiences with real-world business problems give students the edge needed to help companies compete in today’s global economy.

Seven Centers of Excellence and an Executive Education program provide numerous and varied opportunities for students and the business community at large to enhance their education experience and update their professional expertise. While the Merage School is relatively young, it has quickly grown to consistently rank among the top 10% of all AACSB-accredited programs through exceptional student recruitment, world-class faculty, a strong alumni network and close individual and corporate relationships. For more information visit the website at merage.uci.edu.

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