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UCF's First Public Administration Conference Focused on 'Financing the Future'

ORLANDO, April 13, 2007 – About 125 public servants, professors and students gathered for the University of Central Florida's first Public Administration Conference entitled "The Changing Face of Public Administration: Financing the Future."

Hosted by UCF's Rosen College of Hospitality Management on March 30, the conference addressed many key issues in the field of public administration. The keynote address was presented by Lee Feldman, Palm Bay city manager and president of the Florida City and County Managers Association. Feldman also received the conference's Exemplary Public Service Award.

The conference participants included government practitioners, public managers, administrators and students. Speakers on four panels of experts included city and county government leaders and UCF and Florida International University faculty. The panels discussed a myriad of challenges associated with public administration, including: Finances for the Future of Local Government, Regional Cooperation, Collaborative Public Management, and Entrepreneurial Responses to Limited Resources.

"The speakers were excellent and covered applicable current topics of interest to all in the field," said conference participant Jeanen P. Clauss, assistant town manager and deputy clerk of Ponce Inlet.

The conference was sponsored by Pizzuti Solutions LLC, the Central Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and the UCF Department of Public Administration. Those organizations, along with R.W. Beck Inc., sponsored scholarships for 36 students to attend the conference.

The 2nd-annual Public Administration Conference will be held March 28, 2008, at UCF's East Orlando campus and will focus on "Innovation in Government."

The Department of Public Administration offers five degree and five certificate programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including Public Administration, Nonprofit Management and Urban and Regional Planning. The department is home to 12 faculty members and 524 students. Professors are instructors and researchers in the fields of local government management and nonprofit management.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Administration at 407-823-2604 or go to <http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm>.

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