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Santa Clara University MBA Named to Top 10 Best in Silicon Valley for Working Professionals says U.S. News

SANTA CLARA, CA – April 24, 2009 – The Evening MBA program at Santa Clara University is #10 in the list of best programs for working professionals, according to “America’s Best Graduate Schools” published today by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine. The Evening MBA program in SCU’s Leavey School of Business has appeared every year in the magazine’s top 20 since the specialized assessment began in 1995. Last year’s ranking pegged the highly regarded MBA program at #13.



“We’re delighted that our reputation is growing nationally,” said Barry Z. Posner, dean and professor of leadership at the School of Business. “Of course, Silicon Valley enterprises already know that a Santa Clara MBA is part of the portfolio of up-and-comers prepared for leading in turbulent marketplaces, across functional and global environments, and with a solid moral compass.” More than 1,000 working professionals are currently enrolled in the Evening MBA program.

“Our Evening MBA program began in the late 1950s to groom young managers to assume leadership roles in the tech industry,” said Elizabeth Ford, senior assistant dean for graduate business programs. “We continue to provide emerging leaders in Silicon Valley and beyond with the tools they need to lead global, innovative enterprises.”

Begun in 1959, the Evening MBA in the Leavey School of Business was among the first group of master’s of business administration programs to be accredited by the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB-International). The Executive MBA program was launched in 1999. The Leavey School of Business also offers a fast-track-to-completion Weekend MBA program and a M.S. in Information Systems, developing technical and relationship skills for IT executives.

The list of the best MBA programs for working professional was released in the magazine’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2010” guidebook, and is also available on the publication’s website: www.usnews.com.

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About the Leavey School of Business

The Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University began in 1926, and was one of the first business schools in the country to receive national accreditation. Its undergraduate business program is among the top in the nation (#35 nationally, and in the top three in California), its MBA program is #10 in the nation, and its Executive MBA is ranked 15th in the U.S. The School opened its new \$49 million building for undergraduate, graduate, and professional business education in Fall 2008. For more information, see www.scu.edu/business/