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**Calling All Accounting and Finance Students: IMA Announces
Eighth Annual Student Leadership Conference**

-- Coming to Louisville, November 8-10 --

Montvale, N.J., September 17, 2007 – In continuing the tradition of supporting accounting and finance students, the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) is pleased to announce its Eight Annual Student Leadership Conference. This year's event will take place November 8-10, 2007 at the Marriott Louisville Downtown in Louisville, KY. Online registration is now available at http://www.imanet.org/student_conference.asp.

This year's conference promises to provide accounting and finance students with opportunities to network with experienced practitioners, attend educational sessions, learn about industry trends and the value of CMA certification, and gain practical skills as they prepare to enter the workforce. IMA is planning an exciting speaker program of general and concurrent sessions and workshops that will address management accounting topics, ranging from leadership and ethics to career development and risk management.

This year's keynote presenters include: J. David Flanery, senior vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of Papa John's International, Inc.; Rich Thomson, senior vice president and chief learning officer of Ajilon Finance; and Richard Fern of Eastern Kentucky University.

"More than 90 percent of finance function professionals in the U.S. work inside organizations. These professionals are management accountants and support decision making, planning, and control," said Brian L. McGuire, Ph.D., CMA, CPA, professor of accounting at the University of Southern Indiana, and this year's conference chair. "IMA's Student Leadership Conference is an important educational opportunity, presenting real-world experiences that students may not encounter in the classroom."

In addition to conference sessions, IMA is also planning a number of fun networking activities. Students can enjoy a tour of the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory and a special reception event at the Muhammad Ali Center. Both events are free of charge for conference participants. An optional tour of the Kentucky Derby Museum and Churchill Downs is also being planned for the group for an additional fee.

Online registration is open now through October 19 (or until registration capacity is met). Special room rates have been negotiated at the Louisville Marriott Downtown until October 12. For more information, or to register online, please visit http://www.imanet.org/student_conference.asp.

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