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**IIT Stuart MBA Ranked Among World's Top 100 Programs by the Aspen Institute**

**Chicago, September 22, 2011** – Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Stuart School of Business has demonstrated significant leadership in integrating social, environmental and ethical issues into its MBA program, according to the Aspen Institute's 2011-2012 edition of Beyond Grey Pinstripes, a biennial survey and alternative ranking of business schools. The IIT Stuart MBA program has been ranked among the world's top 100 programs every year since 2001.

"We are honored to continue to be included in every edition of Beyond Grey Pinstripes since 2001," said IIT Stuart Dean Harvey Kahalas. "IIT Stuart's inclusion in Beyond Grey Pinstripes demonstrates our commitment to the highest standards of business and public management education, and our dedication to educating tomorrow's global innovators."

The complete ranking of the Top 100 MBA Programs is available at [www.beyondgreypinstripes.org](http://www.beyondgreypinstripes.org). This website also provides information on thousands of courses, extracurricular activities and faculty research at all schools that participated in the Beyond Grey Pinstripes survey.

While many MBA rankings exist, only one looks beyond reputation and test scores to measure something much more important: how well schools are preparing their students for the environmental, social and ethical complexities of modern-day business.

This year, 149 business schools from 22 countries participated in a year-long effort to map the landscape of teaching and research on issues pertaining to business and society. "In all scoring categories used to determine the ranking, business schools have raised the bar," said Judith Samuelson, executive director of the Aspen Institute Business and Society Program, which conducted Beyond Grey Pinstripes. "There are more courses with content on social, ethical, and environmental issues, more courses about the role of business as a positive agent for change, more exposure of students to this content, and more research published by faculty on relevant topics."

This year's survey marked the first opportunity since the global economic downturn to comprehensively measure the extent to which MBA programs have altered the content of their courses, and whether faculty are pursuing research that questioned assumptions about the role of business in society.

"In the wake of the financial crisis we're seeing an increased willingness to address these issues," Samuelson said. "That willingness is coming from a variety of factors, including student demand, faculty readiness and a

desire on the part of business schools to clarify what exactly they're doing to prepare business leaders to serve the needs of society, such as job creation and energy conservation."

A focus on strategic, global competitiveness and technological entrepreneurship gives IIT Stuart School of Business its distinctive edge. Programs are grounded in science and technology— making the course offerings attractive to engineers, architects, and others from around the world who have a strong quantitative background.

IIT Stuart's core business education is centered on the "Stuart Six": creativity, entrepreneurship, incisive decision making, innovation, leadership, and sustainability. In addition to its globally ranked MBA, IIT Stuart offers industry-responsive graduate programs in areas of study including Environmental Management and Sustainability, Finance, Marketing Communications, and Public Administration. To learn more about IIT Stuart graduate programs, please visit <http://www.stuart.iit.edu/admissions/graduate>.

For more information about IIT Stuart School of Business, please visit [www.stuart.iit.edu](http://www.stuart.iit.edu).

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The Aspen Institute's Business and Society Program, along with its Center for Business Education, seeks to create business leaders for the 21st century who are equipped with the vision and knowledge necessary to integrate corporate profitability with social value. To that end, it offers programs that provide business educators with the resources they need to incorporate issues of social and environmental stewardship into their teaching, research and curriculum development.