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University Park, IL, May 24, 2010 – Lorine Skulark Samuels, Chair of the Governors State University (GSU) Board of Trustees and President of Strategic Business Services, Inc., in Flossmoor, was inducted Monday into honorary membership of Delta Mu Delta, the international honor society in business administration.

Twenty-seven GSU business students were inducted into Lambda Delta Chapter of the business honor society, formed last year at GSU. Dr. William Wilkinson, Professor of Marketing, was also inducted into honorary membership of Delta Mu Delta; he has taught marketing and management courses in GSU's College of Business and Public Administration for the past 23 years.

In her address, Samuels told the business students that leadership in the workplace depends on successfully facing life's challenges, and making the most of opportunities that come our way. She decided to pursue a degree in business administration in an era when few women made such choices. When she established her firm in 1985, female business ownership was definitely not the norm, Samuels said. Strategic Business Systems is a management and consulting firm that assists clients with systems analysis, personnel and financial review, policy and procedure development, and establishing for profit and not for profit entities.

"I am happy to say that I learned from all these experiences, and that they helped to shape me into who I am today," she said. "My core values are integrity, high quality, excellence in service, and continuing education."

"At Governors State University we know all about challenges and what it takes to overcome them," added Samuels. "To be successful leaders, we know that we need to draw upon good advice from our family and trusted counselors, our education, our moral values, and our ability to make decisions that bring positive change."

In his closing remarks, Dr. Wilkinson referred to a familiar academic situation to illustrate the role of complete commitment to a larger goal as a better and happier path to excellence than an overly narrow focus on short term measures, such as grades. All too often, he said, students focus on the minimum effort necessary to achieve a particular grade objective when a far better approach would be to immerse themselves in the material with a total commitment to learning it. The committed student can always feel good about having contributed his or her very best efforts, he said.

Students inducted Monday into Delta Mu Delta are Rockson Acheampong of Orland Hills; Akemi Arias of Oak Forest; Valicienne Arnold of South Holland; Denise Austin of Homewood; Laura Bukachek of Countryside; Julie Butler of Sauk Village; Peter Chmura of Lansing; Ann Marie Ennesser of Winthrop Harbor; Gloria Imogie of Chicago; Anthony Jacob of Tinley Park; Prince John of University Park; John Kolarik of Markham; Elise LaPierre of Glen Ellyn; John LaPierre of Glen Ellyn; Zijian Luo of Richton Park; Laura McShane of Manteno; Christy Meszaros of Joliet; Charles Meyer of Monee; Cheryl Moore of Crete; Jose Nevarez, Jr. of Merrionette Park; Michael Paczkowski of New Lenox; Maritza Pearson of Chicago Heights; Richard Rusakiewicz of Peotone; Gigi Simon of Homewood; Ava Solariski of Frankfort; Ronald Wojcik of Frankfort; and Linfeng Xie of Richton Park.