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Saint Leo University Student Named Finalist for the 2004 Florida College Student of the Year Award

Gainesville, Fla (04-04) – Janet Levic, a junior in business management with a 3.89 GPA at Saint Leo University, is one of seven finalists statewide for the 2004 Florida College Student of the Year Award.

Levic and 19 other students from colleges and universities across Florida will share \$65,000 in scholarships and prizes and will be honored Friday, April 16 at an awards ceremony and press conference at the Capitol Building in Tallahassee.

Levic was selected from 78 applicants in the annual scholarship program sponsored by *Florida Leader* magazine, SunTrust Education Loans, and Office Depot. The Florida College Student of the Year Award celebrates 17 years of recognizing outstanding Florida college students for their campus leadership, academic excellence, and financial self-reliance.

Levic is known on campus for her enthusiastic personality and for starting new traditions. As a freshman, she joined the Campus Activities Board and as student director for CAB, she led students in taking initiative in creating activities. “Janet understands that to get students vested, they have to be involved, so she makes sure that she pulls the people with her and then is able to step away and let them shine,” says Dr. Edward Dadez, vice president for student affairs.

After being elected as Student Government Union vice president of operations, Levic got students involved again at a fall leadership conference for all Saint Leo students, where students interacted in peer-led

discussions. She also saw a need for unity among clubs on campus. To gain this, she launched the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, an event every club can partake in.

Levic is also a founding sister and new member educator of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, a student ambassador, and a resident assistant. After graduating, she hopes to be an event planner or activities coordinator.

Students at 86 colleges and nearly 550 high schools throughout Florida read *Florida Leader*, founding sponsor of the Florida College Student of the Year Award. Now in its 21st year, Oxendine Publishing also produces the national leadership magazine *Student Leader*. See www.floridaleader.com/soty for more details on the annual scholarship program and other finalists.