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ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. (May 8, 2002) -- David Rodrigues, a 1998 graduate of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, is among four people nationwide to receive a $3,000 diversity scholarship from the Institute of Management Accountants.

Rodrigues, 27, received a Masters in Business Administration from USF St. Petersburg. He currently is studying to take the exam for Certified Public Accountants in November. The scholarship will help pay for five classes he will take in preparation for the exam.

Rodrigues said four of the classes would be taken at USF St. Petersburg.

Rodrigues noted that while attending classes at USF St. Petersburg, he and two other students in one class were simultaneously awarded scholarships from another accounting organization. He credited several of his professors at USF St. Petersburg for his success.

"The point is clear that USF St. Petersburg can compare with anyone at anytime," he said.

Since graduation, Rodrigues has worked for the Deaf Service Center and the U.S. Coast Guard.