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UT's Accounting Programs in Top 20 Among Public Universities

KNOXVILLE — The University of Tennessee's accounting programs again are in the top 20 in the country among public universities, according to 2006 *Public Accounting Report*, the industry's benchmark publication that annually ranks accounting programs worldwide. The college's undergraduate accounting program ranks #20 among public colleges in the U.S. while the college's graduate program ranks #19.

"Being among the nation's leading public programs reflects our program's increased prominence and impact," said Dan Murphy, chair of the Department of Accounting and Information Management. There are over 300 schools (public and private) in the U.S. with accounting programs; approximately half are accredited.

"Our accounting department recognizes the importance of teaching as a driver of success," continued Murphy. "Our commitment at all levels of study is confirmed by these rankings, which serve as a testament to our meeting the needs of our students."

The University of Tennessee Accounting programs are not alone in garnering impressive rankings for the college. Also ranked by *Business Week*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *Modern Physician*, *Modern Healthcare*, *Journal of Business Logistics*, *Supply Chain Management Review*, and *U.S. News & World Report* are the College of Business Administration's executive MBA programs, full-time MBA programs, Physician Executive MBA program, undergraduate business curriculum, and supply chain management /logistics program.

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