

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY'S MBA IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP NAMED THE 1998 NATIONAL MODEL PROGRAM

The graduate entrepreneurship MBA program in Ball State's College of Business has been named the 1998 National Model Program /Graduate Level by the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Ball State University was selected from a number of outstanding graduate schools of business including San Diego State University and UCLA who made the final round. Ball State is now one of only two universities in the country that have won this award at two levels. In 1990 Ball State's Entrepreneurship Program was named the National Model Program at the undergraduate level.

Dr. Donald F. Kuratko, The Stoops Distinguished Professor of Business and Director of The Entrepreneurship Program, received the award in ceremonies in Tampa, Florida.

Kuratko believes the latest award reflects the national impact of Ball State's program. "I believe we are being recognized as one of the most elite entrepreneurship programs in the U.S. today,"



Standing left: Franklin Berg II, Jerry Lach, Thales D. Panagides, Marc Laing, Eric A. VanFossen, Sung Gong Kang, Stephen A. Reed, Andrew Hobson

Sitting left: Carissa Miller, Kelli M. H. Dalton, Dr. Donald F. Kuratko, Melissa A. Ewen, Susan A. Pronesti

Kuratko said. "I am proud of that for our students and for our university."

Ball State's selection for the award was based upon curriculum innovation with interactive television, research efforts, accomplishments of the program's graduates, and overall national stature and recognition.

"This is another outstanding achievement for the entrepreneurship program, our

college, and Ball State University," Neil A. Palomba, Dean, College of Business, said. "It reaffirms the leadership position this program has established throughout the United States."

The award is the latest of a long list of national recognitions for the entrepreneurship program. Previously the program has received the George Washington Medal of Honor, the Leavey Foundation Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise, the NIFB Excellence Award, and has been ranked continuously in the Top 25 business schools for entrepreneurship by *Business Week*, *Entrepreneur*, and *Success* magazines.
