

## **SBDC at UCF and UCF COB's Small Business Institute® Students Named National Winner**



A SBI team from the spring 2009 semester was named National Winner of the 2010 SBI® Case of the Year competition. The student team placed first in the 'Graduate Specialized Category' of the 2010 Project of the Year National Competition sponsored by SBI®. MBA students Tammra Baron, Rayan Kaissi and Lindsay Tomkins were named first place winners for their team's business consulting project for Orlando-based company, American Home Companion, a home care provider company. The

three students along with UCF's SBI® program instructor, Dr. Lloyd Fernald, attended the 34th Annual SBI® Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 18- 20, 2010, where they were presented with the award. The UCF student team's award was for the specialized category covering projects that provide in-depth consulting analysis for one or two areas of the business. The SBDC at UCF in conjunction with the UCF College of Business Administration manages the SBI® program. SBI® began its third semester on January 15, 2010 with sixteen MBA students enrolled and matched to six small businesses located in Orange and Seminole Counties.