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**The Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame to Induct New Members
and Present Special Lifetime Achievement Award in March**

CHICAGO, February 23, 2009 – On Tuesday, March 19, 2009, the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame will induct this year's new members class and present a special Lifetime Achievement Award to Doris Christopher, founder, The Pampered Chef® as part of its annual event hosted by the University of Illinois at Chicago Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies.

"In today's economic climate, it is more important than ever for businesses to have knowledgeable and innovative leaders," said Gerry Hills, executive director of the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies and Coleman Chairholder in Entrepreneurship at the UIC College of Business Administration. "This year's class of inductees to the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame represents the caliber of entrepreneurial leadership we need to revitalize our local economy."

Since 1985, the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame has recognized innovative business leaders in Chicago's seven-county area. Each year, the Hall of Fame inducts distinguished entrepreneurs who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and business talent by founding or growing their respective business.

The 2009 Hall of Fame class includes:

- **Aurora, Ill.**
 - James A. Sikich, CPA, CEO, Sikich, LLP
- **Burr Ridge, Ill.**
 - John Malec, Founder, Information Resources, Inc. and CEO, TAP.tv, Inc.
- **Carol Stream, Ill.**
 - Edward K. Miller, Owner, Prince Industries & Prince Shanghai
- **Chicago, Ill.**
 - Mark Youngberg, President, AAA Painting Contractors
 - Brian K. Barkley, CEO, Access One, Inc.
 - Mark A. Jozwiak, President, Access One Inc.
 - Robin Beaman, President, Beaman Inc.
 - Marc Schulman, President, Eli's Cheesecake Company
 - Colleen Kramer, President, Evergreen Supply Company
 - Lisa Johnson, CEO, Gourmet Kitchens, Inc.
 - Farzad Shahsavarani, COO, Gourmet Kitchens, Inc
 - Kevin Chern, President, Infra-Strategy
 - Edmund J. Scanlan, Founder/CEO, Infra-Strategy
 - Charles Norwesh, Principal/Co-Founder, Norcon, Inc.
 - Jeff Jozwiak, Principal/Co-Founder, Norcon, Inc.
 - Alex Campbell, CEO, Vibes Media
 - Jack Philbin, President, Vibes Media
 - Nicole P. Loftus, CEO, Zorch International, Inc.
- **Gurnee, Ill.**
 - Shelly Sun, Founder/CEO, BrightStar Healthcare
- **Lake Buff, Ill.**
 - Frank Mariani, CEO, Mariani Landscape

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- **Lincolnwood, Ill.**
 - Nancy Garcia Sharp, CEO, Food For Thought
- **Naperville, Ill.**
 - Thomas F. Harter, Sr., Chairman of Board, Microdynamics Group
- **Libertyville, Ill.**
 - Michael Heimert, President/CEO, Ceteris
- **Oak Brook, Ill.**
 - Bruce Leon, President, Tandem HR
- **Skokie, Ill.**
 - Talia Mashiach, CEO, Eved Services
- **South Elgin, Ill.**
 - Russell P. Majewski, Owner, Kris Dee & Associates Inc. and Wildcat Investments, LLC.
 - Hermann J. Schneider, Owner, Kris Dee & Associates Inc. and Wildcat Investments, LLC.

"Our college is incredibly proud of its affiliation with the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame," said Stefanie Lenway, dean of the UIC College of Business Administration. "During these challenging economic times, the Hall of Fame epitomizes the spirit of optimism that continues to resonate throughout our business community. More important, it celebrates the accomplishments of men and women whose imagination and hard work have created many new jobs for the local economy and help to ensure that the U.S. economy remains globally competitive. They are an inspiration to our future business leaders. On behalf of the CBA, I congratulate this year's remarkable group of inductees."

Past inductees include: Michael Golden and Thaddeus Wong, co-founders of @properties; Robert J. Abt of Abt Electronics; John W. Baird of Baird & Warner; Gian M. Fulgoni, Chairman and Co-founder of comScore, Inc; Robert W. Galvin of Motorola; Michael P. Krasny of CDW Computer Centers, Inc.; Stuart R. Paddock, Jr. of Paddock Publications (*Daily Herald*); Gordon Segal of Crate & Barrel; and Charlie Trotter of Charlie Trotter's.

This year's event partners include: American Chartered Bank, Crain's Chicago Business, Grant Thornton and the University of Illinois at Chicago Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies.

About the UIC Institute of Entrepreneurial Studies

Founded in 1982 by Professor Gerry Hills, Coleman Chairholder in Entrepreneurship, the University of Illinois at Chicago Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies is one of the leading entrepreneurial research and professional organizations in the United States. Today, the institute has expanded its scope and depth with innovative programs serving students, business owners and the international research community. The institute commemorated its 25th anniversary in 2008.

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