



## EXTREME ENTREPRENEURS VISIT SPRINGFIELD

Students Turn to Entrepreneurship to Create Lives of Passion, Purpose, and Prosperity

**Springfield, October 3, 2007** – The spirit of American entrepreneurship is alive and well, as evident by the well attended Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour held at UIS on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>! The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour brought to campus some of America's top young entrepreneurs to share their experiences and lessons learned. Event participants had the opportunity to meet Tour entrepreneurs, interact with exhibitors from local businesses and organizations and ask questions to the event panel, composed of three extreme representatives and local entrepreneurs Michelle Tjelmeland of E-Websmart.com, Mary Byers, author and nationally-renowned speaker, and Joe Kim, Human Resources Manager of Design Ideas.

The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour was presented by VenturePort.org and sponsored by Inc. Magazine. Founded by award-winning 25-year-olds, Michael Simmons and Sheena Lindahl of Extreme Entrepreneurship Education, the tour features America's top young entrepreneurs – young individuals who've founded successful companies and made a huge impact before the age of 30! The vision of the tour is for all of America's college students to graduate with an entrepreneurial mindset.

The event keynote speaker, Doug Fath, has sold two businesses, developed a highly profitable multi-million dollar real estate portfolio and helped hundreds of students generate thousands of dollars in passive income, all by the age of 25.

This event provided inspiration and practical advice both on using the entrepreneurial mindset in any career and starting a business.

Event sponsors included the Career Development Center, College of Business and Management, the Center for Entrepreneurship, the Speaker's Bureau, the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Committee.

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If you'd like more information about this event, or to schedule an interview, please call Cindy Greene at 206-6500