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## **Herscher native, gubernatorial candidate Andrzejewski to headline National Small Business Week event**

**KANKAKEE, IL – April 27, 2011** – Founder of the successful HomePages directories, Kankakee County native Adam Andrzejewski will headline a May 17 EnterpriseU presentation on entrepreneurship. The event, "Small Business Salvation: Success through Entrepreneurship," will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 455 Riverstone Parkway in Kankakee. Admission is free; refreshments will be served.

Also featured will be a Kankakee Area Career Center team that earned a gold medal at the recent State of Illinois SkillsUSA Contest in the Entrepreneurship category. The Herscher and Beecher high school students will be among 4,600 competing at the 47th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference June 19-24 in Kansas City, Missouri.

"Small Business Salvation: Success through Entrepreneurship" is being held in conjunction with National Small Business Week, which runs May 16-20, as well as Kankakee County's inaugural EnterpriseU Business Plan Competition. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; the presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. An open question-and-answer session will follow.

Northern Illinois University graduate Adam Andrzejewski and his brother, Abram, founded HomePages directories in 1997. After 9 years, the company - initially run out of the brothers' apartments - employed 150 and experienced nearly \$20 million in sales. Today, HomePages, still headed by Abram, employs more than 280 people and publishes more than 320 directories in six states. Adam, a 2010 primary candidate for Illinois governor, now heads statewide political advocacy non-profit For the Good of Illinois. Raised in Herscher, he, his wife and three daughters currently reside in Hinsdale.

Forty-four aspiring local small business owners are participating in Kankakee County's 2011 "EnterpriseU" Business Plan Competition. The initiative involves a three-month program of free educational sessions, networking opportunities and business plan mentoring. Ultimately, in June, three promising entrepreneurs will be awarded a generous prize package consisting of startup capital, free office space and much more. For further details, visit [www.enterprise-u.com](http://www.enterprise-u.com) or phone 815-935-1177.

EnterpriseU is a program of the Economic Alliance of Kankakee County, Kankakee Community College, Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley, the Daily Journal and LinkPoint Media in conjunction with many local business and agency partners.

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