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**Local Entrepreneur, Mark Youngberg, Inducted into the  
Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame**

**CHICAGO, March 3, 2008** – On March 12, 2008, St. Charles resident, Mark Youngberg, will be inducted into the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame. Mark Youngberg, president, AAA Painting Contractors Inc. (AAA), - [www.aaapaintco.com](http://www.aaapaintco.com) - is being recognized for his entrepreneurial achievements and making a lasting impact on Chicago's business landscape. The Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago will host the event at the Chicago Hilton and Towers.

Since its founding in 1989 by Youngberg, AAA has grown to the top one percent of the industry. Being involved in the repaint market exclusively, Youngberg has accrued 20 years of knowledge and experience in the technical aspects of paint coatings. Many homeowner associations and property managers look to Youngberg and the AAA staff to draft current and detailed specifications for their projects.

"The life of an entrepreneur is a challenging one, but the satisfaction that comes with seeing your business grow and succeed is amazing," said Mark Youngberg, president, AAA Painting Contractors Inc. "The Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies and the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame does a tremendous job in recognizing great Chicago business leaders. It is an honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and to be associated with these other successful entrepreneurs."

AAA has been an active member in the Illinois Chapter of Community Associations Institute for over 15 years. AAA is also active in the Association of Condominium, Townhouse, and Homeowners Associations; and recently became a member of the Building Owners and Managers Association of Suburban Chicago.

The 2008 Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame Class also includes:

**Alsip, IL**

- R. Bruce DeMent, President, Kastalon, Inc.

**Aurora, IL**

- Glen Mayer, Founder and COO, Control Solutions, Inc.
- Mike McKee, CEO, Control Solutions, Inc.

**Chicago, IL**

- Robert Blackwell Jr., President and CEO, Electronic Knowledge Interchange
- Robert Bowers, CEO, Soliant Consulting, Inc.
- Gian M. Fulgoni, Chairman and Co-founder, comScore, Inc.
- Michael Golden, Co-founder, @properties
- Albert R. Grace Jr., President, Loop Capital Markets, LLC
- Michael Lerner, President, MCZ Development Corporation
- James Reynolds Jr., Chairman and CEO, Loop Capital Markets, LLC
- Christy Webber, President, Christy Webber & Co.
- Christopher G. Williams, Managing Director, Madison Capital Funding LLC
- Karen D. Wolters, Founder, Global Contract Manufacturing, Inc.
- Thaddeus Wong, Co-founder, @properties

**Glenview, IL**

- Sandye J. Lerner, President, Comprehensive Therapeutics, Ltd.

**Hinsdale, IL**

- Mark Wicks, President and former Chairman, Dependicare Home Health

**Naperville, IL**

- Vincent J. Bufalino MD, President and CEO, Midwest Heart Specialists

**Northbrook, IL**

- Al Grossman, President, Con-Tech Lighting
- Ruth R. Tave, Principal and Founder, Tave Risk Management

**Oakbrook Terrace, IL**

- Saif Nazir M.D. FACEP, CEO, MEA Management LLC.
- Daniel J. Sullivan M.D. J.D, Chairman of the Board, MEA Management LLC.

"For more than two decades, the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame has recognized outstanding entrepreneurs who have had a profound impact on the business community," said University of Illinois at Chicago Interim Chancellor Eric A. Gislason. "These winners are true pioneers, and UIC and our Liautaud Graduate School of Business are honored to be the headquarters for the Hall of Fame. We congratulate this remarkable group of new members."

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.

Past inductees include: Robert J. Abt of Abt Electronics; John W. Baird of Baird & Warner; 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.

Event sponsors include: American Chartered Bank; Grant Thornton LLP; Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zekin; The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and The Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at UIC.

For more information or to obtain event photos, please call (312) 255-3078.

**About the Institute of Entrepreneurial Studies**

The University of Illinois at Chicago Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies is commemorating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a year-long celebration. Founded in 1982 by Professor Gerry Hills, Coleman Chairholder in Entrepreneurship, the institute 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.

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