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**Kairos Summit Brings Together the Top Collegiate Entrepreneurs with World Leaders & Industry Icons to Help Reinvent the American Dream in These Tough Economic Times**

***Invite-only event to be held on April 3-4 at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York***

New York, NY (March 24, 2009) -- [Kairos Society](#), a non-profit organization, was founded in 2007 to foster an entrepreneurial culture among college students. Kairos is providing the opportunity for the students to bring their innovations from dorm rooms to the center stage under the guidance and mentorship of today's business leaders. In an age of economic and employment uncertainty, these young entrepreneurs are taking control of their own futures by building ventures that are likely to become the leading businesses of tomorrow. These entrepreneurs are building socially responsible ventures that are not only focused on doing well, but doing good.

The event's welcome addresses will be given by the 42<sup>nd</sup> President of United States of America, [William J. Clinton](#), and [William Gates Sr.](#), co-chairman of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, via video. Other successful leaders who will be addressing these young college entrepreneurs include [Admiral Bill Owens](#), Managing Director AEA Investors & former Vice Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff; [Bill White](#), President Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund; [Scott Mednick](#), founder of Legendary Pictures and Mandalay Entertainment; [Ellen Kullman](#), CEO of DuPont; and [Naveen Jain](#), CEO of Intelius Inc.

[Ankur Jain](#), founder and President of Kairos Society, a sophomore at the Wharton School of Business, credits his father with giving him the tools to develop the mindset of an entrepreneur.

"My father instilled in me the idea that everyone can shape their own destiny; they can't wait for things to happen, they have to make them happen," said Jain. "There has never been a better time to be an entrepreneur. Many of the successful enterprises were started during tough economic times. The passion of these young entrepreneurs with their innovative ideas can reinvent the American dream of building a better tomorrow."

The Summit's gala event will include a dinner on the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier. There over 1300 years of professional experience will converge with 500 of the country's most innovative students. The gala will feature several panels and an awards ceremony, which will honor top student innovative ventures for their achievements.

"We are extremely fortunate to live in a country where we have the freedom to be innovative and entrepreneurial," said Ankur. "We owe this freedom to our forefathers and the men and women who have given their lives in service to our country. For this reason, we are honored to host this event on the USS Intrepid, a symbol of this freedom."

The Kairos Society's advisory board is a who's who of global leadership and includes Scott Mednick; Chris Kitze, founder of Xoom.com; Bill White, President of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund; [Rajat K. Gupta](#), Managing Director Worldwide at McKinsey & Co.; and Bill Owens, former U.S. Vice Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff. Along with Mednick, Kitze and White will be speaking at the Summit.

All of the board members say they got involved with the organization because they believe in what the Society can do to foster tomorrow's top entrepreneurs. In the words of Bill Owens: "In this world, in which 'everything is changing', I believe the spirit of entrepreneurship, open-minded capitalism and glowing global relations will be of the utmost value. I think that this Society believes in that spirit, and that it will do much to enhance these most promising students' futures. I'm proud to be a small part of that!"

"I have been speaking to business and entrepreneur programs at colleges and universities for many years," said Mednick. "In my interaction with these future business leaders their thirst for knowledge and information from those who have been on the front lines has been insatiable. In putting together the opportunity to bring a breadth of business leaders together with these bright minds is not only a great idea but one that will help create a vibrant community of business leaders for years to come."

"We're proud to support an organization that has the potential to inspire and cultivate the next generation of business owners, innovators and entrepreneurs," said Naveen Jain, CEO and founder of Intelius. "The students being recognized at this event demonstrate inspiring out-of-the-box thinking and bring new methodologies to the table. In today's economy we can't rely on what's already been done, the only way to move forward is through innovation."

Intelius and the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum are the title sponsors for the Summit.

#### **ABOUT THE KAIROS SOCIETY**

The Kairos Society is a non-profit organization founded by a group of students designed to foster an entrepreneurial culture among college students based on three guiding principles: Inspiration, Experience, and Innovation. It is the organization's goal to inspire students to become more entrepreneurial by bringing together the best undergraduates from across the country, the greatest entrepreneurial firms, and the most passionate mentors. Currently Kairos has brought together many of the top entrepreneurial students from the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Stanford, Tufts, Duke, MIT, Emory, Furman, USC, Columbia, NYU, Babson, Claremont McKenna, Pomona, Scripps, Harvey Mudd, Northeastern, University of Michigan, and Penn State.

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#### **ABOUT THE INTREPID SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM**

One of the world's largest maritime museums, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum is housed aboard the 900-foot-long ESSEX class aircraft carrier Intrepid, which saw service during World War II, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War. It also served as a prime recovery vessel for NASA during the Mercury and Gemini space programs

before it was retired in 1974. Four years later, Zachary Fisher established the Intrepid Museum Foundation for the sole purpose of "saving the Intrepid for generations to come." Listed in the National Park Service's National Historic Landmark register, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum was opened as a symbol of peace and education in August 1982. The Intrepid underwent extensive renovations beginning in 2006 and returned to its home at Pier 86 in October 2008. It has since hosted President George W. Bush for its annual Veterans Day celebration and honored Bill and Hillary Clinton at its annual Intrepid Gala fundraising event. The Intrepid is an event space as well as a museum, and has served as a focal point during New York's annual Fleet Week celebration. The Intrepid produces a wide range of public programming, and is recognized worldwide as an historic icon that makes history come alive for visitors through its unforgettable series of dynamic and interactive exhibits. The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum is proudly supported by Bank of America. For more information, visit [www.intrepidmuseum.org](http://www.intrepidmuseum.org)

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** For information on attending the Kairos Summit or if you would like to schedule an interview with Kairos students, Summit speakers, or Kairos board members attending the event, please contact Steve Mnich at [mnichste@gmail.com](mailto:mnichste@gmail.com) or 248.770.5887.