

**DuPage County Minority Entrepreneur Conference
Thursday, March 19, 2009**

**Northern Illinois University Naperville Campus
1120 E. Diehl Road, Naperville IL 60563**

7:00 - 8:00 A.M. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Welcoming Remarks and Conference Overview - Auditorium

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:	Session 1:	Session 2:	Session 3:	Session 4:
9:15 - 10:30 A.M.	Launching Your Business: Taking That Next Step	Financing Your Business in Today's Economy	Building the Team: Keys to Leading and Succeeding	Networking- Making It Work for You

10:30 - 10:45 A.M. **Break**

10:45 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Technology Start-up Businesses- A Breed of Their Own	Procurement- Expanding Your Customer Base	Buying or Selling a Business- Is This the Path for You?	Inspiring Entrepreneurs- DuPage County's Very Own
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12:00 - 1:30 P.M. **Lunch and Keynote Address: Rhonda Abrams**

1:45 - 3:00 P.M.	Angel Investors and Venture Capital- A Behind the Scenes Look	How to Find Resources Right Under Your Nose	SMART Marketing for Entrepreneurs!	Rhonda Abrams- Breakout Session
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3:00 - 3:15 P.M. **Break**

3:15 - 4:30 P.M.	Business Basics- Lessons Learned	Ask the Experts: You Have Questions. They Have Answers.	Legal Issues- Minimize the Risks and Maximize the Rewards of Small Business Ownership	Business Plans- No Need to Procrastinate
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4:30 P.M. **Conference Concludes**