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### **BARBARA VANKIRK GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH'S INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCELLENCE!**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:** Barbara VanKirk, President and Owner of IQ Inc. a technical consulting and software development company located in Murrysville, Pennsylvania, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business, Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence Entrepreneurial Fellows program.

The mission of the University of Pittsburgh's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence is "to be the innovative leader of economic renewal and growth serving enterprising people and business in the region". The Entrepreneurial Fellows program is a twelve month series intended to address relevant issues facing a leader of a growing organization. The curriculum combines academic study with guidance and mentoring opportunities from veteran entrepreneurs directed towards real-world business concerns. To learn more about University of Pittsburgh, Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business, Institute of Entrepreneurial Excellence program please visit their website at: [www.pittentrepreneur.com/about\\_iee/](http://www.pittentrepreneur.com/about_iee/). Applications for the 2009 class are now being accepted.

Earlier this year Ms. VanKirk was awarded the 2008 Marcus L. Ruscitto Fellowship by the Marcus L. Ruscitto Charitable Foundation in conjunction with the Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence. The goal of the foundation is to nurture innovation, leadership and compassion with the energy for which Mr. Ruscitto, founder of the Pittsburgh based technology Stargate Inc. was well known.

Barbara VanKirk established IQ Inc. in 1994 to provide expert consulting, staffing, project management and software development services to companies with Information Technology and software needs. IQ Inc. is a certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) through the Port Authority of Allegheny County and a certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBENC) through the Women's Business National Council. IQ Inc. continues to benefit from steady growth and success under Barbara's leadership and will celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> year in business starting in October 2008. To learn more about IQ Inc. and our services please visit [www.IQ-INC.com](http://www.IQ-INC.com).

*If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Barbara VanKirk, please contact Jaclyn Livengood at 724.327.3441 or e-mail [Jackie@IQ-INC.com](mailto:Jackie@IQ-INC.com).*

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