

# Commerce Bank Hosts Fourth Annual 25 Under 25<sup>SM</sup> Congratulatory Luncheon

Recognition of the 25 Under 25<sup>SM</sup> Class of 2005 kicked off with a luncheon hosted by Commerce Bank on Feb. 8. Commerce Bank has sponsored the luncheon since the award program's inception in 2002.

Each year, the luncheon gives the 25 honorees, judges, sponsors and advisory board members an opportunity to meet each other prior to the Awards Dinner & Gala, which was held this year on February 26, at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park.

Barnett Helzberg, Jr., former CEO and chairman of Helzberg Diamonds and founder of the Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program, was the keynote speaker.

Additional sponsors include Sprint, co-title sponsor; UMB Bank and Roger the Plumber, reception co-sponsors; Entrepreneurial Organizations at 4747 Troost on the UMKC Campus, video sponsor; Valley State Bank, Entrepreneurial Supporter Sponsor; S&M NuTec, announcement sponsor; and Hot Talk Radio 1510 AM, media sponsor.



1. Barnett Helzberg, Jr., the luncheon keynote speaker, signs a copy of his book for Linda and Bob Barrett, co-owners of COMMWorld of Kansas City (2005 Honoree).
2. Mary Lou Jacoby (awards judge), owner of Warehouse1, talks with Roger Peugeot, owner of Roger the Plumber (2002 Honoree and 2005 Reception co-sponsor).
3. Chance Goldston, owner of HOTMETAL Creative, and Monica Alexander, owner of The Best of Kansas City (both 2005 Honorees).
4. Jon Schram, owner of Versent—The Purple Guys (2005 Honoree), visits with Sally Pfeffer, owner of The Competitive Edge, who nominated Versent.



5. Jeri Bartunek introduces her company, Bartunek Technology Group (2005 Honoree).
6. Kyle Holt, owner of ESC Index (2005 Honoree), describes his company for the crowd.



7. Andrew Kaplan, Senior Vice President and Manager of Small Business Banking, Commerce Bank (2005 Luncheon sponsor), welcomes the 2005 honorees and guests.
8. Linda Peterson, owner of L.R. Cloverleaf, Margaret Reynolds, owner of Reynolds Consulting, and Kyle Holt, owner of ESC Index (all 2005 Honorees).
9. Brooke Moorhead, owner of Prairiebrooke Arts (2005 Honoree), tells her company story.
10. Byron McIntosh, owner of Greenleaf Construction Co., presents his company to the guests.