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For Immediate Release

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University Park, IL, May 29, 2009 – Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, CBPA Dean, recently welcomed more than 60 military veterans to GSU's CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs 3rd Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp.

Attendees were offered a choice of informative one-hour sessions ranging from *Marketing Your Business on a Shoestring* to *Show Me the Money*. CenterPoint sponsored presentations by 16 experts to help participants find sources of funding, help manage their cash flow, get and do business with governmental agencies, and information on how to start a business.

A highlight of the day included a panel discussion by experienced "vetpreneurs." Topics discussed varied from how their military background influenced their entrepreneurial journeys to the biggest problems they had to overcome in their business. The day ended with an informal networking session enabling attendees to make individual contacts with the presenters and CenterPoint staff for further information and guidance.

Participants represented all branches of the military and their family members. More than 175 veterans or family members have attended entrepreneurial boot camps held at GSU. Many participants attend more than one boot camp as they investigate how to succeed as an entrepreneur. Many attendees continue to access the advising and educational services provided to small business owners by CenterPoint.