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Serial Entrepreneur and Cryptology Scientist to Speak at University

Serial Entrepreneur and Cryptology Scientist Dr. Jim Pilgrim will give a lecture on "Finding Opportunity" through the Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), College of Business and Management as part of the "Executive Speaker Series". (Venue: 3:15 and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, in the Malcolm Field Performing Arts Theatre. There is no admission fee.)

Dr. Jim Pilgrim of Pilgrim Technology LLC is an expert in wireless cryptology and has appeared on CNBC, MSNBC and TechTV. Dr. Pilgrim began his career in the US Marine Corps and has been a key business developer since leaving active duty. Dr. Pilgrim has generated over \$1 Billion in revenue for companies throughout his career. In addition, Dr. Pilgrim created over 2000 jobs, invented 3 products and designed various communications systems for the US Navy and recently designed a secure wireless radio for use in the US Army. Recently Dr. Pilgrim, along with his wife and CEO, Jill Pilgrim, have led their company to extraordinary recognition, achieving recognition as "Best Small Business –Region 5 Michigan", Top 50 Companies to Watch – Michigan, Emerging Business Award, Expansion Award and Jill herself winning the RUBY Award earlier this year for the Upward Bright and Young in business. The

awards were often accompanied by recognition from the State of Michigan and the US Congress by Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI). State of Michigan recognition was received from State Senator Tony Stamas (R-MI), State Representative John Moolenaar (R-MI), and State Representative Bill Caul (R-MI).

Dr. Pilgrim's lecture will focus on "Finding Opportunity", which is intended to give students a unique perspective on business opportunity and current climate in Michigan. Dr. Pilgrim will convey to students the qualities of an entrepreneur and those characteristics that are most likely to lead to success. Dr. Pilgrim will offer insight into funding sources and the processes necessary to secure it. A component of the lecture includes discussion on challenges and recurring challenges in business today.

"As an entrepreneur I am honored to have the opportunity to share what I have learned over the years with what I consider to be the next generation of leaders in business" commented Dr. Pilgrim. "Providing today's students and tomorrows leaders with opportunity, insight and hope is the responsibility of all successful business leaders. My personal desire is to see that an increasing number of graduates stay in Michigan to start their own ventures, which will improve Michigan's economy and job force."

About Pilgrim Technology LLC

Pilgrim Technology LLC is a company that is dedicated to technology innovation and customer satisfaction. Formed in 2002, Pilgrim Technology is a woman-owned small business and a private company. First opened in Midland, Michigan as a wireless technology Solutions Company, Pilgrim Technology LLC has expanded to offer additional solutions to commercial entities and government agencies. Pilgrim Technology LLC offers complete solutions in Rapid-Prototyping, Sensor and Optics

Development, Rugged Mobile Devices, and Advanced Network Designs. Pilgrim Technology develops technology in the fields of automotive sensors, automotive diagnostics, engine diagnostics, wireless condition based maintenance, wireless and secure wireless diagnostics, and RFID and high-gain antenna products. Pilgrim Technology LLC has significantly expanded commercial services offerings to include Cisco Systems, Linksys, Fortress Technologies Inc., IBM (Lenovo), and Hewlett-Packard, including contracted and on call IT services. Consumer services include Disney Mobile Phones and Service as well as computer sales and service. Pilgrim Technology LLC is a federal government General Service Administration (GSA) contract holder. Pilgrim Technology LLC operates a Government Group and Commercial & Consumer group. For more information contact Julie White, President, Pilgrim Technology LLC or visit the company web site: <http://www.pilgrimtechnology.com>

About the SVSU Series

The Executive Speakers Series is a new initiative at SVSU which is offered twice a year (once in the winter and once in the fall) that we started this year. The objective of the Executive Speakers Series is to give our students and faculty the opportunity to learn first hand from Mid-Michigan entrepreneurs, to hear their stories of challenges and successes, and give you the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session.

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