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National Entrepreneurship Week and United States Competitiveness

According to **Samuel Leiken**, Senior Director of Policy Studies from the Council on Competitiveness, "The United States is currently preparing students for jobs that don't exist, using technologies that have not yet been invented, in order to solve problems that we don't even know are problems yet,"

Leiken was the keynote speaker at the 25th Anniversary Entrepreneurship FORUM in Charleston, SC on November 4, 2007. Leiken's theme was ***Entrepreneurship and US Competitiveness***. He spoke of the importance for educators to take a hard look at the role they are playing in preparing young people to be competitive and innovative in creating their own businesses. His emphasis focused on America's position in relation to the rest of the world and how we are presently being severely out paced. To see more of this presentation visit <http://www.entre-ed.org/forumfinal2007.htm>

To bring awareness for the need to focus on Entrepreneurship Education as a source for future economic growth in the United States the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education is hosting **National Entrepreneurship Week** the last week in February 2008 (**February 23 – March 1, 2008**). This week, established by the US House of Representatives (HR #699) in 2006, is a collaboration of entrepreneurship educators and civic leaders nationwide promoting local, state, and national events. It was created to honor America's entrepreneurs and promote the idea of becoming one as a viable career option to compete in the emerging world market.

Help celebrate Entrepreneurship Education and prepare our students for their highly competitive future. Get involved with **National Entrepreneurship Week** in your community. To learn how go to www.NationalEweek.com.

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