

## *Meet the Author*

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### **Julie Lenzer Kirk**

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Julie Lenzer Kirk, mother of two, harnesses her experience as a successful and award-winning IT entrepreneur to assist others in realizing their dream of entrepreneurship and taking their already-established entrepreneurial companies to the next level. She is President of Path Forward International, which provides workshops, consulting, and keynotes to give entrepreneurial companies and individuals a “Boot in the Butt™” to launch new ideas, grow existing ventures, find work/life balance, and fine tune leadership skills.

She is a sought-after speaker on topics of entrepreneurship, business management and leadership, and balancing work and family.

In recognition for her contributions to other business women and the community, Kirk received the Athena Award in 2004. She was also named to Maryland’s Top 100 Women 2005 sponsored by The Daily Record.

Kirk is the Lead Instructor for UMBC’s ACTIVATE program ([www.umbc.edu/activate](http://www.umbc.edu/activate)), an ex-officio member of the Board of the Center for Women and Information Technology at UMBC, a mentor for Count Me In’s Make Mine a \$Million program, and a member of the National Center for Women and Information Technology’s Entrepreneurial Alliance ([www.ncwit.com](http://www.ncwit.com)).

Additionally, Kirk is active in many international entrepreneurial outreach activities, such as the Iraqi Women’s Democracy Initiative and the Middle East Partnership Initiative, which both strive to forward the peace process through empowering women.

Kirk launches her first book, *The ParentPreneur Edge* (John Wiley & Sons) June 8, 2007.

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### **The ParentPreneur Edge**

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**What Parenting Teaches About Building a Successful Business**

