

SAMUEL ABERMAN, BENG'64, WAS A GRADUATE OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF ENGINEERING. HE BEGAN HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER AS A BUILDER AND DEVELOPER IN 1968 WHEN HE FOUNDED DIVCO LTD. FOR OVER FORTY-TWO YEARS HE WAS RENOWNED FOR HIS INGENUITY, KEEN SENSE OF INNOVATION, AND A DAUNTLESS ABILITY TO CONCRETIZE HIS MANY PROJECTS. SAMUEL'S COMPANY DIVCO HAS A CORPORATE MOTTO WHICH PROUDLY STATES "WE HAVE EARNED THEIR TRUST." THIS HARD-WON ACHIEVEMENT, FORTIFIED BY DETERMINATION, FORESIGHT AND COMMITMENT, RANKED SAMUEL AMONG THE RARE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO IMMEASURABLY IMPROVED THE COMMUNITY. HIS LEADERSHIP, DEVOTION TO HIS EMPLOYEES, AND NUMEROUS COMMUNITY PROJECTS WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.



THE SIXTH ANNUAL SAMUEL ABERMAN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BERNARD VOYER EXPLORER, MOUNTAINEER, ADVENTURER 0.C., C.Q., M.S.M.

THE PROGRAM

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	Mr. Marc Novakoff
	Partner, Jarislowsky Fraser
	Faculty Advisory Board Member
4:20 PM	DEAN'S REMARKS
 	Professor Jim A. Nicell
 	Faculty of Engineering
4:30 PM	PRESENTATION
 	BY BERNARD VOYER
5:30 PM	Q&A SESSION
6:00 PM	RECEPTION

An experienced explorer and
climber, Bernard Voyer has
30 years of expeditions and
adventures to his credit.
He reached the North Pole in
1994, the South Pole in 1996
and in 1999 he stood on the
highest peak on earth,
Mount Everest. In 2003, he
completed a World Tour by
climbing the highest peak
of each continent, becoming
the first explorer of
the Americas to achieve
such a feat.

A well-known speaker, Bernard Voyer has delivered over 1,000 motivational lectures in French and English, in North America, Europe and Japan, and has met over 300,000 business men and women. Attendees at his lectures have included heads of state, climatologists and NASA astronauts, among others. His exceptional career has earned him numerous honours including the Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur, Officer of the Order of Canada and *Chevalier de* l'Ordre national du Québec, the medal of the National Assembly and Two honorary doctorates. Honoured by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, Bernard Voyer received the highest accolade, the gold medal.

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In 2002, he was recognized by the Governor General of Canada as one of the 50 greatest Canadians in the last 50 years. That same year, Canada Post issued a series of stamps on the world's greatest mountains, including a tribute to Voyer and his achievements in mountaineering. In May 2003, he was decorated by the Prince of Nepal with the Medal of Honor awarded to mountaineers climbing the summit of Everest. In November, Bernard Voyer was honored for his World Tour by his hero, Sir Edmund Hillary, recognizing his career as an explorer and a mountaineer.

Engagement with young people is a priority for Voyer. He is the ambassador of *La Fondation LOJIQ* and supports other organizations that help disadvantaged young people and those with serious illnesses.