

James Macfadden selected for Lyon Lectureship

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Entrepreneur James R. Macfadden has been named the 1999 Edmund Lyon Memorial Lecturer for NTID. Open and free to the public, the main presentation will take place at 11:30 a.m., April 13, in the RIT Student Alumni Union, Room 1829. Macfadden will share how he achieved success through perseverance, continuing education, and overcoming obstacles along the way. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Sally Skyer at scsnbu@rit.edu by April 1.

As the Lyon lecturer, Macfadden, founder and president of a \$30 million information technology consulting firm, will make a series of presentations to NTID students and faculty, as well as other community groups during his April 12-16 visit.

Deaf for many years following progressive hearing loss, Macfadden attended public schools, and first learned sign language at Gallaudet University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Economics. Before founding Macfadden & Associates in 1986, he worked for 25 years as a computer programmer, project manager and vice president for various private corporations.

The Edmund Lyon Memorial Lectureship was established in memory of Edmund Lyon, a trustee of Rochester School for the Deaf from 1911-20 and an RIT trustee from 1905-20. Each year, the lectureship brings to the RIT campus for several days a deaf person who has distinguished him/herself in careers in science, technology, business, industry, the arts, or public service, and who stands as a role model to students and staff.