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In their book, *Moral Intelligence: Enhancing Business Performance and Leadership Success*, Lennick and co-author Fred Kiel employ the image of a compass to illustrate their message. They assert that leaders who follow a path of integrity, responsibility, compassion and forgiveness—a moral compass—seek a life destination, a powerful place of understanding, which leads to personal and professional satisfaction and success.

"Absent moral intelligence, organizations cannot be sustained," said Lennick. In successful organizations, "star performers stand up for what is right."

Lennick arrived at UMM in 1970. Two years later he decided to explore the world of business at the Carlson School of Management on the Twin Cities campus. He's now completing his UMM degree.

Lennick is the managing partner of the Lennick Aberman Group. He is legendary for his innovative approaches to developing high performance in individuals and organizations. Numerous Fortune 500 executives, specifically those from American Express and Ameriprise Financial, rely on Lennick for his insights on enhancing leadership and organizational performance.

Before founding the Lennick Aberman Group, Lennick was executive vice president – Advice and Retail Distribution for American Express Financial Advisors during which he led an organization of 17,000 field and corporate associates to unprecedented success. During his prior positions, first as a district manager in Minneapolis and then manager of Saint Paul division, he helped his organizations set and then break national sales records.

Lennick is also the author of *The Simple Genius (You)* and co-author of *How to Get What you Want and Remain True to Yourself*. He is in high demand as a keynote speaker as well as an executive and organizational adviser. He has been quoted and referenced in many publications and books, including Daniel Goleman's seminal book *Working with Emotional Intelligence*.

In November 2000, Lennick was honored by Columbia University's Center for Social and Emotional Education. He is currently a member of the prestigious Consortium for Research on Emotional Intelligence in Organizations and is a Fellow at the Carlson Executive Development Center, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota.

“I’m also serving on the Chancellor’s Advisory Board at UMM,” said Lennick. “Innovation will be the key to UMM’s advancement. But with innovation will come mistakes. It’s part of the process. The ability to let go and move on sustains success.”

Doug and his wife, Beth Ann, reside in Edina. They have three children.

Lennick’s lecture, sponsored by economics and management in the Division of the Social Sciences at UMM, is open to the public at no charge. For those who were unable to attend in person, the lecture is available [online](#).

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