

## Awards recognize women entrepreneurs

‘Outstanding examples’ for all business people

On Thursday, five women will be given the 2004 Rotman Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, presented by BMO Financial Group.

“This year’s winners represent the true spirit of Canadian entrepreneurship and have successfully forged new paths in a wide range of businesses,” says Michelle Field, vice-president, commercial market, BMO Bank of Montreal. “Their achievements stand as an example ... to all entrepreneurs.”

The winners are:

**Impact on Local Economy Award** Marnie Walker, Student Express Ltd., Toronto, presented by BMO Financial Group.

After spending eight years on crutches and canes due to a serious illness, Marnie Walker has a keen understanding of the transportation issues facing people with special needs. Student Express Ltd. provides safe, caring and high-quality transportation for private schools, seniors and special-needs individuals in the greater Toronto area. The company has grown over the past 14 years to achieve annual revenue of over \$10-million, 295 employees, a fleet of 250 buses, and a 7,000-square-foot operations base.