



## MARK GORDON

Mark Gordon believes in following one's dreams.

Starting in childhood, he imagined a life at sea. Today, he is among the fortunate few who make their living pursuing their passion.

As one of the world's foremost deep-ocean explorers, Mark Gordon knows the importance of patience, persistence, and teamwork. He also knows that following your dreams comes with both passion and thrill and successes and failures.

During his speeches, audiences feel the excitement as Mark guides them through adventurous explorations. These unpredictable deep-sea searches may lead to the discovery of unthinkable treasures or to a ship that has been lost to the sea for a century, but there is some consistency in these expeditions: the thrill of the journey and lessons to be learned.

Mark is an entrepreneur with a keen ability to build companies and lead them to realizing their true potential for success. Mark Gordon exemplified this capability when he successfully orchestrated a unique business pivot. Odyssey Marine Exploration, a deep-sea exploration business originally focused on shipwreck exploration, transformed to become a leader in the discovery and extraction of subsea mineral resources when Mark recognized the opportunity to apply Odyssey's core competencies in a more productive manner. Subsea mineral deposits can provide critical resources with minimal environmental and social impact when compared with land-based deposits. Odyssey Marine Exploration now focuses on projects that can meet stringent standards for environmental responsibility and sustainability while unlocking benefits for the host community and country.

Mark has been featured on Discovery TV and has appeared as a guest on many media outlets including *The Today Show*, Fox News, Bloomberg TV, and CNBC. He has delivered a TEDx Talk and keynote addresses at the U.S. Naval Academy, The Explorer's Club, multiple Young President Organization events, and at a variety of diverse business and community conferences.

Mark became Chief Executive Officer of Odyssey Marine Exploration in 2014 and Chairman of the Board in 2019 after working his way up the ranks of this NASDAQ publicly traded company that he joined as an independent consultant in 2005.

Prior to joining Odyssey, Mark started, owned, or managed four different entrepreneurial ventures from 1987 to 2003, including Synergy Networks which he founded in 1993 and served as CEO until September of 2003 before selling the company to Rockefeller Group. He continued serving as President of Rockefeller Group Technology Services Mid Atlantic (RGTSMA), a member of Rockefeller Group International, until December 2004.

Mark's path to his dream has been deliberate. During his college days and through his MBA program at American University, Mark worked as a shipwreck diver with the National Diving Center in Washington, D.C. where he conducted hundreds of dives and explorations on shipwrecks along the Atlantic Coast and off the island of Bermuda. His underwater adventures include being the first person to discover and dive on the SS Proteus, a ship that had been missing since the early 1900s, which further fueled his passion to stop at no depth.

Mark and his wife Sue make their home in Saint Petersburg, Florida where they enjoy life on the shores of Tampa Bay.