

10 innovators

It's not easy limiting the list of Beehive brainiacs to just 10. But after months of discussing the merits, ideas, and inventions of hundreds of Utahns (and former Utahns) we winnowed our picks down to the most brilliant and influential minds, each chosen for his or her contributions to a specific field, be it medicine, economics, politics, or art.



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andrew mclean

extreme sports product tester and designer

Andrew McLean is not your typical 44-year-old ski bum from Park City. This former Black Diamond product designer takes the extreme sports enthusiast label to heart by S-turning his way down some of the globe's most treacherous hunks of rock and ice: Mount McKinley, Mount Hunter, Mount Rainier, and Canada's little-traveled Baffin Island. Not only a legend in backcountry skiing circles, he's invented a number of gadgets that fuse skiing and mountaineering and, in recent years has channeled his energies into developing ski-mountaineering racing in the U.S. His latest project, the ski kite, used by Arctic explorers to rocket across flat, frozen fjords, graced the cover of Mountain Hardwear's 2004 fall catalog. Officially retired from the corporate world, McLean has set his sights and skis on tackling the Patagonian Ice Cap, a region that's hardly been explored, let alone skied.

