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Kiwanis Names Michael Burcham Nashvillian of the Year

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Michael Burcham, CEO of the Nashville Entrepreneur Center, has been named Outstanding Nashvillian of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Nashville.

Burcham will be recognized Friday during a lunch banquet.

"Our Kiwanis Club of Nashville is most enthusiastic to share the great news -- Michael Burcham is our unanimous selection as Outstanding Nashvillian of the Year for 2013, an accolade our 98-year-old civic organization has proudly sponsored since 1980," George H. Armistead III, cofounder of the event and co-chair of the program this year, said in a news release. "What Michael has pioneered and championed via the Nashville Entrepreneur Center has touched many a businessperson, young and mature alike, in very positive fashion and certainly benefited our wonderful city in several ways."

The Nashville Business Journal profiled Burcham in a cover story last May. Give it a read [here](#).

The following are excerpts from this week's news release:

Since Michael Burcham has become CEO of the EC, Nashville has come to be recognized as a top tier place to start a business throughout America. The EC, in 2013, was named as one of seven technology hubs in the Google for Entrepreneurs network and has worked as a leading partner in the NYSE's Corporate Connection's program. The White House also recognized Michael as a Champion of Change in 2012 for his work in mentoring young companies.

During his time leading Nashville's charge towards entrepreneurial advancement, the city has been recognized as a "Top 5 City to Start a Business" by CNN, as well as countless other national publication lists. Michael has spoken on behalf of the EC and the work it does in cities around the US and countries around the globe.

Exemplary citizens such as like Martha Ingram, Jack Massey, Barbara Mandrell, Marty Dickens, Phil Bredesen, Vince Gill and Karl Dean are among the past 32 honorees. The award is given annually to a person deemed to have provided Nashville with great benefit through good deeds, philanthropy, sharing, caring, and leadership that positively impacts others without seeking or anticipating recognition or reward. From 1980 winner Martha Ingram to now, the Outstanding Nashvillian of the Year represents the great spirit of the Music City.

“I’m deeply moved and honored by this incredible recognition” says Michael Burcham. “It is such a privilege to serve our community to help individuals turn their dreams and ideas into a real business. This process transforms *lives, families and communities.*”