

CTA Names 12 Industry Leaders to the 2017 CT Hall of Fame

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ARLINGTON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Consumer Technology Association (CTA)[®] announced the new class of inductees into its 2017 Consumer Technology (CT) Hall of Fame. The CT Hall of Fame, created in 2000, honors the leaders who advance innovation and have built the foundation for the technologies, products and services that continue to improve consumers' lives and better our world.

"The CT Hall of Fame celebrates excellence in our industry," said CTA President and CEO Gary Shapiro. "This year's distinguished class includes innovators who created the Segway; the print-to-speech reading machine for the blind; and varying MPEG video compression standards; business executives who launched unique cell phone service and revolutionary smartphones; and the first high-powered/low-distortion audio amplifier. In addition, a nationwide wireless distributor, a retailer who grew nine stores into 6,500, an influential publisher and even a former CTA Chairman, current Congressman and co-founder of the largest vehicle anti-theft device company are part of this exceptional group."

The 2017 class also includes two teams who combined efforts to better the industry:

Innovators/Technologists

Dean Kamen, FIRST, Segway
Ray Kurzweil, Google

Founders/Executives

Arlene Harris, GreatCall
Mike Lazardis, BlackBerry/RIM

Retailers/Distributors

Mitch Mohr, Celluphone
Charles Tandy, Tandy/Radio Shack

Industry Advancement

Darrell Issa, Congressman, Directed Electronics
Marcia Grand, *TWICE*

Team: Dr. Leonardo Chiariglione/Dr. Hiroshi Yasuda, JPEG/MPEG

Team: Frank McIntosh/Gordon Gow, McIntosh Laboratory

The inductees were selected by a panel of media and industry professionals, who judged the nominations submitted by manufacturers, retailers and industry journalists. The 2017 honorees will be inducted into the CT Hall of Fame in New York at an awards dinner on Tuesday, November 7, at the Rainbow Room. Complete inductee bios will appear in the November issue

of /3 as well as online.

About Consumer Technology Association:

Consumer Technology Association (CTA)TM is the trade association representing the \$292 billion U.S. consumer technology industry, which supports more than 15 million U.S. jobs. More than 2,200 companies – 80 percent are small businesses and startups; others are among the world's best known brands – enjoy the benefits of CTA membership including policy advocacy, market research, technical education, industry promotion, standards development and the fostering of business and strategic relationships. CTA also owns and produces CES[®] – the world's gathering place for all who thrive on the business of consumer technologies. Profits from CES are reinvested into CTA's industry services.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **New American Jobs Summit**
May 3, Washington, DC
- **CES Asia 2017 – Register**
June 7-9, Shanghai, China
- **CEO Summit**
June 21-24, Amalfi Coast, Italy
- **Innovate! and Celebrate**
October 9-11, San Francisco, CA
- **CES 2018**
January 9-12, Las Vegas, NV

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