

## **Silicon Valley's Churchill Club Announces Winners of Inaugural Awards: The Churchills**

*In Celebration of the Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Churchills Recognize Top Individuals, Companies and Teams to Highlight Excellence, Inspire Others*

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** – (Marketwire – Aug. 3, 2011) – On the occasion of its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone, the [Churchill Club](#), Silicon Valley's premier business and technology forum, today announced the winners of its first annual Churchill Club Awards. Representing four distinct categories, the newly-dubbed "Churchills" recognize the top individuals, teams and organizations in the technology community that have sustained exemplary achievements and made significant contributions that drive business growth and innovation. Renowned Silicon Valley author, speaker and advisor Geoffrey Moore will act as master of ceremonies for the evening program.

The organization's 25th Anniversary year was kicked off by a captivating conversation between [James Cameron and Eric Schmidt](#) at a sold-out premier event on Churchill Club's stage last October. On September 15-16, 2011 at the Santa Clara Hyatt & Convention Center in Silicon Valley, the Churchill Club will cap off its milestone celebration by presenting two high-profile programs that will bring together the business and technology leadership of its members and global partners to add new insights and advance the conversation on leadership and innovation. The Churchills awards presentation is the first of these two celebratory events.

"The Churchill Club Awards are about highlighting exemplary achievements in innovation, social benefit, collaboration and leadership—all essential ingredients in Silicon Valley's unique innovation ecosystem or innovation communities anywhere," said Karen Tucker, CEO of the Churchill Club. "By highlighting excellence in these key areas, the Churchill Club Awards program represents a significant opportunity to inspire others and encourage further innovation that can lead to economic growth."

### **And the Winners Are...**

- *The Game Changer Award:* For indispensable technology and business innovation. *"You changed how things are done or viewed and there's no going back."*
  - Winner: Facebook.
- *The Global Benefactor Award:* For irrepressible vision and positive impact on society. *"Thanks for thinking big."*
  - Winner: Salman Khan, the Khan Academy.
- *The Magical Team Award:* For collaborative breakthroughs that result in an irresistible product or service. *"You guys nailed it."*
  - Winner: Microsoft Kinect.
- *The Legendary Leader Award:* For inspirational leadership and contributions to others' innovation and success. *"Couldn't have done it without you."*
  - Winner: Elon Musk, Tesla & SpaceX.

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Winners will be honored the evening of September 15, 2011, and the Churchill Club expects upward of 500 business and technology executives and professionals, investors, entrepreneurs, professors, students, and influential members of the press to gather for this inaugural event.

**When:** Thursday, September 15, 2011  
5:00 p.m. Registration and general reception  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:15-8:45 p.m. Awards program

**Where:** Santa Clara Hyatt & Convention Center  
5101 Great America Pkwy.  
Santa Clara, CA

**More:** To register for this program or for more information, please visit [www.churchillclub.org](http://www.churchillclub.org).

### **The Nomination Process for the Churchills**

Nominations were submitted by the Churchill Club Academy, a group of 350 distinguished business and technology executives and professionals, investors, entrepreneurs, academics, and members of the press. The Academy voted on the entire list of nominations submitted and an internal selection committee reviewed the votes and finalized the top nominees.

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### *About the Churchill Club*

The Churchill Club is an internationally-respected independent business and technology forum located in Silicon Valley, where CEOs, thought leaders, global business executives, innovators, and senior political leaders meet to discuss and debate, inform and educate, forecast and evaluate. Founded in 1985, the Club is known for its smart, provocative conversations on the most current leadership and innovation topics. Its 7,000 individual and corporate members include senior executives from market-leading companies, investors, and entrepreneurs. Recent speakers to the Club include Michael Dell, founder, chairman & CEO, Dell; Larry Ellison, founder, chairman & CEO, Oracle; Jim Goodnight, chairman & CEO, SAS; Michael Eisner, former CEO, the Walt Disney Company; Ursula Burns, Chairman & CEO of Xerox, Jeff Weiner, CEO of LinkedIn; and Reed Hastings, founder & CEO of Netflix. Further information about the Churchill Club, a 501(c)(3) organization, can be found at [www.churchillclub.org](http://www.churchillclub.org).

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