

Mitchell Klein Receives 2019 CEDIA Lifetime Achievement Award

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CEDIA announces Mitchell Klein is the recipient of the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award. Klein will be honoured at the CEDIA Expo Opening Keynote hosted at the Colorado Convention Centre on 11 September 2019.



The CEDIA Lifetime Achievement Award recognises individuals showing outstanding, creative, innovative and visionary leadership in the growth and advancement of the residential technology industry. Klein is a 30+ year industry veteran with a career in educating the industry, building, creating and implementing strategic businesses and programs, and leading companies to help bring smart home and custom installation into the mainstream.

Klein is known to have kicked off many key CEDIA initiatives in almost every area, including operational, educational, financial, legislative and marketing. Examples include initiating and implementing the first CEDIA strategic plan, the creation of an operating budget and reserve fund, introducing the CEDIA certification program and Management Conference, along with various policy and promotional projects. He continues his volunteerism on the Professional Development Action Committee today.

Currently Klein is the executive director of the Z-Wave Alliance, the consortium of IoT brands and influencers counting over 700 global companies and over 3000 certified products. Prior to Z-Wave, Klein consulted for numerous CE brands, led business development for URC for several years and run an own industry-leading installation for for over 14 years. In addition, Klein is a CEDIA Fellow, former 2-term CEDIA president and ongoing volunteer and is a regular contributor to trade and technology publications.

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"Mitch is part of an elite group, not only now as a CEDIA Lifetime Achievement recipient but as someone who has been actively engaged with CEDIA from the early stages and has continued to serve the community," CEDIA says. "Anyone who knows Mitch likely has a story about his willingness to share his expertise and his passion to further the growth and success of the industry."

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