

Artis "Keith" Turner

Serial Entrepreneur

Almost 20 years of Entrepreneurship Experience

Founded the following companies: TurnGroup Technologies, H is for Hope Books, iChurch Phone Apps, Better Volunteering, Natural Medicine Dr

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Artis "Keith" Turner is currently President of **TurnGroup Technologies, LLC**, a company that he founded in April of 2002. Keith leads a staff at TurnGroup Technologies, which is a business and technology consulting firm that focuses on providing cost-effective technology solutions to companies and organizations that want to use data, websites, and mobile apps to make smarter business decisions and target their clients more effectively. TurnGroup Technologies provides the following services:

- Business Intelligence
- Data analysis & Consulting
- Website Design & Development
- Mobile App Development
- Online Digital Marketing
- Graphic Design
- IT Infrastructure project management

TurnGroup was recognized in 2004 and awarded the Emerging Business of the Year Award by the St. Louis American, Regional Commerce and Growth Association, and the Urban League of St. Louis. In August of 2009, St. Louis Development Corporation recognized TurnGroup with a 'Business Spotlight' that highlight's the success of businesses providing services in the City of St. Louis, MO. On October 9, 2009, TurnGroup was recognized as one of the Businesses of the Year in the City of St. Louis, MO by the Office of the Mayor. Keith, and TurnGroup, have also been highlighted and quoted in Black Enterprise (March 2011) and Ebony Magazine (March 2012)

TurnGroup has provided Technology consulting and related project and systems management for over 150 clients in the United States (from St. Louis Missouri, to Syracuse in New York State).

Keith was raised in St. Louis, and returned after he graduated *Cum Laude* from Morehouse College in 1995. Since his return to St. Louis, Keith received the 2006 Entrepreneur of the Year award from the Urban League Young Professionals. Recently, Keith was recognized at the St. Louis American Foundation's 'Salute to Young Leaders 2011' as one of the 20 Business Leaders under the age of 40 that are highly active in community service. Also, in 2011, Keith completed the e200 Business Leadership program created by the Small Business Administration. In 2014, Keith completed his MBA from the prestigious Washington University in St. Louis, MO. He has also received other awards and recognition for community service and activism. Most recently, Keith's start-up iChurch Phone Apps, LLC received a Top 10 start-up technology award from ITEN in 2015.

Civic responsibility and community stewardship rank first among Keith's ideals and objectives, and serve as primary anchors for his developing business interests. Keith was honored by the Gateway Classic Foundation in recognition for the 2012 Outstanding African American Citizens Award. Keith is the former President of the Morehouse College Alumni Association ~ St. Louis Chapter. Keith volunteers a significant amount of his time with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis, Urban League Employment Committee, Friendship M.B. Church, Cardinal Ritter Prep HS, and St. Paul Saturdays: Manhood and Leadership Development.

Keith was honored by the **Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center** for his commitment to community service for young people.

Keith's current favorite quote:

"Either you are responsible for teaching or you are responsible for learning!"

~ Person Unknown

Awards and Achievements

2015: Innovation Fellowship for the Venture Café & YouthCITIES Youth Entrepreneurship Program

2015: Ferguson 1000 – Technology Committee Chairman

2015: iChurch Phone Apps, LLC Top 10 Start-up in St. Louis

2014: December – Completed the Washington University Olin Business School's Professional MBA Program

2014: Top 25 African American Owned Businesses in St. Louis, MO (recognized by the St. Louis American Foundation, Urban League of St. Louis)

2014: Member of the Regional Business Council's Young Professional Network Leadership 100

2012: Board Member for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis (formerly HHBG-Club)

2012: Gateway Classic Foundation, Outstanding African American Citizens Award

2011: St. Louis American Foundation, Awardee of the Salute to Young Leaders Award, 20 Business Leaders under 40

2011: Completed the highly selective Small Business Administration e200 Business Leadership Program

2009: Business of the Year from the City of St. Louis

2009: Business Spotlight, City of St. Louis

2007-2009: Creation of the H is for Hope Books Children's Series

2006: Entrepreneur of the Year, Urban League Young Professionals

2006: Honored by Annie Malone Children Center for commitment to community service for youth.

2004: Emerging Business of the Year, RCGA, Urban League & St. Louis American