



2020 NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Born: May 5, 1965

Primary Connections:

- Kiva Systems: Founder and CEO
- Webvan: Dir. Business Process 1999-2000
- Apple Inc.: Product Marketing Manager, 1995-1999
- Motorola Inc.: Mechanical, Manufacturing Engineer, 1987-94

Education:

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology: S.B., Mechanical Engineering, 1987
- Harvard University: Harvard Business School, MBA, 1996

Key Memberships/Awards:

- Ernst & Young, Entrepreneur of the Year 2008 New England Regional Award Recipient
- Kiva recognized as 23rd most innovative company in world by Fast Company magazine 2012.
- IEEE/IFR Innovation and Entrepreneurship Award (also presented to Peter Wurman and Raffaello D'Andrea), 2008

10 Things You Need to Know About

Mick Mountz

Inventor of Mobile Robotic Material Handling for Order Fulfillment

U.S. PATENT NO. 8,649,899

1. Mountz was born in 1965 at the U.S. Army General Hospital in Frankfurt, Germany.
2. As an Army brat, he had 13 different addresses before college, including stops in Germany, Korea, Italy, Wisconsin, Illinois and Georgia.
3. As a child, Mountz wanted to invent a baseball pitching machine and a device to do all his homework.
4. He says his curiosity and inspiration to learn about the way things work comes from his mother sharing her enthusiasm for science and encouraging his creative interests as a child.
5. Mountz says his father challenged him to play sports, be competitive and seek leadership roles. "I think all of those parental influences contribute to how you move through your education process and then some of your career decisions, as well."
6. At MIT, Mountz was roommates with Peter Wurman, Kiva co-founder and co-Inductee, and they were members of the same fraternity.
7. He played baseball for four years at MIT and had the second lowest ERA in the nation for Division III his senior year.
8. Mountz was a product marketing manager at Apple from 1995-99 on the PowerMac Desktop line and still has his Mac 512k from 1986.
9. He has been a member of the MIT School of Engineering's Dean's Advisory Council and the MIT Mechanical Engineering Department Visiting Committee for the past five years.
10. Mountz holds more than 60 U.S. patents.