



ROBERT E. BURTON
Chief Operating Officer

Robert E. Burton is the Chief Operating Officer at burton + BURTON®, founded in 1982 with his wife, Maxine H. Burton. The company is the world's largest supplier of balloons and coordinating gift products headquartered in Bogart, Georgia. Currently, Bob oversees overall operations and has a true passion for providing exemplary customer service. Bob earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Georgia and has been honored as an Outstanding Alumnus by Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Eta Chapter. Over the years, he has received recognition for his work in the industry and community.

AWARDS + HONORS

- 2019 Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Georgia 4-H Foundation
- 2018 University of Georgia President's Annual Report recognized Maxine and Bob Burton for Outstanding Philanthropy
- 2015 University of Georgia College of Agriculture Medallion of Honor awarded to Maxine and Bob Burton in recognition of their service to the college and the agricultural industry in Georgia
- 2012 Key to the City presented by the Honorable Nancy Denson, Mayor of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, upon the 30th anniversary of the company, burton + BURTON®
- 2009 Friends of the Extension by Epsilon Sigma Phi in association with Georgia 4-H Foundation
- 2008 Recipient of the Georgia Family Business of the Year Award, Large Category, by Cox Family Enterprise Center, Kennesaw State University
- 2006 Recipient of the William E. "Billy" Hudson Distinguished Citizen Award, Northeast Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America
- 2006 Ruby C. McSwain Philanthropist Award, Virginia Tech University, by the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association
- 2005 Alan J. McDonald International Entrepreneur Award from Society of International Business Fellows
- 2004 The University of Georgia, which operates the 4-H program through its College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, renamed the facility the Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island in recognition of the Burton's generosity
- 2001 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year® for the Retail/Wholesale Category, Southeast Division
- 2001 Outstanding Georgia Citizen by Secretary of State Cathy Cox
- 1999 Named Lieutenant Colonel, Aide de Camp, Governor's Staff by Georgia Governor Roy Barnes
- 1991 National Marketing Award, *Florists' Review* magazine
- 1990 Outstanding Service Award from the National Association of Balloon ArtistsSM (NABA)

BOARDS + COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

CURRENT

Coalition for Responsible Celebration (CRC)
Society of International Business Fellows (SIBF)
St. Mary's Hospital, Board

PAST

Athens Area Health Plan Select (AAHPS), Board
Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, Board
Athens Area Council on Aging, Board
Athens Area Symphony, Board
Athens Regional Medical Center (ARMC), Board
Bank of America, Advisory Board

PAST CONTINUED

Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE)
(Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center),
Costa Rica Investment Board
Georgia 4-H Foundation, Board
Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Board
Georgia Museum of Art, Board
Leadership Athens
National Bank of Georgia, Founding Member & Board
Salvation Army, Board
Wall Street Club, President