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## **Phipps named 2013 KWAOR Realtor of the Year**

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warwick,RI According to the Kent Washington Association of Realtors (KWAOR), Matthew Phipps has been chosen as the 2013 KWAOR Realtor of the Year. The Realtor of the Year award is the highest recognition given by the association, and selection is based upon the achievements and contributions deemed to represent those qualities all realtors should ascribe to in their civic and professional life.

Phipps is a fourth generation Realtor at Phipps Realty in Warwick. He currently serves as a director for the Kent Washington Association of Realtors. He obtained his real estate license in 2001, while still a Journalism major at American University in Washington, D.C..

Phipps co-founded the KWAOR Young Professionals Network in 2009 and is also co-founder and past president of the Young Professionals Network for the Rhode Island Association of Realtors. He has served as a technology instructor for the Rhode Island Association of Realtors, as well as a panelist in the "Rhode to Recovery" panel discussions and the Young Professionals educational series. He currently serves as vice-chair of the National Association of Realtors Young Professionals Network advisory board and is slated to be its chair in 2014.

Phipps was recognized in 2008 as one of REALTOR Magazine's "30 under 30," for his work and advocacy in the use of technology and social media as tools for servicing clients. He has actively served on numerous committees for the National Association of Realtors, including chair of the communications committee.

He has been a guest panelist for the 2010 NAR Leadership Summit in Chicago, as well as a panelist on a variety of subjects, including social media, video, and technology for various committees during the year end and mid-year conventions. He continues to make appearances to various Realtor association offices throughout the country. Phipps is one of five nominees for 2013 Rhode Island State Realtor of the Year. The winner will be announced at the Rhode Island Association's of Realtors Annual Installation of Officers and Directors on October 24.

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