

Luke Skurman



Luke Skurman is the Founder and CEO of [Niche](#). Luke is passionate about education, entrepreneurship, and leadership. Luke holds bachelors and master's degrees from Carnegie Mellon University and is a member of its Board of Trustees; Luke is the Vice Chairman of the Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship committee; he is also a member of both the Education Affairs and the Property & Facilities committees. Luke is a Co-founder and Board Member of Ascender, a non-profit, 501 (c)(3), focused on bolstering innovation and entrepreneurship in the Pittsburgh region. Luke has won national awards related to entrepreneurship from BusinessWeek, Fast Company, and Inc. Magazine and has been featured in numerous media outlets including The New York Times, CNN, and Fortune. Luke was awarded the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year for the Pittsburgh region in 2016. He is a member of the Pittsburgh chapter of Young Presidents Organization (YPO), he is married to his wife, Natalia, where they live in Pittsburgh with their two young children.