

# AI Academy — Press Bios

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## **CHRISTOPHER SMITH**

*Chairman of the Board*

An accomplished international strategist, government advisor, and security executive with over 30 years of experience shaping U.S. policy in counterterrorism, transportation, and homeland security. Appointed by President George W. Bush to the Senior Executive Service, he served as Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Programs at TSA and Senior Director for Middle Eastern Affairs at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

## **GIOVANNI TOMASELLI**

*Head Chairman, AI Academy*

Over 20 years of experience in Asia and Director of multiple Foreign Trade Areas in support of his Harvard Business School Case Study around Entrepreneurship. Having led major development teams, Giovanni keeps humanity at the core of Artificial Intelligence and supercharges the Fellowship of the AI Academy.

## **MICHAEL STEVENSON**

*Chairman of the Advisory Board*

Civic-minded strategist providing guidance on corporate governance, ethical technology adoption, and large-scale education-market growth. Specializes in translating advanced technologies into accessible, socially responsible products that prioritize equity and student well-being.

## **TOM STEVENSON**

*Trustee*

Provides strategic guidance on corporate governance, ethical technology adoption, and large-scale education-market growth. Specializes in translating advanced technologies into accessible, socially responsible products that prioritize equity and student well-being.

## **MICHAEL MAINELLI**

*Trustee*

Chairman of Z/Yen Group and former Lord Mayor of London. A scientist-turned-accountant who has led major innovations in mapping, finance, and technology, including pioneering digital cartography projects. Senior roles across academia, government, and industry.

**FR. PHILIP LARREY, PH.D.**

*Advisory Board Member*

A Catholic priest, philosopher, and theologian working at the intersection of faith, science, and technology. Professor at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, he advises Vatican initiatives on ethics and artificial intelligence.

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