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Hans Vargas-Silva is an information security professional passionate about innovation, delivering value, and solving novel problems with data. He currently is part of the Cybersecurity Governance team at Marathon Petroleum. He is a Purdue Boilermaker and CERIAS alumnus. He enjoys volunteering on several Boards in his community; he serves as Corporate Secretary of the Hispanic Employee Network at work, promoting diversity of thought and community engagement. He is a volunteer with many local, national and international nonprofits. Hans is an immigrant from Peru.



Matthew Versaggi is a former White House Presidential Innovation Fellow in AI. He is an Artificial Intelligence subject matter expert, a senior leader in AI at the fortune-5 healthcare level who has seen hundreds of use-cases, and has been in the AI space since the mid-80s.

He has decades of experience as an entrepreneur, graduate level university professor, and public speaker. He holds patents in quantum computing, machine learning, and cognitive technology.

Matthew is classically trained in AI at the graduate computer science level, holds four university degrees including an MBA, and dozens of professional certificates in AI technology, and AI business strategy.

He founded the organizations "College of Artificial Intelligence" that has trained hundreds of technologists, has chaired two patent review boards that awarded hundreds of AI healthcare technology patents, and led the organization's AI center of excellence.

He has been an entrepreneur for 16 years as CEO of his own company, taught for a decade at the university earning a teaching award, and is a seasoned public speaker of years with a global reach.

Matthew is a philosopher of decades, and is an accomplished athletic coach of 15 years in the pole vault.

He currently consults in the AI business strategy space helping organizations become AI ready.



Jeremy Scheiderer is a Senior Solution Architect at Marathon Petroleum Corporation with over 26 years of experience in IT, software development, and enterprise architecture. His technology journey began in the late 1990s when he installed his first network and soon after founded CompNet Integrated Solutions, delivering end-to-end IT services across networking, web development, and VoIP systems. He later spent over a decade at Tour de Force, Inc., advancing to Vice President of DevOps where he led product development, cloud modernization, and enterprise technology strategy.

Since joining Marathon Petroleum in 2019, Jeremy has held multiple leadership roles spanning business analysis, product ownership, and architecture. In his current role, he focuses on AI enablement, data contextualization, and digital transformation across Refining and Midstream. His work centers on building modern architectures that drive operational efficiency, enable digital twin capabilities, and deliver measurable business outcomes through DevSecOps and FinOps practices.

Jeremy is also passionate about education, community, and continuous learning. He served for nine years as an adjunct instructor at Owens Community College, mentoring students in computer fundamentals and networking. He recently completed the MIT Professional Education program in Applied Generative AI for Digital Transformation, reinforcing his focus on responsible AI adoption. In the Findlay community, he is an active member of Flag City Rotary, supporting local service and engagement initiatives. Jeremy serves on the UF Computer Science Advisory Board.

Chip Block is an award-winning cybersecurity and advanced technology executive, researcher, and author with more than four decades of experience spanning cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, data security, privacy, quantum computing and emerging technologies. He served as co-principal investigator with a U.S. national laboratory on research that received an R&D 100 Award, recognizing one of the year's 100 most significant technological achievements in the world. His career has included advanced technology and cybersecurity work supporting the Department of Defense and major organizations in the financial, energy, healthcare, and transportation sectors.



Mr. Block's research has ranged from developing cybersecurity protections for deployed satellite systems to pioneering applications of machine learning in cybersecurity. He has collaborated with senior federal technology leaders, including co-authoring research on advanced data security with the first Chief Data Officer of the Department of Defense. A frequent author and speaker, his current research focuses on securing artificial intelligence infrastructure and applications, the changing cybersecurity and privacy implications of AI and large language models, and emerging quantum technologies.

As CEO and Chief Technologist of Kiwi Futures LLC, Mr. Block advises organizations on advanced cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, privacy, and data protection. His work focuses on helping organizations understand, secure, and practically apply emerging technologies while preparing for the new security and business challenges they create.