



**Joe Merrill** · 3rd

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SputnikATX

The University of Chicago  
Booth School of Business

## Experience



### General Partner

SputnikATX

Aug 2014 – Present · 7 yrs

Austin, Texas Area

Manage a global portfolio of assets in education, AI, and other technology areas. We make strategic investments in early to growth stage companies.



### Consultant

Teza Technologies · Part-time

Jan 2021 – Present · 7 mos

Austin, Texas, United States



### Trustee

University of the Potomac

Mar 2016 – Present · 5 yrs 5 mos

Washington D.C. Metro Area

University Trustee, member of the finance committee.



### Member, Board of Directors

The STEM Academy

Nov 2010 – Present · 10 yrs 9 mos

The STEM Academy is the global leader in blended STEM education for K-16 schools and education providers.



### Trustee

London College of International Business Studies

Aug 2014 – Mar 2016 · 1 yr 8 mos

London, United Kingdom

Member, Board of Trustees, at 140+ year old London university.

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## Education



### The University of Chicago Booth School of Business

MBA, Finance, Strategy, Economics

2002 – 2004

Activities and Societies: Emerging Markets Group, Corporate Management & Strategy Group

Deans List



### University of California, Davis

BA, East Asian Studies

1992 – 1995

Activities and Societies: Omicron Delta Epsilon Editor, Student Handbook

Dean's List

Honors Program

Outstanding Senior Award

## Volunteer experience



### Member, Board of Directors

The STEM Academy

Apr 2011 – Present · 10 yrs 4 mos

Education

Advisor and member, Board of Directors, of the STEM Academy (<http://www.stem101.org>). The fastest growing STEM content provider in the world.

The STEM Academy is transforming how schools teach by providing project-based learning

programs with their proprietary blended model.



**President, Board of Directors**  
Legacy Traditional Schools Texas  
Oct 2016 – Present • 4 yrs 10 mos  
Education

## Skills & endorsements

### Strategy · 72

Endorsed by **Alicia Hatch** and **4 others** who are highly skilled at this

Endorsed by **7 of Joe's colleagues** at **John Deere**

### Strategic Planning · 49

Endorsed by **5 of Joe's colleagues** at **John Deere**

### Business Development · 38



Endorsed by **Nidhi S**, who is highly skilled at this



Endorsed by **4 of Joe's colleagues** at **John Deere**

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## Recommendations

Received (7)

Given (13)



**Mark P. Weiss, MBA, CMA, CFM, PMP**  
Financial Planning & Analysis Alchemist, turning data into information • Business Performance Mgmt •

November 11, 2011, Mark P. worked with Joe in different groups

It was a real "education" (pun intended) trading ideas with Joe as he helped chart Apollo Group's Global expansion. I hope I was able to help him, but I certainly got the better end of that deal. Joe's a very sharp, congenial and sharing person who excels at seeing two steps ahead and usually gets it all correct. ... See more



**Todd Maurer**  
Edunomix CEO, President at Versatile PhD  
September 27, 2010, Joe worked with Todd in the same group

Joe brings strong intellect, deep cultural insight, a tenacious work ethic, and a good-natured personality to complex cross-border deals and partnerships. He would be an asset to any development team because he knows the value of trust and perseverance. I recommend him without reservation.