

Cheetah Learning Honors Michael D. Walker, PMP®, with Distinguished Cheetah Alum Award for Significant Impact

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Recognized for nearly two decades of applying [project management](#) and accelerated learning principles to enterprise transformation, organizational leadership, and community impact

[Cheetah Learning](#), a global leader in accelerated project management education, announced today that Michael D. Walker, PMP®, has been named a [Distinguished Cheetah Alum](#) in the category of Significant Impact.

The award highlights professionals whose careers demonstrate dedication, passion, and authentic application of project management principles and accelerated learning to create meaningful, measurable results.

Walker completed the Cheetah Learning PMP® accelerated learning exam prep program in 2008 and has since led hundreds of major projects across Fortune 500 organizations including MGM Resorts International, Caesars Entertainment, Toyota, Citigroup, Honeywell Intelligrated, and The Venetian Resort. His work has spanned multimillion-dollar initiatives, enterprise infrastructure recovery, operational modernization, systems implementation, and the development of high-performing project teams.

Today, Walker serves as a Senior Project Manager at The Venetian Resort Las Vegas, where he applies more than two decades of project management experience to complex initiatives, cross-functional coordination, risk management, and enterprise level execution. His leadership is grounded in a disciplined approach to planning, accountability, stakeholder engagement, and delivering measurable results.

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been developing throughout my career,” said Walker. “My education in Industrial and Systems Engineering taught me how to analyze systems, solve problems, and improve processes, but I saw the PMP® as an opportunity to build a stronger framework for leading projects, managing teams, and delivering measurable results.”

That framework has remained relevant as Walker’s career has expanded into organizational leadership, nonprofit governance, fundraising, and community initiatives.

“I have maintained my PMP® because project management continues to be relevant in nearly everything I do,” Walker said. “The PMP® framework continues to provide a disciplined approach for turning ideas into executable plans.”

Walker has carried that approach into extensive community leadership. A Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., he has served at the chapter, district, regional, and national levels, including as Local Chair for the fraternity’s 95th National Convention. He also served as Las Vegas Alpha Chair for the March of Dimes, where his organization was recognized as the top fundraising organization in Las Vegas.

As Chairman & President of the 10th House Education Foundation, Walker has applied the same project management discipline to nonprofit operations, developing standardized workflows and governance practices that translate strategy into repeatable execution.

For Walker, one of the most important lessons from Cheetah Learning was that effective project management does not need to be complicated.

“Cheetah Learning helped me understand how to simplify complex concepts and focus on what is necessary to move a project forward,” he said. “Schedules, budgets, and processes matter, but successful projects require communication, leadership, accountability, and an understanding of stakeholders.”

That people-centered approach has shaped how Walker leads both professional and community initiatives. He routinely breaks large objectives into manageable pieces, defining the desired outcome, assigning ownership, establishing deadlines, and tracking progress.

“At some point, almost everything becomes a project,” Walker said.



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Nearly two decades after completing the Cheetah program, Walker says its greatest impact has been the lasting mindset it gave him.

“Earning my PMP® in 2008 gave me greater confidence and credibility as a project leader,” he said. “Instead of simply participating in projects, I became more intentional about leading them, creating structure, establishing accountability, and focusing on measurable outcomes.”

He adds that he never expected the lessons from his Cheetah experience to remain so relevant nearly two decades later.

“The certification opened doors professionally, but the greater benefit was developing a project management mindset that I have been able to apply throughout every area of my life,” Walker said.

In October 2026, Walker will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award for Career Achievement from The Ohio State University College of Engineering, adding another milestone to a career spanning corporate, aviation, fraternal, nonprofit, and public-service leadership.

Cheetah Learning praised Walker’s ability to translate project management principles into lasting organizational and community impact.

“Michael is a wonderful example of what happens when project management becomes more than a methodology and becomes part of how you think,” said a Cheetah Learning spokesperson. “He has taken the discipline of managing projects and applied it everywhere - from complex corporate environments to nonprofit organizations and community initiatives. His impact isn’t measured only by the projects he has delivered, but also by the systems he has built, the people he has developed, and the organizations he has strengthened. That is the kind of lasting impact we are proud to recognize.”

The Distinguished Cheetah Alum Award for Significant Impact honors professionals whose careers demonstrate sustained dedication to project management excellence and the authentic application of accelerated learning principles. Walker’s career demonstrates how those principles can become a foundation for leadership, organizational strength, and measurable impact across industries and communities.

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