

As Academy Sports + Outdoors Advances Technology Strategy, Team is Recognized As Top Talent

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Academy's Information Technology Leadership and Team are Recognized by CIO 100 Awards & Conference 2026

KATY, Texas, (August 20, 2026) – [Academy Sports + Outdoors](#) ("Academy") ([Nasdaq: ASO](#)), a leading full-line sporting goods and outdoor recreation retailer, is continuing its journey to becoming the best sports + outdoors retailer in the country. With enterprise growth anchored on three key areas – opening new stores, building a stronger omni-channel experience, and driving the existing business – technology plays an important role in delivering results. And Academy's leaders and team making that happen have been recognized by [CIO 100 Awards & Conference 2026](#).

The company's Information Technology team, which includes experts across architecture, artificial intelligence (AI), solution strategy and delivery, core technology, cybersecurity, digital technology, and IT solutions was named a CIO 100 2026 award winner. Recognized in the Enterprise and Emerging Technology Transformation, the team was honored for its ability to build scalable capabilities and apply emerging technologies to strengthen how Academy operates and serve its customers.

"I'm incredibly proud of our team and the impact they continue to make in advancing Academy's Long Range Plan," said Sumit Anand, Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer. "This recognition reflects their dedication to innovation and execution as we modernize our technology foundation and create better experiences for our customers and team members."

To learn more about Academy Sports + Outdoors, visit [Academy.com](#).

About Academy Sports + Outdoors

Academy is a leading full-line sporting goods and outdoor recreation retailer in the United States. Originally founded in 1938 as a family business in Texas, Academy has grown to more than 300 stores across 21 states and counting. Academy's mission is to provide "Fun for All" and Academy fulfills this mission with a localized merchandising strategy and value proposition that strongly connects with a broad range of consumers. Academy's product assortment focuses on key categories of outdoor, apparel, sports & recreation and footwear through both leading national brands and a portfolio of private label brands. For more information, visit [www.academy.com](#).

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