



Committee of 100

Next Generation Leaders Class of 2026

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Iva Chen is an airport restaurant and retail developer, owner, operator, and community advocate advancing inclusive leadership in aviation, with a focus on women and AAPI representation. Chen is the Founder and CEO of Jetsetera Ventures, an ACDBE/DBE/WBE-certified firm specializing in airport concessions development and operations. In 2025, she won a competitive bid to open the first-ever Panda Express at San Francisco International Airport as an independent owner under a Panda Express license. Chen is also a Managing Partner at Lady Luck Gourmet, where she launched Mama Go's Filipino Cuisine—the first Filipino restaurant in a U.S. airport—now one of the highest-rated quick-service concepts at SFO. Her career includes public accounting and corporate finance roles at Deloitte, Nestlé, CBS, and The Capital Group, as well as international entrepreneurship. In 2015, Chen spent eight months in Zhongshan, China building a chain of Italian restaurants, gaining firsthand experience in cross-cultural operations and global business development. Committed to community impact, Chen co-founded the Association of Asians in Aviation, serves as Vice President of Public Relations for the Airport Minority Advisory Council Los Angeles Chapter, and sits on the Boards of Directors for Pretend City Children's Museum and TeachAAPI.

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Jasmine (Sijie) Fan is a Senior Investment Strategist at BlackRock, where she specializes in global investment research. In her role, she develops market insights that help guide asset allocation decisions, delivering timely market outlooks and actionable recommendations to institutional and wealth management clients across North and South America. She regularly communicates these perspectives through research publications, client presentations, and roadshows, helping investors navigate evolving market conditions and identify opportunities across asset classes. In addition to her professional work, Fan is the founder of Hanfu NYC, a nonprofit organization established in 2014 dedicated to promoting knowledge and appreciation of traditional Chinese culture. Through regular

events and cultural collaborations, the organization explores Hanfu as a meaningful platform for community building and a gateway to broader Chinese cultural practices, including music, arts, and history. Fan graduated from Columbia University with a degree in Applied Mathematics and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder. She is passionate about bridging global investing with cultural exchange, bringing together her professional expertise and community leadership to foster dialogue, understanding, and long-term connections across cultures.

Bochen Han

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Bochen Han is a journalist focused on U.S.-China relations. From 2022 to 2026, she was a Washington-based correspondent for the South China Morning Post, where she covered congressional politics; immigration, trade, education and tech policy; and diaspora communities. Her reporting frequently examined how geopolitical tensions and national security decisions shaped the lives of ordinary people, and her work on Chinese migrants was a finalist for an industry award.

Han moved into journalism to contribute to rigorous coverage of the world's most consequential bilateral relationship. Before journalism, she researched democratic resilience and China's media influence at a U.S. think tank. She also worked on human rights and development issues in Myanmar and Thailand, including at the UN Human Rights Regional Office in Bangkok and a Yangon-based technology social enterprise.

Han studied political science at Duke University, where she led the Duke-UNC China Leadership Summit. She also holds a Master's in China studies and international law and economics from Johns Hopkins University.

A double immigrant who moved from China to Canada as a child and later to the U.S., Han brings a cross-cultural perspective to her work. In Washington, she serves on the local board of the Asian American Journalists Association and is a member of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

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Anne Hsu is the executive producer of Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan on CBS News, where she directs editorial strategy and oversees all aspects of production for one of the nation's most respected public affairs programs. In this role, she helps shape national conversations on critical domestic and global issues. Previously, Hsu served as senior broadcast producer for Face the Nation, managing production during the COVID-19 pandemic and coordinating high-profile interviews with leaders including Mike Johnson, Bill Burns, and Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Since joining CBS News in 2014, she has held several key roles, including broadcast producer for the CBS Weekend News, and was part of the team that launched CBSN (now CBS News 24/7), helping define the network's digital news content. A graduate of the University of Southern California, Hsu holds a degree in broadcast journalism with a minor in international relations and is an alumna of the Asian American Journalists Association's Executive Leadership Program. Born in Stamford, Connecticut and raised in Hong Kong, she is fluent in Cantonese and brings a global perspective to her work in news and media leadership.

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Qian (Jenny) Huang is an accomplished educator and researcher with more than 15 years of combined experience in academia, construction management, and applied research. She serves as an Associate Professor and Program Coordinator for Construction Management and Operations at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Her expertise connects construction safety education, artificial intelligence applications in smart buildings and agriculture, and wireless sensor network technologies. She has secured more than \$1 million dollars in competitive research funding, including major grants from the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She has published widely in peer reviewed journals, including the *Journal of Information Technology in Construction*. Huang is a dedicated mentor and academic leader who cares deeply for her students and the broader rural community. She has built a strong record of leadership and excellence in teaching, research, and service. She leads major initiatives that integrate safety training and AI driven learning tools into higher education. Her work advances safer, smarter, and more sustainable built environments while supporting student growth and rural community well-being.

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Mason Ji is an international trade attorney and litigator at Perkins Coie LLP. His practice focuses on a broad range of commercial litigation and cross-border regulatory and international trade issues, including sanctions, export controls, tariffs, and trade litigation. Ji is also a lecturer of international law at the University of Washington School of Law. Ji was previously a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly. In 2015, he was appointed a White House Ambassador for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by President Obama. Ji is a bilingual English and Chinese speaker and a former English-Chinese translator and interpreter. He hosts a bilingual radio show and has delivered speeches, in both English and Chinese, across the world. Ji is a board director and fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He was the recipient of the 2025 ABA Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyer Professionalism Award and was named a Top 40 Young Lawyer by the ABA in 2023. Ji received his J.D. from Harvard Law School; a Master of Public Policy and a Master of Science in Global Governance and Diplomacy from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar; and a B.A., summa cum laude, from Yale University.

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Rob Li is the Managing Partner of Amont Partners, a New York-based global equity investment firm that takes a long-term, private equity approach to investing across public and private markets. With over 16 years of investment experience, he focuses on promoting financial inclusion and empowering entrepreneurs to drive sustainable social impact across the Americas and Asia. Li has led major corporate governance-focused activist investments, including Beijing Enterprise Water (featured in The Wall Street Journal), Avon (merged with Natura), and Yum China (a spinoff from Yum Inc). Li serves on the Harvard Business Review Advisory Council, the Gabelli School of Business Advisory Board at Fordham University, and the Harvard CAMLab Advisory Board. He is also an Asia Society Asia21 Fellow as well as a member of the Milken Young Leaders Circle. Li's industry insights are frequently featured by leading media outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), Bloomberg, TechCrunch, and 36Kr.

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Yolanda Li is an HR Leader and co-founder of an AI-driven hiring platform focused on improving how organizations screen and evaluate talent. With 13 years of global experience in people, talent, and operations leadership across the United States, Europe, and Asia, Li has supported organizations through growth, transformation, and workforce planning. She brings deep expertise in building HR infrastructure, strengthening employee experience, and partnering with senior leaders to translate business strategy into scalable programs. Li holds an MBA from MIT Sloan School of Management and a Bachelor of Law from Tsinghua University, and she brings a cross-cultural lens to leadership, talent strategy, and community impact. She is committed to advancing opportunity through workforce development, mentorship, and civic engagement, and has served in community leadership roles, including as President of the Rotary Club of Cambridge. Li is excited to join Committee of 100's Next Generation Leaders Class of 2026 and contribute to initiatives that strengthen the Chinese American community and expand leadership pipelines.

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Joshua Liao is a physician executive and scholar whose work focuses on combining public and private policy with clinical transformation to improve health outcomes. Liao is the National Associate Vice President for Clinical Transformation at Ascension, one of the nation's largest nonprofit health systems, where he oversees enterprise programs using technology and capabilities, including remote patient monitoring, patient-reported outcomes, clinician decision support, and large-scale engagement campaigns, to engage patients and clinicians and ultimately improve outcomes across diverse communities. He is also a Professor of Medicine and Professor of Health Economics, Systems, & Policy at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, where he founded the Program on Policy Evaluation and Learning. Liao earned his medical degree Alpha Omega Alpha from Baylor College of Medicine, completed his clinical training at Brigham & Women's Hospital where he was a Clinical Fellow in Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and obtained his Master of Science in health policy research from University of Pennsylvania, where he served as Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics in the Wharton School.

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Jay Lu is a seasoned fintech and cross-border banking executive with over 15 years of experience spanning top-tier global banks, high-growth fintech platforms, and entrepreneurial ventures. He currently serves as CEO & Co-Founder of Ark FinTech.AI, where he is building next-generation AI-powered banking solutions for global users. Lu has led large-scale payment and financial services innovation across organizations including Walmart, East West Bank, Wells Fargo, SoFi, Citi, Huaxia Bank, and IFC. His work sits at the intersection of banking and technology, where he has led the growth of customer-centric banking business, innovated payment products, scaled cross-border ecommerce, and built strategic partnerships across global markets. He is known for combining AI technology, industry knowledge, product strategy, and execution to scale digital banking business, having delivered significant outcomes. Lu is particularly passionate about advancing cross-border commerce and expanding access to modern financial services through innovation in AI, embedded finance, and next-generation banking platform. Known for his entrepreneurial mindset and execution focus, Lu has consistently driven initiatives from concept to launch, aligning product, engineering, and business teams toward measurable impact. He holds an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin and has been recognized with multiple industry awards for leadership and innovation.

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Chinese markets. Working in a globally interconnected industry, he focuses on maintaining professional integrity, supporting transparent investment practices, and creating platforms for dialogue that reduce misperception. He is a graduate of the NYU Stern School of Business and holds an MBA from Tsinghua University.

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Benming Zhang is a corporate attorney and civic leader based in Williamsburg, Virginia. He became one of the youngest individuals ever elected to the Williamsburg City Council (Virginia) and the first Chinese American to serve in that role. During his time on council, Zhang focused on community engagement, economic development, and policies aimed at strengthening the city's long-term sustainability. Zhang later pursued a legal career, working as a corporate attorney advising businesses on transactions, governance, and regulatory matters. Alongside his professional work, he has remained active in civic and nonprofit initiatives across Coastal Virginia, contributing to regional discussions on leadership, public service, and community development. His path reflects a commitment to public service, law, and civic leadership. Zhang continues to support efforts that expand opportunity, encourage civic participation, and build stronger connections between business, government, and the communities they serve.