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Microsoft's Chris Pirie Joins ASTD Board of Directors

(Alexandria, VA) February 2, 2010 – The American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) announces that Chris Pirie, General Manager for Microsoft Learning, is joining the association's Board of Directors for a three-year term.

As General Manager for Microsoft Learning, Mr. Pirie leads the worldwide marketing and sales team to drive reach, revenue, and increased customer satisfaction by promoting Microsoft Learning's comprehensive catalogue of certifications, training, learning references, and resources. Mr. Pirie joined Microsoft in September 2004 as Senior Director of Learning Product Development. His team developed portfolios of learning products used to train and certify millions of Microsoft customers and partners. Prior to joining Microsoft Mr. Pirie worked for Oracle spearheading online learning using Oracle's Learning Management System.

Mr. Pirie, a native of England, moved to the United States in 1991. He has a degree in Literature and Philosophy from the University of Essex in England.

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