



AI LEADER BRIEF

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Your Strategic AI Edge—Sharpened Weekly

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Lead Feature: The One Leadership Skill You Can't Afford to Ignore in the AI Era

The pace of AI change means leaders who can't guide high-value conversations with AI risk losing relevance quickly. This week we're releasing our most important resource yet: the *AI Traveler Self-Assessment* and Scorecard — a practical tool to pinpoint where you are on your AI leadership journey, and exactly what to do next.

Here's how to use it:

Take the beta self-assessment.

Match your score to the AI Traveler Scorecard.

Upload your scorecard into ChatGPT-5 or Microsoft Copilot,

then run the prompt below to get a **personalized 90-day Co-Thinking plan** tailored to your role, industry, and DISC style.

Your Action Prompt

"You are my AI Leadership Coach. Using the AI Traveler type from my scorecard, my role as [insert role], my industry as [insert industry], and my DISC profile of [insert DISC style], create a 90-day strategic plan to improve my AI Conversational Intelligence through Co-Thinking. The plan should include high-impact, role-specific ways to use both ChatGPT-5 and Microsoft Copilot securely and effectively in my industry context, tailored to my natural behavioral style."

[\[Read the full article & take the Free AI Traveler Assessment\]](#)

The Latest in ChatGPT & Copilot LLMs (Large Language Models)



ChatGPT-5

What it is: OpenAI's newest generation of ChatGPT, designed for advanced reasoning, planning, and real-time integration.

What's different: Significantly improved accuracy, memory for multi-step projects, and natural, executive-level dialogue.

Why it matters: Unlocks deeper "scenario thinking," trade-off analysis, and blind spot detection – essential for AI Conversational Intelligence.



Microsoft Copilot

- Enhanced Teams meeting summaries now surface prioritized action items.
- SharePoint & OneDrive for secure, context-aware outputs.
- "Catch-up" views highlight only the most relevant updates, reducing information overload.

Myth Busters

Myth

Better AI tools make leadership adaptation optional.

Reality

Technology without behavioral change limits strategic impact.

Myth

AI will automatically elevate team thinking.

Reality

Without structured Co-Thinking, AI remains a surface-level tool.





Quick Vocabulary

AI Conversational Intelligence (AI-CI)

The ability to engage with AI tools in a way that draws out insight, drives strategic thinking, and strengthens decision-making through iterative dialogue.

THE AI STRATEGIC LEADER™ PROGRAM

Join the new Cortex AI Strategic Leader Program

Lead smarter. Deliver faster. Adapt confidently.

For leaders and executives ready to grow their AI-powered impact. An experience designed to bring out your strategic mindset.

"This didn't just make me faster. It made me sharper, more strategic, and more confident in what I'm delivering." - Betsy H, Cortex AI Event

Cohorts will be limited to 12-14 leaders/executives only. (Cohort 1 & 2 are already filled that are kicking off this fall - now accepting leaders & executives for Cohort 3 in January, 2026)

Facilitated by: Lynda McNutt Foster, Founder & CEO, Cortex Leadership Consulting

Cohort Format

- 1 Full-Day Kickoff Day, In-Person Session in Roanoke, VA
- 2 Interactive Virtual Practice Labs (you choose which fits your schedule)
- 1 Personalized Coaching Session with Lynda McNutt Foster (90 min) (at your convenience)
- 1 Full Project Delivery Day, In-Person Session in Roanoke, VA



- Projects you pick to work on, designed for high impact on your role, team, or organization

Why This Program / Why Now?

- AI tools like CoPilot and ChatGPT are already embedded into the apps you use every day.
- Most leaders are barely scratching the surface of what's possible-let alone preparing their teams.
- This cohort is for people who want to lead the change-not be surprised by it.
- We combine tool mastery, real-time collaboration, and Conversational Intelligence to make you and your team future-proof while you deliver a high-impact project.

What You'll Learn to Do

- Think in systems and solve high-level challenges with AI - and deliver a high-impact project of your choice!
- Master prompt engineering using real business goals (not gimmicks)
- Collaborate with CoPilot, ChatGPT, Gemini and other internal systems more effectively
- Build trust by learning how to bring out your visionary thinking and communicate change with clarity
- Understand your personal Cortex AI Profile and how to grow your strengths
- Use AI to scale your thinking, increase your influence, and extend your capacity
- Align your use of AI with your organization's compliance and regulatory boundaries

Whether you're required to use Microsoft CoPilot or exploring a mix of tools, this program is built to match your reality. We customize prompts, use cases, and strategies to the AI environment you're working within.

📧 Contact info@cortexleadership.com for more information on joining the January or February 2025 cohorts now forming. You can't afford not to start applying high-level AI skills now to your leadership. Special discounts and considerations apply to existing or past Cortex Leadership clients.