



# AI LEADER BRIEF

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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."*

[\[Read the full article & take the assessment\]](#)

# 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](mailto: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.