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AI - WHAT SHOULD I KNOW? HOW DO I GET READY?

Anand Tiwari, Clayton Pummill, Callie Federer

AI is reshaping products, teams, and strategy. For senior leaders, "waiting to see" is no longer a viable approach. Beyond the headlines, what do you actually need to know?



LIFE PIVOTS: CHALLENGES AND CHARMS

Eric Bernstein, Jaimee Hall, William Reed

Most conferences focus on best practices and polished stories about what went right. This session is different. We're here to talk honestly about the pivots—when things didn't go according to plan, when the path got messy or uncertain, and/or when we had to decide whether to stay where it was comfortable or step into something new... even if it meant doing it afraid.



WHEN THE PLAYBOOK BREAKS: REAL WORLD EMBA STRATEGIES FOR NAVIGATING CHAOS...NO FLUFF HERE!

Maria Nelson Cyril Narishkin, Katherine Frierdich

No slides. No scripts. No fluff.

Join us for an interactive panel on how fellow EMBA's are thinking differently in real time. We'll explore how pharma's public narrative has shifted, how economic and political uncertainty is influencing deal-making, and why trust deficits from the race to AI implementation are now core business issues. Come ready to contribute to the conversation!

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MARGINS & MEDICINE: POLICY, PRACTICE, & THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE DELIVERY

Helga Komen, Alison Gildehaus, Jordan Powell

American Healthcare is at an inflection point. Policy shifts affecting Medicaid and insurance markets, changing hospital financing models, workforce shortages, acquisitions, and the rapid emergence of AI are converging to reshape the delivery system.



STRATEGIES FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT IN 2026

Don Halpin, Fabio Letieri

What does career advancement actually look like in an AI-driven, referral-powered workplace? Whether you're growing within your current organization or making a move, join an executive coach and two senior HR/talent leaders for candid, practical insights on what it takes to stand out, get noticed, and get hired in 2026.



SEEING AROUND THE CORNERS - PLANNING FOR AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Maria Neely, Andrea Faccio, Steve Miller

From disruptive technologies and shifting consumer behavior to global instability, today's leaders are expected not just to react, but to anticipate. This candid, practical conversation will explore how curiosity, strategic thinking, and adaptability help leaders prepare for what is next while continuing to deliver results today.

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NAVIGATING MOMENTS OF UNCERTAINTY THAT SHAPE A CAREER

Matt Broom, Alyssa Huffman, Sheldon Ripson

Stay, Step Up, Pivot, or Start Over: the cost/benefit of making high-stakes career decisions without a clear answer.



FOUNDER → INVESTOR - WHAT REALLY HAPPENS WHEN CAPITAL MEETS VISION

Andrea Steinbrenner, Mohamed Zayed

What actually happens when a founder walks into a capital conversation? What are investors really thinking? And why do so many promising ventures miss alignment at the most critical moments? The curtain will be pulled back to reveal dialogue between operators and capital partners.



LEADING TEAMS IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY

Stephanie Uder, Faye Dixon, Carrie Hanichak

When the path forward isn't clear, how leaders show up matters most. Join us to explore how empathetic communication, transparency, and a strong, adaptable culture help teams stay resilient and engaged during uncertain times. This conversation highlights executive insight for leading people—not just managing change.

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BRAINSTORMING: IDEAS TO CATALYZE THE EMBA COMMUNITY

Kirksy Williams, Julie Peters, Doug Vilhard

The EMBA network represents extraordinary talent, influence, and access, yet much of that potential remains under-activated. This session will explore practical, high-impact ways to catalyze the EMBA community into a more intentional force for professional growth, deal flow, board service, mentorship, and cross-industry collaboration.