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FEATURE ARTICLE

AI MEETS M&A : CULTURE DUE DILIGENCE IN THE AGE OF ALGORITHMS

Mergers and acquisitions have always been about more than numbers. Culture, Leadership, and people dynamics play as critical a role as financial health. Yet in today's deal environment, culture remains one of the most underestimated risks.

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TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

METRIX LEARNING AND AI LEARNING PATHS

AI Essentials for Business Leaders is designed to equip executives with the knowledge to apply AI in compliance, talent strategy, and organizational decision-making.

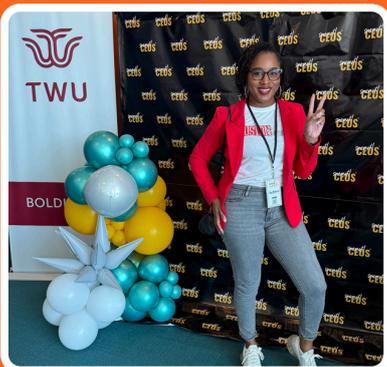
Other highlighted programs include Data Analytics for Strategic Leaders, AI in Workforce Development, and Cybersecurity and AI Risks. With over 7,000 online courses, Metrix Learning supports continuous development across technical, compliance, and leadership domains.



Learning Tip : Encourage micro-learning, a fifteen minutes of skill-building each week compounds into major capability gains over time.

EVENT RECAP

Linda Lorelle Scholarship Fund Event – September 7th, 2025



The Smart CEO Summit 2025 September 12th, 2025.

HR TRENDS AND COMPLIANCE UPDATES

AI in Compliance Monitoring : Regulators are tightening oversight on algorithmic decision-making. Leaders must ensure transparency in hiring, performance, and promotion processes.

Workweek Flexibility : The four-day workweek continues to gain traction globally. In the U.S., hybrid experiments are accelerating. AI-enabled productivity tracking can inform shifts, but misuse risks damaging employee trust.

Compliance Watch: Transparency in AI use is quickly moving from best practice to compliance requirement.

PRACTICAL CULTURE TIPS

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Nearly 70 percent of failed mergers cite cultural misalignment as a major factor.

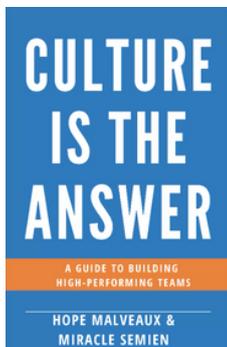
AI is changing the game. Predictive analytics and natural language tools now map organizational culture in real time. Leaders can track employee sentiment, leadership styles, and collaboration patterns, surfacing blind spots before a deal is signed.

For private equity leaders, CEOs, and HR executives, this is a turning point. Traditional due diligence captures the numbers. AI-enabled culture due diligence captures the people side of the deal. At VPS, we see this as the missing piece of M&A strategy: ensuring leadership alignment, anticipating attrition risks, and building intentional integration plans.

“ Without cultural alignment, even the most attractive deals can collapse under the weight of people problems. ”



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Culture Tip of the Month: Celebrate curiosity. Publicly recognize employees who pursue new skills as it signals that learning is part of the culture, not just a personal initiative.

M&A INSIGHTS IN FOCUS

LESSONS FROM THE FIELD

One global tech merger collapsed within 18 months despite promising financials. The issue was not money but leadership misalignment and overlooked cultural gaps. The result: mass turnover and lost momentum.

The VPS Perspective: A culture-first M&A framework would have highlighted these risks. AI pinpoints warning signs, but leaders must translate data into action; shaping integration plans that align teams and preserve deal value.

FINAL WORDS

October signals a season of transformation. AI provides clarity, but it is leadership that sets the direction.

At VPS, we help organizations bridge the gap between cultural insight and strategic action.

FEATURED PODCAST

Watch our latest appearance on the SmartCEO™ Podcast! Hope Malveaux (CEO) and Miracle Semien (COO) of Veaux Pro talk with host Alena Conley about how Veaux Pro is redefining Workplace revolution as the blueprint of Intentional Culture

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