

2025 Prior Lake Invitational

Discussion Task

Round 1

“Machines were devised not to do a man out of a job, but to take the heavy labor from man’s back and place it on the broad back of the machine.”

- Henry Ford

Henry Ford’s use of the assembly line revolutionized the way in which automobiles were produced. For the first time, automobiles were affordable to the masses. Many people see AI as the assembly line of our time. You are part of a major tech company’s board of efficiency and you are deciding the degree to which you want to incorporate AI in your workspaces. Can AI be utilized while still supporting existing employees? Evaluate the benefits of AI in companies and how it impacts skilled labor. Should workers be concerned that they will get replaced by AI technology? Look at existing examples in order to come to a conclusion. What will you recommend to your Board of Directors at their next meeting? Draft a comprehensive plan.