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Short Bio

Margot Halstead is a leadership communication strategist, keynote speaker, author of *Owning Your IT*, and Master Certified Coach. Her work helps leaders catch the moment before communication goes sideways—before judgment comes out, tone shifts, ideas disappear, or conversations stall.

Medium Bio

Margot Halstead is a leadership communication strategist, keynote speaker, author, and Master Certified Coach who helps leaders recognize what is happening before they speak.

Through keynotes, workshops, and her book *Owning Your IT*, Margot translates complex interpersonal dynamics into practical tools leaders can use in real time—before judgment comes out, tone shifts, ideas disappear, or conversations stall.


Her work is active, practical, and immediately usable because it is built for the speed of real conversation.

Long Bio

Margot Halstead is a leadership communication strategist, keynote speaker, author of *Owning Your IT*, and Master Certified Coach who works in the moment before people speak—where reactions form, assumptions take over, judgment comes out, and conversations quietly change.

Her work helps leaders and teams catch those moments earlier so they can communicate with more clarity, control, and impact when the stakes are high. Through keynotes, workshops, and coaching, Margot gives audiences practical tools they can use in real conversations, under real pressure, with real people.

Margot's path to this work has never been linear. She has been a circus ringleader, a seven-time Buddy Poppy Queen, a two-time Maryland state champion in informational public speaking, and drum major for the Mighty Sound of Maryland. She has also





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stood on stage with Barry Manilow and was once voted “Most Forgettable” in high school, which has aged poorly.

Her tools were built in real time, under pressure, in the moments where communication either works—or goes sideways. Today, she helps leaders recognize what is happening inside that moment and choose what happens next.

One-Line Introduction

Margot Halstead helps leaders catch the moment before communication goes sideways.

