IUC to Host Symposium on 'AI in Higher Education' at Statehouse

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The Inter-University Council (IUC) of Ohio, which represents the state's public universities, will host a first-of-its-kind symposium on artificial intelligence (AI) next month on Tuesday, June 11 in the Statehouse Atrium. The event will feature discussions with industry experts, university presidents, and state leaders on the role of AI in disinformation, jobs, cybersecurity, higher education, and more.

"The goal of the IUC's inaugural artificial intelligence symposium is to bring together thought leaders from Ohio's 14 public universities, industry experts, and leading policymakers to discuss, collaborate, and navigate the opportunities and challenges of AI so that Ohio can become a national leader," IUC President Laura Lanese said in a written statement to *Hannah News*. "Increasingly policymakers from across the country are recognizing the role higher education plays as a strategic asset for economic competitiveness, national security, and workforce development. We want to showcase what's being done on our campuses by our faculty and researchers who are collaborating with industry partners and governmental agencies to propel Ohio forward in this rapidly evolving field."

Lt. Gov. Jon Husted and Youngstown State University President Bill Johnson will help kick off the symposium. Attorney General Dave Yost will moderate a panel on deepfakes and disinformation in the 2024 presidential election that will also feature Senate Workforce and Higher Education Chair Sen. Jerry Cirino (R-Kirtland) and House Higher Education Chair Rep. Tom Young (R-Dayton) as panelists.

Bowling Green State University President Rodney Rogers will facilitate a panel discussion on university-industry partnerships that will feature Greg Crawford, president of Miami University; Ted Carter, president of Ohio State University; as well as Bill McCreary, chief information officer and chief technology officer at the University of Toledo; and RJ Sargent, leader of the 1819 Learning Lab at the University of Cincinnati.

Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Mike Duffey will help close out the event.

Other panel discussion topics include the following:

- The Future of AI in Employment: Preparing Students for the New Workforce.

- Cybersecurity, Data Privacy, and AI: Countering Cutting Edge Threats.

- How Ohio's Public Universities Are Leading the State in AI Research and Strategy.

- Ohio's Call to Action: Ensuring Ohio's Global Economic Competitiveness.

Speakers and panel discussions are slated to run from 12:30 p.m. until 6 p.m., followed by an IUC reception.

RSVPs for the artificial intelligence symposium can be sent to Kate Mowry at mowry.59@osu.edu.