



## **IUC's Military Connected Student Symposium**

### **In Honor of Veterans Day**

***Rescheduled Tuesday, February 11, 2025 \* Ohio Statehouse Atrium  
2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. \* Reception 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.***

- I. Introduction:** Laura Lanese, IUC President & CEO 2:00 p.m.-2:05 p.m.
  
- II. Welcome:** Ted Carter, President, The Ohio State University, (Retired) Vice Admiral 2:05p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
  
- III. Session I: The Value Proposition of Student Military Community Advocates (MCA) on the Campus and to the State 2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.**
  - a. Facilitator:** Jim Miller, President, National Veterans Leadership Foundation
  - b. Panel**
    - i. Andrea White, State Representative, OH District 36**
    - ii. Melissa Shivers, Senior Vice President for Student Life, The Ohio State University**
    - iii. Kevin Cullen, Colonel, US Air Force (Retired) Assistant Vice Provost & Director for Military & Veterans Services, The Ohio State University**
  
- IV. Session II: Military Connected Students on Campus 3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**
  - a. Facilitator:** Major General (Retired) Deborah Ashenhurst, Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services
  - b. Panel**
    - i. Susan Edwards, President, Wright State University**
    - ii. Randy Spade, Executive Director of Veteran Services & Undergraduate Admissions, Ashland University**

**\*\*\*\*Networking Break 4:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.\*\*\*\***

- V. Session III: Military Connected Students in the Workforce 4:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**
- a. Facilitator:** Major General John Harris, Jr., Adjutant General, Ohio National Guard
  - b. Panel**
    - i. Gareth Kuecher, Senior Associate, Corporate Technology Financial Analysis, JP Morgan & Chase (Former MCA)
    - ii. Joseph Giffen IV, Associate Director, Career Exploration and Development, Kent State University
    - iii. Ryan Blackburn, Project Director Military & Federal, JobsOhio
- VI. Presentation of Awards 5:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.**
- Presenter:** Mike Duffey, Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education
- a. NVLF Recognition of Excellence Programming Awards**
  - b. Legislator of the Year Award Recipient:** State Representative Andrea White
  - c. Ohio Military Connected Alumnus of the Year:** State Representative Brian Stewart
- VII. Closing Remarks:** Bill Johnson, President, Youngstown State University 5:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
- VIII. Reception:** Statehouse Atrium 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

*Thank you to all our guests and speakers for attending IUC's second annual Military Connected Student Symposium. Your valuable insights and participation make this event a success. We extend a special thank you to our veterans for their service and dedication.*

***Additionally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our sponsor, Oplign, for their generous support in making this event possible. We appreciate your support and look forward to future collaborations!***

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