



IUC's Military Connected Student Symposium

***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 Ashenurst, 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**
 - i. Kent State University**
 - ii. Wright State University**
 - iii. Bowling Green State University & University of Toledo**
 - iv. Marion Technical College**
 - v. Columbus State Community College**
 - vi. John Carrol University**
 - vii. Ashland University**
 - viii. Xavier University**
 - 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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