



# IUC's Military Connected Student Symposium

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026  
Ohio Statehouse Atrium**

- I. **Introduction:** Laura Lanese, President & CEO, Inter-University Council of Ohio
  - II. **Welcome:** Bill Johnson, President, Youngstown State University
  - III. **Session I: Service to Campus (2:15-2:50 p.m.)**
    - a. **Facilitator:** Kevin Cullen, Assistant Vice Provost & Director, Military & Veterans Services
    - b. **Panel**
      - i. **Michael Carlisle, Cleveland State University, Student & Veteran**
      - ii. **Mariel Davidson, University of Toledo, Student & Veteran**
      - iii. **Josh Davis, The Ohio State University, Student & Veteran**
  - IV. **Session II: Campus to Career (2:50-3:35 p.m.)**
    - a. **Facilitator:** J.P. Nauseef, President & CEO, JobsOhio
    - b. **Panel**
      - i. **Robin Johnson, Senior Manager, Military- Connected & Veteran Program, Boeing**
      - ii. **Tri Tang, Head of Veteran & Community Engagement, Anduril**
      - iii. **John Harris, Major General (Retired), Director of the Department of Veterans Services**
- \*\*\*\*Networking Break 3:35 p.m.-3:50 p.m.\*\*\*\***
- V. **Session III: Leadership Panel – Serving Those Who Serve (3:50-4:40 p.m.)**
    - a. **Facilitator:** Mike Carrell, Chief Operating Officer, National Veterans Leadership Foundation
    - b. **Panel**
      - i. **Susan Edwards, President, Wright State University**
      - ii. **Bill Johnson, President, Youngstown State University**
      - iii. **Dawayne Kirkman, Senior Vice President, Student Affairs, Enrollment Management, and Regional Locations, Clark State Community College**

- VI. Keynote: (4:40-5:00 p.m.)**
- a. Introduction of Major General Matthew Woodruff: John Langell, President, Northeast Ohio Medical University
  - b. Remarks by: Major General Matthew Woodruff, Ohio's 84<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General
- VII. Announcement of Awards: (5:00-5:15 p.m.)** Jim Miller, President, National Veterans Leadership Foundation
- a. Public Service Award: The Honorable Jim Tressel, Lt. Governor of Ohio
  - b. Legislator of the Year Award: The Honorable Ty Mathews, Ohio State Representative, District 83
    - i. Award Presented by Former Recipients:  
*The Honorable Brian Stewart, Ohio State Representative, District 12 &  
The Honorable Andrea White, Ohio State Representative, District 36*
  - c. Recognition of Excellence in Programming Awards
    - i. Awards Presented by NVLF and The Honorable Mike Duffey, Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education
    - ii. Award Recipients
      - 1. Northeast Ohio Medical University
      - 2. Bowling Green State University
      - 3. The Ohio State University
      - 4. Sinclair Community College
- VIII. Closing Remarks: (5:15-5:30 p.m.)** The Honorable Mike Duffey, Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education
- IX. Reception: (5:30- 7:00 p.m.)** Statehouse Atrium

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