



# 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. **Rodney Rogers, President, Bowling Green State University**
      - ii. **Susan Edwards, President, Wright State University**
      - iii. **Bill Johnson, President, Youngstown State University**
      - iv. **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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