



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. **Presentation of the Public Service Award and Legislator of the Year Award (2:50- 3:00 p.m.)**
 - 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*
- V. **Session II: Campus to Career (3 :00 - 3:45 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 3:45 p.m.-3:55 p.m.******

- VI. Session III: Leadership Panel – Serving Those Who Serve (3:55-4:40 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**
- VII. Keynote: (4:40-5:00 p.m.)**
- a. **Introduction of Keynote Speaker: John Langell, President, Northeast Ohio Medical University**
 - b. **Keynote: Major General Matthew Woodruff, Ohio’s 84th Adjutant General**
- VIII. Announcement of Awards: (5:00-5:15 p.m.) Jim Miller, President, National Veterans Leadership Foundation**
- a. **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**
- IX. Closing Remarks: (5:15-5:30 p.m.) The Honorable Mike Duffey, Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education**
- X. Reception: (5:30- 7:00 p.m.) Statehouse Atrium**

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