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EMPOWERING COMMUNITY COLLEGES
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National Applied AI Consortium Newsletter – November 2024

As we celebrate the first month of the National Applied AI Consortium, we're excited to share some incredible milestones and new exciting opportunities for faculty in November!

Since our launch in October, over 1,000 community college faculty, administrators, and industry partners have joined our newsletter, demonstrating the collective enthusiasm for advancing AI education and workforce readiness. Additionally, over 200 faculty members from 100 institutions applied for the Microsoft AI Bootcamp training, showing a strong national commitment to gaining practical AI skills. We’ve also received applications from more than 30 colleges seeking mentorship to develop AI degrees, and we’re proud to welcome 16 esteemed AI subject matter experts as inaugural members of the Consortium’s Business Industry Leadership Team. Leading this national effort in AI workforce preparation is a thrilling journey, and we are grateful for your active participation.

Looking forward to November, we are excited to announce two new initiatives launching this month: a Community of Practice for AI faculty and a partnership with Google to further expand our professional development offerings nationwide. See the Announcements section below for details.

Thank you for being part of this journey as we continue leading the way in applied AI education!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE FOR AI FACULTY

We are thrilled to introduce the National Applied AI Consortium’s Community of Practice, a collaborative space for faculty to connect, share, and innovate in the field of AI. This initiative unites educators passionate about advancing AI education and preparing the next generation of AI professionals. It will also offer access to shared resources, peer support, and exclusive professional development opportunities.

Ready to be part of this vibrant network? Our upcoming webinar will outline our vision for the CoP and offer an opportunity for you to share your interests. Register today and help shape the future of AI education!

PARTNERSHIP WITH GOOGLE

The National Applied AI Consortium is announcing a collaboration with Grow with Google to support college faculty to develop AI skills and equip students with in-demand skills, including those in AI, through the recently announced [Google Prompting Essentials](#), [Google AI Essentials](#), and [Google Career Certificates](#) program (now with AI training).

The new [Google Prompting Essentials](#) course teaches students how to instruct AI – known as prompting – in 5 easy steps and make AI work for them. The self-paced course is taught by AI experts at Google and can be completed in less than ten hours, no experience necessary.

[Community colleges can access this course at no-cost.](#) On November 14, the Consortium will host a webinar with Grow with Google to:

- Share how community college faculty can access the content on Coursera
- Share more about Google’s new course, Prompting Essentials.
- Discuss how Google's AI courses are used at Miami Dade College
- Participate in a Q&A session

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HIGHLIGHTS

GET TO KNOW HABIB MATAR, AI FACULTY AT MARICOPA



Habib Matar speaking at an open house for CGCC's new AI lab. (Photo: CGCC)

Habib Matar graduated from Chandler–Gilbert Community College (CGCC) at age 16 with an engineering degree. A few years later, Matar returned to CGCC as a faculty and became an influential force in AI education across the Maricopa Community College District and the nation. His journey is marked by his leadership in launching the first associate degree in Artificial Intelligence in

In 2020, Matar played a crucial role in shaping the AI Program through a collaboration with Intel, designing courses and sharing insights as a content expert and lead faculty member. Matar’s dedication has been recognized through his impactful work and leadership. His vision culminated in a 2023 NSF grant to create an AI education consortium, expanding AI learning pathways with institutions like Miami Dade College and Houston Community College. He now serves as the co-principal investigator for the National Applied AI Consortium, furthering his commitment to advancing AI education on a national scale.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**GROW WITH GOOGLE
WEBINAR**
November 14, 2024
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM EDT

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**COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE
CONVENING**
November 22, 2024
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM EDT

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