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NATIONAL APPLIED AI CONSORTIUM

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY COLLEGES
NATIONWIDE TO TRAIN THE AI WORKFORCE

National Applied AI Consortium Newsletter – April 2025

April has been an action-packed month for the National Applied AI Consortium (NAAIC)! We kicked off the month with our 3-day **AI National Conference** hosted by Houston Community College, where educators, industry leaders, and innovators came together to explore the future of AI in education. The conference also marked the **in-person launch of Microsoft Learn for Educators (MSLE) AI Bootcamp**, setting the stage for deeper integration of AI tools and credentials into community college curricula.

We also wrapped up the **Intel AI for Workforce Fluency Training**, further empowering faculty to bring AI literacy into their classrooms. Additionally, our **Grow with Google webinar** provided insights into the latest tools and strategies for career exploration with Gemini. If you missed it, visit our [website](#) to watch the recorded session.

From conferences to training, NAAIC continues to build momentum and expand access to high-quality AI education across the country.

Read on for more details and upcoming opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating the AI National Conference’s success!



participants from across the country—including faculty, industry leaders, and students. The three-day event was filled with learning, networking, and collaborative energy.

Presented in partnership with **Miami Dade College, Maricopa Community Colleges**, and the support from the **National Science Foundation**, the conference ran from **April 9–11**, and offered an enriching platform for AI professionals, educators, and enthusiasts to explore **career pathways, educational tools**, and **cutting-edge innovations** in the AI space.

🌟 **Relive the highlights:**

- [Day 1 Video](#)
- [Day 2 Video](#)
- [Day 3 Video](#)

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this event unforgettable. We can’t wait to see you next year!

Intel AI Fluency Training and AI Global Impact Festival

We’re excited to announce the successful **completion of the NAAIC Intel AI Fluency Training** for select colleges that applied for mentorship and have an existing agreement with Intel. This unique opportunity empowered educators with the knowledge and skills to integrate Intel’s curriculum into their AI courses and initiatives. Fourteen faculty members successfully completed the training with Intel. Congratulations to all participants for your dedication and leadership in AI education!

Intel® AI Global Impact Festival 2025

Intel is announced its [Intel® AI Global Impact Festival 2025](#), an annual Digital Readiness celebration for next-generation technologists. Community colleges are encouraged to invite their students to enter the **AI Changemakers Competition** as part of the **Festival 2025** for the chance to be recognized as a **Global Winner** for their innovative contributions in AI, as well as prizes and recognition. For more information about entry details and important submission dates, visit [this link](#).

Upcoming Webinar: [Student Project Submissions for AI Global Impact Festival](#)

Date: Friday, April 25 | 12:00–1:00 PM EST

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MENTORSHIP APPLICATION NOW OPEN!

NAAIC is now accepting applications for its 2025–2026 mentorship program. This initiative supports U.S. accredited community colleges in developing and implementing AI associate degree programs. Selected institutions will receive guidance from experienced faculty mentors, access to industry resources, and support in curriculum development. Additional benefits include priority access to professional development activities, travel stipends for NAAIC’s annual AI Conference, assistance in developing a local Business & Industry Leadership Team (BILT), and strategies for student recruitment.

Key Dates:

- **Mentorship Period:** September 2025 to July 2026

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate full support from one faculty lead and one senior administrator and be prepared to implement at least one AI-related course during the mentorship period.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Valencia College

Mentorship Participant 2024-2025



Valencia College has made remarkable strides through its 2024–2025 mentorship engagement, positioning itself as a leader in AI education. The college secured approval for both a 9-hour AI certificate launching in Fall 2025 and an 18-hour certificate within the computer science specialization track. With three new AI courses approved, each fully developed with comprehensive materials, Valencia also retooled existing coursework to embed responsible AI principles, including the integration of ethics and computer vision into foundational courses. A strategic roadmap toward a future AI Associate in Science degree is well underway, supported by catalog inclusion timelines and faculty readiness plans.

In addition to robust program development, Valencia is investing heavily in faculty training and infrastructure. Five faculty members are participating in Intel’s AI training, while the college has also secured support and resources from AWS. Faculty member Jerry Hensel was accepted into NVIDIA’s Ambassadorship program, starting in April, and Valencia has obtained free access to the University of Florida’s Hypergator supercomputer to enhance instruction. With courses scheduled for Summer 2025, a BILT meeting successfully conducted, and strong administrative and industry support, Valencia College is paving the way for a scalable and innovative AI education model.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community of Practice

May 9, 2025

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM EST

AI Global Impact Festival Webinar

April 25, 2025

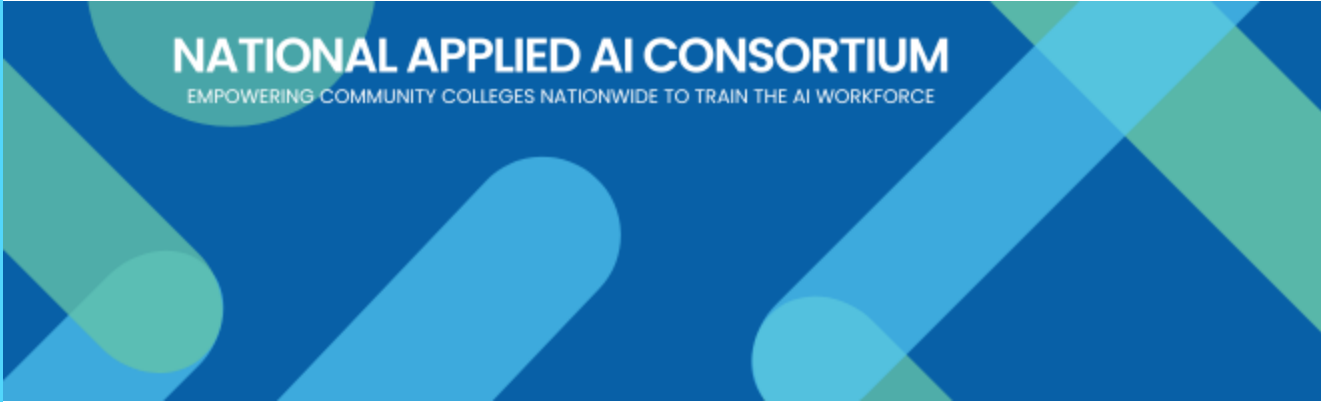
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