



AUix Monthly Newsletter



EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY IPT



AU A36 and A39 will co-chair the Education Technology IPT. This IPT will combine A36's IT expertise with A39's innovation know-how and network. The AU Enterprise Education Management System Corporate Working Group will provide key inputs which will be brought into a more focused setting with representatives from the various schools and centers. The teaming of the IPR and school/center reps will drive coordinated technology upgrades throughout AU.



OUTREACH EFFORTS

AUiX is steadily working to show opportunities for outside agencies to leverage AUiX's networks through outreach programs. The most recent was "AUiX Day" held at the Eagle Institute. Students and leadership from 10 centers and schools as well as 42 Air Base Wing personnel toured the facility and areas available for their use. Lt Col Ballew is making use of conference rooms in the Eagle Institute to host ACSC's new instructor orientation course. AUiX is focusing on deepening ties with OTS and the innovation team at GCPME. AUiX also hosted a table at DAFTIC to engage with the the broader AF community and explore emerging technology.



PARTNERSHIP



A39 continues to foster strong partnerships across the Department of Defense, academia, and industry. In August, AUix joined the “AI at AU” Community of Interest hosted by the GCPME, aiming to support AI training and implementation at Air University with the focus on transforming education practices and improving business operations. AUix is also strengthening community ties through initiatives like the ACSC Student Council’s “Give and Grow” project.

AUix also collaborated with the National Defense University’s Eisenhower School to plan a joint innovation accelerator: TIGERx.

HAF A5/7 division chiefs are also engaging with AUix as iRTF students begin their research for the academic year.

Further highlighting recent partnerships, DAF AIA at MIT and Air University have formed a collaboration. In the local area, AUix hosted Alabama State University’s president and senior staff at The Eagle Institute, exploring partnerships in drone research and community engagement. And finally, AUix hosted “LEDxtra: AI 101,” where 49 participants from local businesses, universities, and AU gained insights into AI’s potential benefits and challenges for their respective organizations.

AIR UNIVERSITY

BOLT

HUMAN PERFORMANCE



A39 continues development of the AU/CC's BOLT initiative focused on 500 Air Command and Staff College faculty/students. At the beginning of August, Auburn's Warrior Research Center (WRC) began fitness assessments on 500 students and faculty to create a baseline fitness level and build individualized Tailored Performance Plans if the person desires. Preliminary feedback from students and faculty has been extremely positive, highlighting the professionalism and knowledge of the entire WRC team. Along with the physical portion, AUix is currently teaming with the WRC and AU library to examine bolstering the cognition piece by incorporation of AU's MindGym.



INNOVATION RESEARCH TASK FORCE



This year's innovation Research Task Force (iRTF) has kicked off with 11 students, six from Air War College and five from Air Command and Staff College. Three of the eleven are international students representing Bulgaria, France and Germany. One student is a member of the United States Agency for International Development bringing yet another distinctive voice to the cohort.

The iRTF is fortunate to have Lt Gen Harris (HAF A5/7) as the sponsor who immediately challenged the students to tackle crucial topics such as DAF realignment, the complexities of modern warfare, air supremacy in 2035, the future of C2 at the tactical edge, refueling strategies in hostile environments, pulse operations, artificial intelligence, and human performance.

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