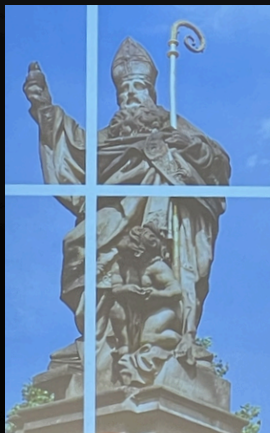## LEDxtra Explores Ethical Decision-Making in Combat

On July 16, AUiX hosted LEDxtra: Ethical Decision-Making in Combat, a dynamic gathering of 30 educators, leaders, and military professionals focused on advancing ethics within Professional Military Education (PME). The event featured engaging keynotes, hands-on teaching sessions, and a thought-provoking panel of military experts who tackled the tough question: Is PME preparing leaders to face morally complex decisions?

Topics included Just War Theory, Teaching Ethics in PME, Regenerative Lethality, and the Real-World Impact of Ethical Decision-Making. Presentations by Dr. Robert Hinck, Lt Col Joe Chapa, Chaplain Philip Stewart, and Dr. Daniel Strand sparked thoughtful dialogue and were met with enthusiastic feedback. Their contributions underscored the ongoing need to equip military leaders with the tools to navigate ethical challenges in today's operational environments.

KILLING IS (MORALLY) BAD
EVEN WHEN IT ISN'T (MORALLY) WRONG

"And if any one either endures or thinks of them without mental pain, this is a more miserable plight still, for he thinks himself happy because he has lost human feeling."

AUIX DAY AT THE EAGLE INSTITUTE

The Eagle Institute was recently buzzing with energy as we welcomed colleagues, partners, and new friends for AUiX Day 2025. Whether you toured our spaces, participated in hands-on activities, or joined conversations with our subject-matter experts, you helped make the day a vibrant celebration of innovation, strategy, and collaboration. Throughout the event, attendees explored our latest initiatives, discovered new tools and resources, and built connections that will shape the academic year ahead. From interactive demos to thought-provoking discussions, the day showcased the spirit of curiosity and forward thinking that drives AUiX's mission.

We're grateful to everyone who participated—your enthusiasm and engagement remind us why we do this work. Together, we're building a future-focused community that thrives on ideas, action, and impact.

AI, Education, and Aviation at The Eagle Institute

In collaboration with the Leadership Institute Initiative and Teaching and Learning Center, AUiX hosted the "Air Power U: Summer Workshop Series" throughout July at The Eagle Institute. The sessions explored how AI can enhance research, curriculum design, and learning spaces. Sessions were led by a distinguished group of facilitators, including Dr. Jim Locke (Troy University), Girish Nandakumar (MIT), and Jeremy VanEgmond (AUiX). More than 30 participants from all across Air University took part in the workshops engaging in thoughtful conversations and hands-on activities that produced practical insights for enhancing AY26 learning experiences.

The month also featured a collaboration with Auburn University's GearUP program to bring a week long PELLA event to the Eagle Institute. Eight rising 9th grade students participated in the immersive experience, which blended STEM learning with aviation-themed activities offering a dynamic glimpse into future opportunities in science, technology, and aerospace.

These initiatives underscore The Eagle Institute's continued commitment to fostering innovation, community engagement, and next-generation learning across all levels of education.

AI and Study Skills

On July 18, AUiX was pleased to support the ACSC onboarding brief with a 60-minute session titled "AI-enhanced Study Skills." The presentation offered both faculty and students practical strategies for using artificial intelligence to improve reading, writing, and research.

The session focused on real-world applications of AI that can boost learning efficiency and academic performance by highlighting tools and techniques that are already reshaping the educational landscape.

As part of its ongoing mission, AUiX continues to advance learner-centered innovation and remains dedicated to helping PME professionals navigate and responsibly integrate emerging technologies into their work.

CODEX DROID Launch

In another step forward to support academic excellence through the responsible application of emerging technology, AUiX and the AU Press partnered to introduced CODEX DROID, a new beta-stage AI tool built to assist the Air University community in navigating the details of the AU-1 Style Guide.

Powered by a GPT-based model and custom-trained with AU-specific editorial guidance, CODEX DROID delivers clear, context-aware feedback on writing mechanics, formatting, and citation. By modeling best practices and simplifying the review process, the tool helps streamline editing and supports more efficient, consistent publication efforts across the university.
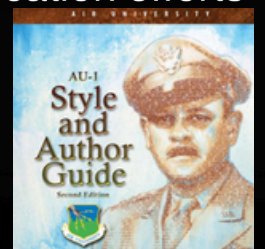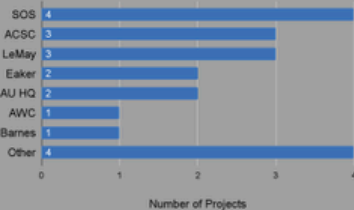
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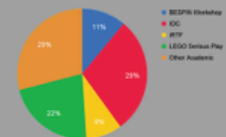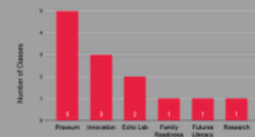
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