From the Director's Desk

Since NAII's inauguration in 2019, we have wanted an accessible learning platform our colleagues can use to increase their knowledge of artificial intelligence (AI) and its impacts on the health and well-being of Veterans, as well as the future of AI and healthcare.

Today, I am glad to announce the launch of the AI@VA University. This online library is our flagship educational initiative designed to prepare VA's workforce to meet the growing AI needs of those serving Veterans. AI@VA University offers all employees free learning resources, programs, and activities in AI and machine learning. VA employees can engage in multiple ways (read, watch, listen to, and participate) with resources designed for beginner, intermediate, and advanced learners.

The NAII has collected learning materials that reflect the values outlined in VA AI Strategy and adhere to our commitment to the principles of human-centered and trustworthy AI. We believe that the coming years will offer exciting new opportunities to develop AI technologies that address challenges across government, improve patient care, and increase efficiencies. We need a generation of practitioners, researchers, and stakeholders with the knowledge and skills to put AI to good use.

The future of research collaborations and partnerships with industry, academia, and government agencies depends on the quality of AI education we provide and the number of VA employees who participate in our training programs. Having more VA employees knowledgeable in AI will help us integrate AI into healthcare services and develop policy responses that enhance our services to Veterans.

The AI@VA University content comes from up-to-date sources, including VA's Talent Management System (TMS), LinkedIn Learning, universities, Coursera, Skillsoft, and other public and private sector sources. The content is organized into several Interest Groups, such as AI Ethics, AI in Health Informatics, Artificial Intelligence, AI in Nursing, Application with Natural Language, Blockchain, Clinical Use Cases, Coding, COVID-19, Data, Regulatory, and Imaging.

I encourage our VA colleagues make the best use of this extraordinary learning opportunity.

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