



LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Kollin Napier**CHIEF ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER**

01 • TOP STORY

Napier Named MAIN's Chief AI Officer

MAIN named Dr. Kollin Napier Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer. He will lead statewide AI strategy and help establish the state's first AI Hub.

[READ THE STORY →](#)

SPOTLIGHT

3 NEW FREE AI COURSES

Three new courses this month, on top of the existing free catalog. Short and self-paced.

MAIN QUICK COURSES

- **New** AI for Cybersecurity
- NVIDIA Generative AI
- AI for Manufacturing
- AI for Healthcare
- AI for Business
- AI for Educators (K-12)

+ Every course earns a credential. K-12 CEUs: 2.4 via AI for Educators, 1.0 via Google AI. Requests due June 2027.

COURSERA OPTIONS

- **New** Claude (Anthropic)
- **New** ChatGPT for Teachers
- Microsoft 365 Copilot
- Google AI Professional Certificate

EXPLORE FREE COURSES

MAIN NEWS



02

Data Center Hearings

Seven panels and 20 speakers testified at the Capitol as the task force gathers facts.

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AI at SACSCOC Institute

Nearly 300 higher education professionals from 165+ institutions prioritized 135 use cases.

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National Essay on MS AI

Reboot Democracy published Dr. Napier on what follows Mississippi's AI framework.

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05

AI Search Optimization

What SEO, AEO, and GEO mean for how customers find Mississippi businesses.

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POLICY GUIDES

AI policy & guidance templates

- K-12 Education
- Higher Education
- State Government
- Local Government
- Healthcare
- Business
- **New** Finance

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RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Manufacturing AI Playbook

New: a 30-day pilot framework and five starting workflows:

1. Operations
2. Quality
3. Maintenance
4. Supply chain
5. Workforce

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PROMPTING GUIDES

Role-based prompt libraries

- Small Business
- Healthcare
- K-12 Education
- Higher Education
- College Students
- Manufacturing
- **New** Finance

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MORE JULY NEWS



06
Manufacturing AI Playbook Released

A free guide to choosing use cases, running a controlled 30-day pilot, protecting information, reviewing outputs, and training teams.

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07
MAIN Meets Gautier Leaders

Business and civic leaders connected with no-cost AI courses and resources at Gautier City Hall on July 28.

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08
Pascagoula Area Council

Napier discussed AI literacy and workforce readiness with the Jackson County Chamber's Pascagoula Area Council.

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09
AI Policy Template for Finance

Governance language covering data, models, fraud, vendors, human review, and regulated activities.

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10
100 AI Prompts for Finance

Copy-and-paste beginner prompts across ten finance categories, from budgeting to accounting and treasury.

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IN THE MEDIA

MAIN IN THE MEDIA

Three July conversations on AI policy, training, and Mississippi's strategy.

WXXV NEWS 25

The AIR Task Force mission and the July data center hearings.

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WLOX 4 O'CLOCK SHOW

Free statewide AI training, CEUs, and workforce readiness.

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SUPERTALK MIDDAYS

American AI leadership and Mississippi's hands-on strategy.

[LISTEN →](#)

ALL COVERAGE →

AUG 5 WEBINAR

MAIN x IBM Bob Webinar

August 5, 11:00 a.m. CT. An IBM-hosted webinar with MAIN. IBM engineers on agentic engineering, spec-driven development, and governance guardrails.

For teams modernizing applications or scaling AI-assisted development.

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SEPT 18 SAVE THE DATE

AI in Manufacturing Day

A one-day event for industry, research, and workforce partners. Industry-led discussions, research spotlights, and interactive workshops.

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AI IN MANUFACTURING

Partnering for Progress

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2026

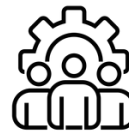
Join industry leaders, research institutions,
and workforce partners for a one-day event
focused on the future of manufacturing in Mississippi.



INDUSTRY



RESEARCH



WORKFORCE

STRONGER TOGETHER. SHAPING WHAT'S NEXT.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Artificial Intelligence & Manufacturing
- Applied Research & Technology Transfer
- Workforce Development
- Industry Partnerships
- Manufacturing Innovation

EVENT FEATURES

- Industry-Led Discussions
- Research Spotlights
- Interactive Workshops
- Networking Opportunities

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?

Click or Scan the QR code to receive
event updates and registration information.



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COMING SOON!**

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What Bob Actually Is

- ✓ AI-first development partner for enterprises
- ✓ Acts as a Second Brain for your whole team
- ✓ Understands IBM Z, i, Java, COBOL & more

2



Who Bob Is Built For

- ✓ State & local government agencies
- ✓ Regulated industries: finance, healthcare
- ✓ Any org where AI must be trusted & audited

3



They Write Code. Bob Governs It.

- ✓ Copilot & Codex assist one developer
- ✓ Bob enforces standards across all teams
- ✓ Full audit trail from requirement to code

4



They Forget. Bob Remembers.

- ✓ Cursor & Kiro reset every session
- ✓ Bob maintains persistent project memory
- ✓ Skills and rules survive across teams

5



Bob Lives Everywhere.

- ✓ Connects to Jira, DOORS, SAP via MCP
- ✓ Runs across shell, IDE, and CI/CD
- ✓ Triggers real workflows, not just suggestions

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Join the Bobathon!

- ✓ Webinar: August 5 — 11AM CT
- ✓ See Bob in action on real enterprise systems
- ✓ Get hands-on and build with Bob!

Can it understand
our 30-year-old
mainframe?



Enterprise
Governance



Legacy System
Reach

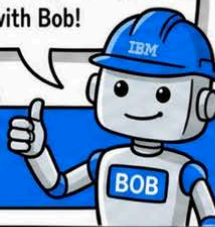


Team-Wide
Standards



Full Lifecycle
Coverage

Who is accountable
when AI makes a
mistake?



Does it work across
our whole team,
not just one dev?

Wednesday August 5, 2026
11am CT

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