NEWSLETTER

MAIN
MISSISSIPPI ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE NETWORK
Mississippi's statewide AI initiative

NOVEMBER 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 3 · STARKVILLE · FREE

MAIN x Microsoft AI Workshop @ MSU

A free, in-person AI workshop with hands-on activities, hosted by Mississippi State University.

Thursday, December 3, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central, The Mill at MSU, Starkville

REGISTER FREE →

mainms.org/microsoft-2026

NOV. 16 · OXFORD · FREE

AI Across America: Oxford, MS

SeedAI's national tour convenes leaders in academia, government, industry, and startups on Mississippi's AI readiness.

Monday, November 16, 8:30 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. Central, Student Union, University of Mississippi

REGISTER FREE →

mainms.org/seedai-oxford

APR. 12 AND 13 · SAVE THE DATE

The MAIN Event

Mississippi's statewide AI conference, hosted by MAIN and presented by the C Spire Foundation.

April 12 and 13, 2027. Details and registration are coming soon. Sponsor interest form →

GET EVENT UPDATES →

mainms.org/main-event-interest

ALSO UPCOMING · NOV. 13 · ELLISVILLE The Economic Development Authority of Jones County hosts its 2026 Industrial Forum: AI in Manufacturing for manufacturers, business leaders, and workforce partners, featuring MAIN's Dr. Kollin Napier. Details and registration: mainms.org/jones-2026 →

LEARN AI

NO-COST AI TRAINING

Online and self-paced, with micro-credentials. Enroll through June 30, 2027. Eligible K–12 educators can earn CEUs; request them by June 21, 2027.

INDUSTRY AI COURSES

- Microsoft 365 Copilot
- Google AI Professional Certificate
- ChatGPT Foundations for Teachers
- Claude: Real-World AI for Everyone
- AI Agent Skills for Leaders

MAIN AI FOUNDATIONS

- AI in Business
- AI in Healthcare
- AI in Manufacturing
- AI in Cybersecurity
- AI for Educators (K-12)

BROWSE NO-COST COURSES →

+ Also: NVIDIA Generative AI, Google Prompting Essentials, Generative AI for Everyone, and more on mainms.org/courses.

RESOURCES FOR YOUR WORK

NEW THIS MONTH

AI Jobs in Mississippi JOB SEEKERS Employer-posted Mississippi jobs with AI in the title or substantive AI duties, each linked to the original posting with the date MAIN last verified it. Pair it with AI Across Mississippi Careers → to see how AI is used in 56 careers across 17 sectors.

EXPLORE AI JOBS IN MISSISSIPPI →

Government prompting guide → PUBLIC SECTOR
Prompts for public-service FAQs, forms, referrals, and notices.

AI Agents Playbook → BUSINESS & PUBLIC SECTOR
Permissions, human review, and checks before an agent pilot.

Career and Technical Education AI Playbook → EDUCATORS
Seven working tools and a completed sample lesson.

AI Cyber Safety → EVERYONE
Protect your information and verify AI answers.

BROWSE ALL MAIN RESOURCES → WORK WITH MAIN →

MISSISSIPPI AI NEWS



LEAD STORY

Mississippi Public-Sector Leaders Examine AI Deployment at MAIN Workshop with SHI and NVIDIA

MAIN and Mississippi State hosted state agency and higher education leaders at The Mill on October 15 for a free workshop, led by SHI and NVIDIA, on moving AI from pilot to everyday use.

READ THE WORKSHOP RECAP →

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MORE MISSISSIPPI AI NEWS



MAIN Supports AI Research Behind Coast Forward

AI helped the GCBC Masters Leadership Class compare regional plans across the three coastal counties.

HOW THE CLASS USED AI →



Senate Cybersecurity Hearing Examines AI Risks and Response Gaps

Senators heard how agencies can secure AI tools and a witness recommendation to report significant cyber incidents within 48 hours.

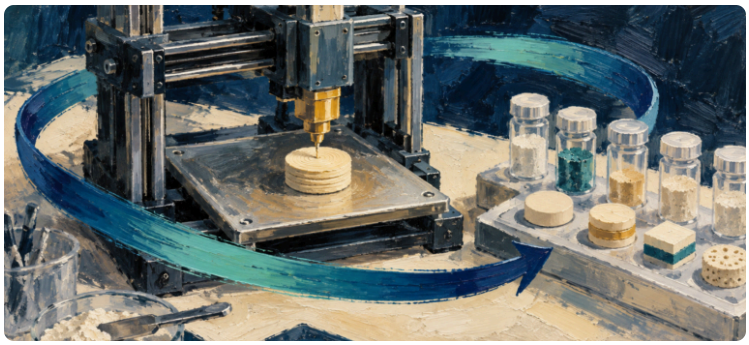
READ THE HEARING RECAP →



Mississippi Universities Join AI Computing Consortium

Mississippi State and Ole Miss are founding members of a 15-university, 10-state consortium announced October 8 at the White House.

ABOUT THE CONSORTIUM →



Ole Miss Lab Plan Links AI and Drug Research

A $7 million federal award will support a planned lab, with workforce development as an expected outcome.

ABOUT THE LAB PLAN →

MORE FROM MAIN

- Student AI literacy project earns national publication →
- AI in banking at the Mississippi Bankers Association →
- WLOX: AI learning and future jobs at MGCCC →
- AI readiness at the physician workforce summit →
- Responsible AI use at the MNA nurses' convention →
- AI and Mississippi's economy with municipal analysts →
- AI for business development at the Yates summit →

EVERY STORY IN THE MAIN NEWSROOM →

WORTH ANOTHER LOOK

Mississippi Statewide AI Framework

A shared reference for AI skills from elementary school through senior career leadership. The August 2026 edition adds a policy foundation, a revised learning progression, crosswalks, and governance guidance. It is the foundation for every MAIN playbook, including this month's CTE and AI Agents playbooks.

READ THE FRAMEWORK UPDATE →

PLAN YOUR NEXT STEP

AI Degrees & Pathways in Mississippi

Compare AI degrees, credit-bearing certificates, minors, and concentrations at Mississippi colleges and universities, alongside free MAIN courses.

COMPARE AI DEGREES AND PATHWAYS →

READY-TO-USE MAIN RESOURCES

AI Playbooks →
Eight guides for K–12, college, student, and workplace use.

Prompting guides →
Starter prompts for eight roles, from K–12 to small business.

AI policy templates →
Eight templates, from K–12 to local government.

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