



Leadership Meets Innovation

This month, *AI in Focus* shines a spotlight on an inspiring moment for Maryland's AI education movement.

Ron Nicholson, Executive Director of **BCAUSEICAN**, met with **Maryland Governor Wes Moore** to discuss statewide AI initiatives that empower students, families, and communities.

During their conversation, Ron shared BCAUSEICAN's mission to make AI education accessible to all. Governor Moore expressed strong interest in supporting efforts that align technology, education, and community growth.

Spotlight on Our Partnerships

We're proud to collaborate with key Maryland leaders and stakeholders who share our vision of advancing AI education and workforce readiness across the state.

Featured partners include:

- **Wala Blegay**, District 6 Prince George's County Councilmember and Chair of the Prince George's County AI Task Force
- **Deni Taveras**, Maryland State Delegate, Legislative District 47B

access to AI education and building a more inclusive technology future.

Middle School AI Curriculum in Action

BCAUSEICAN has launched its **AI Middle School 8-Week Curriculum** at **Greenbelt Middle School**, introducing students to the fundamentals of artificial intelligence through interactive, hands-on projects.

Students learned how to:

- Explore the history, concepts, and terminology behind AI and early chatbots
- Build decision trees
- Compare **Eviebot** vs. **ChatGPT** to understand AI evolution
- Train AI models to recognize and predict **Pokémon types**
- Detect text tone (identifying if it's "nice" or "mean")
- Create face-recognition models to unlock phones

This innovative program empowers middle schoolers to not just use AI but to understand and create it.

Hour of AI Initiative

BCAUSEICAN has joined **Code.org's Hour of AI** initiative, a global effort to bring **AI literacy** to students, families, and communities.

We'll be hosting a series of **free community events** introducing participants to foundational AI concepts and tools.

Stay tuned for event announcements and opportunities to get involved!

Exciting News!

BCAUSEICAN is thrilled to announce two major partnerships with the University of Maryland, expanding our reach and impact across generations.

AI for Adult Seniors (Pilot Program)

In partnership with the Artificial Intelligence Interdisciplinary Institute (AIM), BCAUSEICAN is launching an AI training program for adults 50 and over.

- Goal: Introduce Generative AI tools that enhance everyday life.
- Led by: University of Maryland interns and BCIC instructors.

AI for Middle School Students with Parent Engagement (Summer 2026)

In collaboration with the Institute for Trustworthy AI in Law and Society (TRAILS), BCAUSEICAN is developing an AI education program for middle school students and their parents.

Together, we're creating a curriculum that builds both technical literacy and family engagement in the evolving AI landscape.

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