

Riding the Tech Wave: ASU Lake Havasu's Journey into AI Wonderland

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ASU Lake Havasu partnered with Mohave Community College for a panel discussion on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Experts such as Dr. Tom Blackson, Dr. Michael Shreeves, Dr. Fay Cover, Joseph Ketchum, Mike Rozinski, Kevin Gauthun, Austin Covington and Gavin Leach, embarked on a thought-provoking journey into the future of AI. The discussion commenced with Sophie Company's bold initiative to explore brain wave technology in the next 3-5 years. This ambitious idea not only captivated the audience but also sparked visions of a future where AI not only possesses intelligence but also understands human behavior on a profound level, similar to a trusted companion.

Furthermore, the panel delved into the intricacies of quantum computing, emphasizing its indispensable role in unlocking AI's full potential. The consensus among the experts was clear: until AI engages in the delicate dance of quantum-level mathematics, a complete understanding of human intricacies remains unachievable. While the breakthrough is on the horizon, the panel conveyed a sense of standing at the edge of a transformative era.

Transitioning seamlessly into the role of tech mentors, the panelists, including Dr. Fay Cover, provided valuable insights into AI applications across diverse sectors, including healthcare, language

models, and classrooms. However, a cautionary note was sounded regarding the unregulated use of AI in schools. The panel highlighted the potential instability if AI integration lacks proper oversight.

Moreover, ethical considerations took center stage as Dr. Shreeves and the panelists shed light on biases in AI. Acknowledging biases as persistent challenges akin to incessant pop-up ads, the discussion underscored the complexity of ensuring a bias-free AI landscape. The pursuit of shaping AI's moral compass emerged as a collective responsibility of the youth.

The panel seamlessly transitioned into the dramatic landscape of jobs, scams, and the evolving workplace dynamics fueled by AI. While AI showcased its prowess as a job ninja, concerns were raised about its potential as a troublemaker through scams and deep fakes and the intriguing proposition of AI becoming a mandatory course in job training highlighted the evolving nature of education in the face of technological advancements.

In essence, the ASU Lake Havasu AI panel provided more than a glimpse into technicalities; it offered a backstage pass to the future. This event not only underscored the university's commitment to staying at the forefront of technological trends but also actively shaping and influencing them.



ASU Lake Havasu students, along with faculty and community members, absorb the insights shared during the AI panel.