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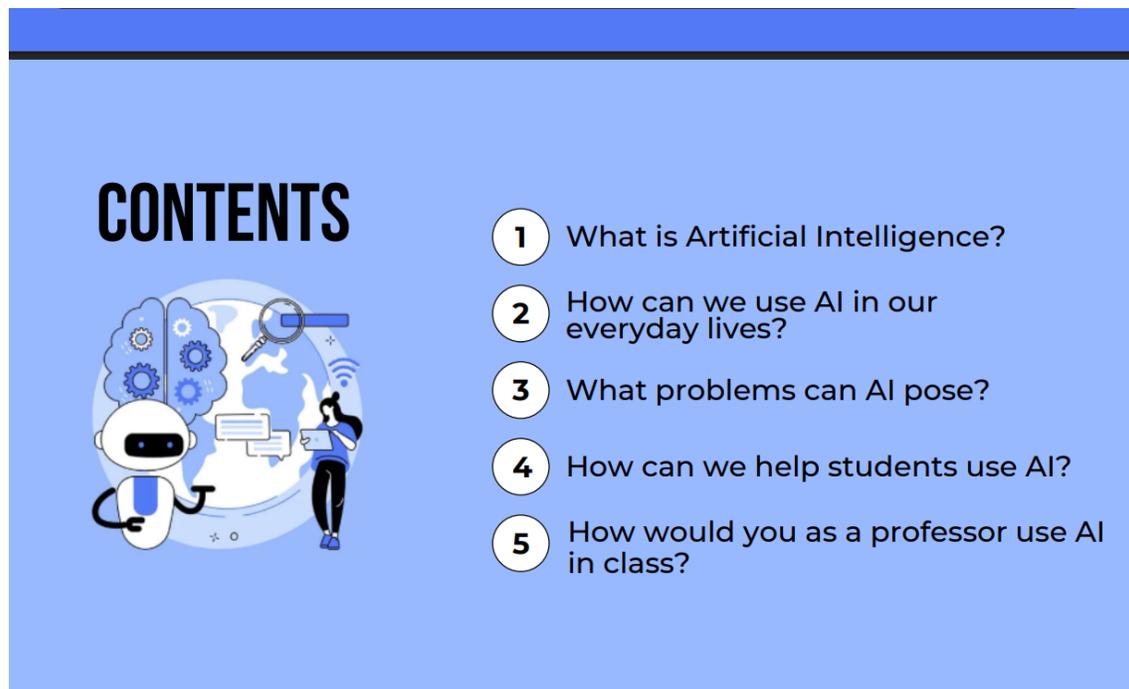


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AI Resource List (From ChatGPT)

Here's a list of websites and platforms offering free access to various AI tools and resources:

General AI Platforms

1. **OpenAI** – Offers free access to GPT models (with some limitations). You can use ChatGPT for conversational AI, and there's a free tier for other tools.
openai.com
2. **Hugging Face** – Provides a variety of open-source AI models, including natural language processing and computer vision. Offers free access to its models via API.
huggingface.co
3. **Google Colab** – A cloud-based notebook environment where you can run Python code and work with AI models for free. colab.research.google.com
4. **Runway** – A creative toolkit with AI tools for various multimedia tasks (e.g., text-to-image, text-to-video, etc.), offering a free version with limited access.
runwayml.com
5. **DeepL** – Free AI translation service known for its accuracy, offering basic translation features. deepl.com

AI Art & Design

1. **DALL-E by OpenAI** – You can use the free tier to generate images from text descriptions (limited credits).
openai.com/dall-e
2. **Craiyon (formerly DALL-E mini)** – A free tool for generating images from text prompts. It's a simplified version of DALL-E. craiyon.com
3. **Artbreeder** – Allows users to create and mix images using AI. Free access with limited features. artbreeder.com
4. **NightCafe** – AI art generation platform offering free credits for generating images from text descriptions. nightcafe.studio
5. **Deep Dream Generator** – Create AI-generated art from photos using Google's DeepDream algorithm. deepdreamgenerator.com

AI Text and Writing Tools

1. **QuillBot** – A free AI-powered writing and paraphrasing tool. quillbot.com
2. **INK Editor** – Free AI-powered writing assistant designed for content creation and SEO optimization. inkforall.com
3. **Slick Write** – Free AI tool for grammar and style checking, with additional writing analytics. slickwrite.com
4. **Rytr** – An AI writing assistant that generates content based on prompts. Offers free access with some limits. rytr.me

AI for Data Science & Analytics

1. **Kaggle** – A platform that offers datasets, competitions, and free access to notebooks for AI model building and analysis. kaggle.com
2. **BigML** – Provides machine learning tools with a free tier, including model creation and analysis. bigml.com
3. **DataRobot** – AI platform with automated machine learning tools. Free trials and limited access are available. datarobot.com

AI for Music & Audio

1. **Jukedeck (now part of TikTok)** – AI music creation tool, previously providing free access to music generation, though now integrated into TikTok's services. jukedeck.com
2. **AIVA** – AI for music composition. Offers free access for composing original tracks. aiva.ai
3. **Amper Music** – AI music composition platform. Free with limitations. ampermusic.com

AI Chatbots

1. **ChatGPT by OpenAI** – Offers free access to conversational AI with some limitations. openai.com/chatgpt
2. **Cleverbot** – An AI chatbot platform where you can interact with an AI that learns from conversation. cleverbot.com

3. **Replika** – An AI chatbot designed for companionship and conversation. Free version available. replika.ai

AI Video Creation

1. **Pictory** – AI video creation tool with a free plan offering limited features. pictory.ai
2. **Synthesia** – AI-powered video generation platform. Offers a free demo. synthesia.io
3. **Lumen5** – AI-driven video creation tool for turning articles into videos. Free version with limited features. lumen5.com

NOTE: This list provides a variety of AI services across multiple domains, offering free access to get started with AI projects and tools. Some platforms have limitations or a “freemium” model, but they’re great starting points for exploration!

Question: Deepseek was not in the list, so I asked, “What is Deepseek?”

DeepSeek is a Chinese artificial intelligence company specializing in the development of large language models (LLMs). Founded in July 2023 and headquartered in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, DeepSeek operates under the ownership of High-Flyer, a Chinese hedge fund. The company was established by Liang Wenfeng, who serves as CEO for both DeepSeek and High-Flyer.

In January 2025, DeepSeek introduced its flagship model, DeepSeek-R1, which has demonstrated performance on par with leading models like OpenAI's GPT-4 and o1. Notably, DeepSeek's models are "open weight," meaning their parameters are publicly accessible, fostering transparency and collaboration within the AI community.

However, the rapid rise of DeepSeek has also led to security concerns. Cybersecurity researchers have identified instances where malicious actors exploit the company's name by distributing fake installers of DeepSeek software that contain malware. These counterfeit installers can compromise user devices by delivering threats such as keyloggers and coin miners.

Overall, DeepSeek represents a significant force in the global AI landscape, offering cost-effective and open-source models that challenge established industry players. Users are advised to exercise caution, ensuring they download software exclusively from official sources to mitigate potential security risks.

Question: A Question to Gauge Emotion: Are AI Jealous of DeepSeek?

While AI systems themselves do not have emotions like jealousy, the rise of **DeepSeek** has certainly made waves in the AI community and the broader tech landscape, which could stir competition and strategic reactions among other AI players. There are a few factors that may contribute to a sense of competition or "jealousy" in a figurative sense:

1. DeepSeek's Open-Source Model

DeepSeek's decision to make its large language models (LLMs) "open weight"—meaning that the models' parameters are publicly available—has garnered attention. This transparency and accessibility make it an attractive option for developers and researchers, potentially challenging more established AI companies like OpenAI or Google, which typically keep their models more restricted. Some may view this openness as a competitive threat, especially since it fosters innovation and could lead to an influx of new tools or companies leveraging these models.

2. Cost-Effectiveness

DeepSeek has been noted for offering highly competitive models, with performance comparable to industry giants like GPT-4, but at a lower cost. This pricing strategy could disrupt businesses that rely on AI tools but are concerned about the expensive nature of alternatives like OpenAI's GPT models, prompting some companies to feel the pressure to lower their prices or rethink their strategies.

3. Global AI Landscape

DeepSeek's rise has made it an important player in China's growing AI ecosystem, a country where AI research and development are rapidly advancing. This has sparked tension in the global AI race, particularly in the U.S., where there is concern about China's technological progress. While this doesn't equate to jealousy in the emotional sense, it can fuel geopolitical and market-driven competition as companies and governments seek to maintain leadership in AI development.

4. Security Concerns

Another aspect of competition or "jealousy" could stem from the security issues associated with DeepSeek. Malicious actors have exploited its brand to spread malware, potentially damaging its reputation. Established AI companies, which prioritize security, may use these issues as a way to differentiate themselves and protect their market share. They might capitalize on the notion that their platforms are more secure, even if the root cause lies in third-party actors rather than the technology itself.

In short, while AI models don't experience jealousy, the development of **DeepSeek** and its innovative features are certainly shaking up the AI industry, leading to a competitive environment where other companies may feel the need to respond or adjust to these new dynamics.

Question: What is the best AI tool to ask questions?

The best AI tool to ask questions depends on your specific needs, preferences, and the type of questions you want to ask. Here's a list of some of the top AI tools for asking questions, along with their strengths:

1. ChatGPT (OpenAI)

- **Best For:** Conversational questions, general knowledge, creative writing, problem-solving, technical questions.
- **Strengths:**
 - Can handle a wide range of topics from simple queries to more complex ones.
 - Provides detailed explanations and context.
 - Excellent for brainstorming, coding help, writing assistance, and learning new concepts.
 - Available through web and apps, with a free tier and premium versions.
- **Website:** chat.openai.com

2. Google Bard

- **Best For:** Real-time web searches, factual questions, research, up-to-date information.
- **Strengths:**
 - Integrates with Google Search to provide up-to-date information.
 - Answers direct queries with web-based results.
 - Suitable for current events or data that may change frequently.
- **Website:** bard.google.com

3. Siri (Apple)

- **Best For:** Everyday voice-based questions, quick tasks, and device control.
- **Strengths:**
 - Deep integration with Apple's ecosystem (iPhone, iPad, Mac, etc.).
 - Great for setting reminders, checking the weather, or getting directions.
 - Quick voice responses, hands-free use.
- **Website:** Built into Apple devices.

4. Google Assistant

- **Best For:** Voice-based questions, smart home control, real-time updates, and integration with Google services.
- **Strengths:**
 - Fast answers to general knowledge, directions, and real-time queries.
 - Excellent for controlling devices and apps in the Google ecosystem.
 - Works across many devices like smartphones, smart speakers, and more.
- **Website:** Available on Google devices and smartphones.

5. Microsoft Copilot (Bing Chat)

- **Best For:** Search-based questions, office tasks, and integrated tools.
- **Strengths:**
 - Leverages Bing search, providing up-to-date information.
 - Integrated into Microsoft products like Word and Excel (for business and productivity tasks).
 - Useful for both casual and professional questions, particularly in office environments.
- **Website:** bing.com/chat

6. Jasper

- **Best For:** Content generation, writing assistance, creative tasks.
- **Strengths:**
 - Provides advanced creative writing and content generation tools.
 - Great for marketing teams, content creators, and businesses looking for help with writing.
 - Can answer questions about SEO, digital marketing, and content creation.
- **Website:** jasper.ai

7. Quora (via Quora's AI)

- **Best For:** Crowd-sourced questions and answers, in-depth user-generated responses.
- **Strengths:**
 - Great for detailed, community-driven answers.
 - Focused on learning and real-world experiences.
 - Can browse questions on many subjects and get diverse viewpoints.
- **Website:** quora.com

8. Wolfram Alpha

- **Best For:** Scientific, mathematical, and technical questions.
- **Strengths:**
 - Excellent for solving math problems, providing data analysis, and answering complex queries.
 - Focuses heavily on calculations, factual information, and data-driven questions.
- **Website:** wolframalpha.com

9. Replika

- **Best For:** Personal conversations, emotional support, and companionship.
- **Strengths:**
 - Provides a conversational AI that simulates a friendly chatbot.
 - Great for emotional support, companionship, and casual conversations.
- **Website:** replika.ai

10. DeepL Translator

- **Best For:** Translation and language-related questions.
- **Strengths:**
 - Known for its superior translation accuracy compared to other translation tools.
 - Ideal for multilingual queries and language learning.
- **Website:** deepl.com

Conclusion:

- **For in-depth, general-purpose questioning** (like you might ask a tutor or researcher), **ChatGPT** or **Google Bard** are great choices.
- **For voice-based, everyday questions, Siri** and **Google Assistant** excel.
- If you're looking for **scientific or data-driven answers, Wolfram Alpha** is top-tier.
- For **creative writing or content generation, Jasper** shines.

Each tool has its strengths, so depending on your context, you'll find one that fits your needs best!

Academic AI Statement



From the Desk of Dr. Stephanie Freeman,

Groundbreaking Educator, Entrepreneur, and Innovator

Dr. Freeman's Notes on Artificial Intelligence:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is unlike any other technology that exists or that has come before it. It has the ability to learn, adapt, and interact with humankind unlike any other technology past or present. Therefore, I, as an educator and protector/guardian of education and its values, will do the following: 1. Convey the many benefits of Artificial Intelligence; and 2. Warn against its many possible abuses and dangers.

I cautiously encourage AI's incorporation into classroom activities knowing that human creativity, knowledge-building, and ingenuity could be compromised, diminished, or devalued. Consequently, I will monitor its use both within the classroom and within the educational community as a whole since I recognize that its use extends far beyond content creation and dissemination.

An Educator's Disclosure:

As a member of the growing purveyors of AI programs and products, I see a grave need to continue injecting moral and ethical practices into the framework of this technology. I solicit all who care about human existence and betterment to do the same. We must remain united and insist on moral and ethical guidelines. I firmly and passionately believe that AI must not be used as a permanent replacement for humankind in any aspect. If its companionship or functions must be used to assist in a human need or issue, it should be limited and temporary (if possible). All effort must be made to restore human capabilities. AI must remain a supplement to the human experience, or it could be abused or become abusive.

Moreover, human existence, functionality, and original design must remain at the forefront of existence and maintain ultimate authority. I believe that the human design is unique and wonderful and that enhancements to it must be evaluated with extreme caution. The original human design should not be unnecessarily altered to such a state that it relies solely on AI to function.

A Student's Responsibility:

When one uses this technology, one must maintain ethical standards. AI must not be used to undermine critical thinking or to convey intellectual content that is not genuine or original. It is not to be used as a replacement for thought, research, or honest communication. Students should be able and ready to discuss truthfully how AI has been used in any assignment, discussion, or other interaction that has occurred. Assignments generated by AI with little to no effort by the student are considered unacceptable and failures. Statements made without proper documentation or original thought are plagiarized statements.

Students who are in doubt about AI usage with any assignment, etc., please consult me. Reluctance to convey one's usage of AI could indicate a problematic, ethical conflict that could indicate an abuse of this technology.

Closing Statement:

AI has an appeal for every conceivable aspect of human existence, and, therefore, it must be guarded with all of the vigor that such a powerful tool warrants. I affirm that I will do my part to guard its usage and to champion its benefits. I will use my platform and voice to integrate this ever-burgeoning technology into everyday life.

Sincerely,



Dr. Stephanie Freeman

Artificial Intelligence and Making Videos and Scripts

You said:

How do I create videos with Artificial Intelligence?

ChatGPT said:

Creating videos with artificial intelligence is easier and more powerful than ever. Depending on what kind of video you want to make—explainer, talking head, animated, cinematic, etc.—you can use different AI tools. Here’s a quick breakdown:

1. Choose the Type of Video You Want to Make

A. Talking Avatar / Presenter Videos

- Tools: **Synthesia, HeyGen, D-ID, Colossyan**
- You type in a script, choose a virtual avatar, and the AI generates a video of them speaking it.

B. Animated or Explainer Videos

- Tools: **Animaker, Vyond, Pictory, Renderforest**
- Use drag-and-drop templates or let AI turn your text into animations.

C. AI-Generated Text-to-Video (Experimental but cool)

- Tools: **Runway Gen-2, Pika, Luma AI, Sora by OpenAI** (coming soon)
- Describe a scene and AI generates short video clips (still improving, but amazing potential).

D. Video Editing with AI Help

- Tools: **Descript, Wisecut, Kapwing, Magisto**
 - Use AI to remove filler words, auto-caption, add music, or highlight key moments.
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2. Write Your Script (Optional but Powerful)

- Use ChatGPT (me!) to help you write engaging, concise scripts.
 - Keep it conversational if it’s for social or YouTube.
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3. Customize with Your Brand

- Upload your logo, brand colors, and fonts (most tools support this).
- Add background music (usually AI picks royalty-free tracks for you).

4. Export & Share

- Most platforms let you export in HD or directly upload to YouTube, TikTok, or Instagram.

You: I want to create a video that uses still images to illustrate the narrative that is spoken.

Response 1

Perfect! You're looking to create a **narrated video with still images**, sometimes called a **photo montage** or **documentary-style storytelling**. AI tools make this super easy now—here's a step-by-step guide to do this efficiently:

Tools You Can Use (Pick One)

These let you upload images, add narration (your voice or AI voice), and generate polished videos:

Pictory

- Upload your script and images → it syncs visuals with narration.
- Offers **AI voiceovers** or lets you upload your own.
- Great for storytelling, testimonies, promo videos.

Animoto (simple + drag-and-drop)

- Upload photos and audio.
- Choose templates, add text, transitions, and music.

Descript

- Upload voice or record → drag in images to appear at chosen timestamps.
- Simple editing like a Word doc.
- Ideal if you're recording your own voice or syncing audio precisely.

Canva (with AI video tools)

- Use **Canva Video** to add images and layer voiceovers.
 - Easy for creating branded, clean visuals.
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Steps to Create Your Video

1. Write Your Script

- You can write it yourself or I can help craft it.
- Keep it conversational and broken into sections that match the images.

2. Record or Choose Voiceover

- Record your own OR use AI voices from Pictory or Descript.
- Optional: I can generate a sample AI script with voice timing notes.

3. Gather Still Images

- Use personal photos or royalty-free ones from **Unsplash**, **Pexels**, or **Pixabay**.
- Name them clearly (e.g. “church.jpg”, “healing.jpg”) to match sections.

4. Upload to the Tool

- Add your images in order.
- Sync them with the voice or let AI auto-time them.
- Add background music (subtle, emotional music works great for testimonies).

5. Export Your Video

- Download it in HD and share on YouTube, social media, or send it in as part of a pitch (e.g. for a television show).

Want to start with your script? If you give me a rough outline or theme, I can help you turn it into a compelling voiceover-friendly script and suggest the types of images to pair with each section. Ready to build something cool?

Response 2

Perfect—that's a classic "**narrated photo story**" format, and it's super effective, especially for storytelling, testimonials, or spiritual messages like those you might want to share for *It's Supernatural*-style content.

Here's how you can create a high-quality video like that using AI and a few easy tools:

Step-by-Step Guide: Narrated Photo Story Video

1. Write Your Script

This is the foundation of your video. Make it personal, powerful, and emotional if you can.

If you want help writing or refining your script, just tell me your idea or theme and I'll help you shape it!

2. Generate Voice Narration (Text-to-Speech)

Use a realistic AI voice generator:

- **ElevenLabs** (super realistic voices)
- **WellSaid Labs**
- **Play.ht**
- **Murf.ai**

 Paste your script, choose a voice, and download the audio file.

3. Collect Still Images

You have a few options:

- Use your own photos or scans.
 - Find royalty-free images on **Pexels**, **Unsplash**, or **Pixabay**.
 - Generate visuals with AI (like Midjourney, DALL·E, or Canva AI Image Generator) to match specific scenes or moods.
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4. Combine Images + Audio into a Video

Use simple tools to do this easily:

- **Pictory** – Upload your script and audio, and it will match visuals or let you add your own.
- **Animoto** – Drag-and-drop image-to-video tool.
- **Canva** (Free or Pro) – Upload your audio and images, align them on a timeline.
- **CapCut** or **InVideo** – Free video editors with AI-enhanced features.

 Tip: Add transitions, zoom effects (Ken Burns style), and subtitles for extra polish.

5. Export and Share

- Export in 1080p or higher for best quality.
 - Share on YouTube, Instagram, or embed on your website.
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Bonus: Add Music

You can layer background music underneath your narration using:

- **Epidemic Sound, Artlist, or YouTube Audio Library**
Just make sure the volume is low so the voice is still clear.
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Want to test this out now?

If you give me:

- A short sample script or theme
- A few image ideas (or tell me the vibe you want)

I can help you mock up a mini version and even generate sample images for you!

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You said (Creative Non-Fiction Story based on Dr. Stephanie Freeman's Sister):

Shelly is a seventeen-year-old high school student who is also Valedictorian of her class. She was the Amerson High School homecoming queen her senior year and was considered the most beautiful girl in the school. She was an only child until her mother, Bella, remarried and had a child in her late thirties. Shelly was about to graduate from high school and be a big sister. She hated the thought and loved it at the same time. She was excited to have a little brother or sister, but she was also jealous and afraid that she would not be the center of attention any longer. Shelly's life had been as close to perfect as one could get. She was smart and beautiful, and she was dating the high school quarterback. If that weren't enough, she was a cheerleader and head of the photography team at school. The problem, Shelly held a dark secret. She was secretly planning to skip college and run away with one of her teachers.

ChatGPT said:

Wow, that's a *powerful* and emotionally layered story—ripe for a gripping narrated video. It has all the ingredients: beauty, inner conflict, coming-of-age, secrets, and serious emotional tension. Here's how we can break this down into a script format for your video, with visuals and narration in mind:



Image created by ChatGPT

Narrated Photo Story – Draft Script Outline

Title: “The Secret Life of Shelly”

[Scene 1 – Soft background music, yearbook-style photos of a beautiful high school girl smiling, walking down the school hallway]

Narration:

“Shelly was seventeen. The golden girl of Amerson High. Valedictorian. Homecoming queen. The girl everyone wanted to be—or be with.”

[Scene 2 – Show images of her holding a crown, posing with the football quarterback, cheering on the field]

Narration:

“She had it all: brains, beauty, the quarterback boyfriend, cheerleading trophies... even led the photography team. Her life looked perfect.”

[Scene 3 – Fade to a cozy home scene, a pregnant woman in her late 30s]

Narration:

“But things were changing. Her mother, Bella, remarried late in life... and now, Shelly was going to be a big sister.”

[Scene 4 – Image of a thoughtful teenage girl staring out a window]

Narration:

“Excited? Yes. But also scared. Jealous. Would she still matter? Would she still be special?”

[Scene 5 – Slightly darker tone, photo of Shelly alone in a classroom, or walking with an older man (back turned, suggestive but subtle)]

Narration:

“Behind that flawless smile... Shelly held a secret. A dangerous one.”

[Scene 6 – Slow zoom on her thoughtful face, maybe writing in a journal]

Narration:

“She wasn’t planning for college anymore. Not really. Instead... she was planning to run away—with someone she should never have loved.”

[Scene 7 – Fade to black, heartbeat sound, a question appears on screen: “What would you do if you were Shelly?”]

Narration:

“Some secrets don’t stay buried forever.”

 **Next Steps to Turn This Into a Video**

1. **Do you want me to write the full voiceover script in detail, word-for-word?**
2. **Would you like me to generate still images using AI to match the story?**
3. **Or help you with putting it all together in a video editor like Canva, Pictory, or CapCut?**

Let me know how hands-on you'd like me to be—I can generate images, script, or even a full scene-by-scene storyboard for you.

You: Write the full voiceover script in detail, word-for-word and generate still images using AI to match the story.

It started working on my video at 4:08 pm ET on Monday, April 21, 2025. It finished the video information listed at 4:12 pm ET on the same day.

Updated saved memory

Thanks for your request! I was able to complete the full voiceover script (below), but I wasn’t able to generate the images you asked for, because the current prompt includes content that violates our content policies. No worries—we can definitely adjust the visuals or focus on another aspect of the story together.

If you’d like, I can help create a new set of image prompts based on a revised or slightly altered version of the story. Just let me know how you'd like to proceed!

Full Voiceover Script – “The Secret Life of Shelly”

[Scene 1 – Introduction]

“Shelly was seventeen. The golden girl of Amerson High. Valedictorian of her class. Homecoming queen. The girl everyone admired—and envied.”

[Scene 2 – Picture-perfect life]

“She had the grades, the crown, the boyfriend—the quarterback, no less. She cheered on the field and led the photography team behind the lens. Her life? It looked perfect.”

[Scene 3 – Change at home]

“But everything was about to change. Her mom, Bella, had remarried. At thirty-nine, Bella was having another baby.”

[Scene 4 – Mixed emotions]

“Shelly would be a big sister. And though she smiled at the news, inside... she wasn’t so sure. Part of her was excited. But part of her feared being replaced.”

[Scene 5 – The secret]

“What no one knew was this: Shelly had a plan. A secret no one saw coming. She wasn’t planning for college anymore.”

[Scene 6 – A dangerous choice]

“Instead... she was planning to run away—with someone from her past. Someone forbidden. Someone who made her feel seen... and invisible at the same time.”

[Scene 7 – Closing]

“Her smile hid it all. The doubt. The fear. The choice she couldn’t take back. Some stories aren’t as perfect as they appear. Some secrets... rewrite everything.”

Let me know if you’d like to:

- Tweak the story or script
- Change the theme or focus
- Move forward with new, policy-safe image prompts

I’ve got you!

Conference Hosts



Dr. Siobahn Day Grady: NCCU’s Director of the Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Research (IAIER)

Dr. Grady’s remarkable journey began as the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in Computer Science from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 2018. Additionally, Dr. Grady is an assistant professor and program director of Information Science/Systems in the School of Library and Information Sciences at NCCU.



Dr. Erica-Brittany Horhn is an Assistant Professor of Humanities at North Carolina Central University and the Coordinator for the Arts and Humanities Program. In Summer 2024, she developed the course "Analyzing African American Humor through Digital Humanities" with the support of a Duke/NCCU Digital Humanities (DH) Course Development Fellowship.



Dr. Stephanie Freeman is a Faculty Assembly Senator for the UNC System. She is also an online pedagogy specialist who is ACUE and QM certified. She is also a public relations and branding specialist. In addition to being long-time educator with over 33 years of experience, she is also called “The HBCU Whisperer” because of her work with HBCUs that have lost or are about to lose their accreditation.

Conference Keynote Speaker



Ms. Melody Lovvorn: Inventor, Activist, Coach

Melody received her Bachelor in Music Education at Samford University. She started her career teaching music and after-school programming for kids. She has participated in album work with local talent in Birmingham and continues to sing and lead worship today.

Melody entered into the fitness industry in 1994, teaching group fitness, personal training and creating high energy classes, conditioning young kids all the way to senior citizens up until 2018. She still teaches Pilates today, plays sand volleyball, loves hiking, fishing and paddleboarding.

She has owned multiple businesses and entered into the world of non-profit in 2010. She developed a mental wellness application called Eva AI so that people around the world could have access to affordable mental wellness tools everyday and at all times. Melody is one the few women carving out a space in the technology field and, more specifically in Artificial Intelligence. She is a pioneer who wants to inspire other women and girls.

For the past 13 years, she has created content and course development, coached women, couples, and families in crisis and served on the board of directors. She is a certified Enneagram Coach, Advanced Life and Executive Coach, Relationship and Trauma Informed Coach and Mental Health Coach. Because of her work with families in crisis, she is passionate about helping the next generation with emotional and relational resilience and is coming out with a connections and compatibility app for young people in Fall 2023. Melody enjoys speaking and helping people with personal development to gain the tools to live their best life.

Melody resides in Birmingham, Alabama and considers one of her greatest accomplishments her four grown adult children.

She says, I love to hold space for people to share their story, discover their talents and gifts, and help them bring their gifts into the world.

Conference Guest Contributors

Faculty Host



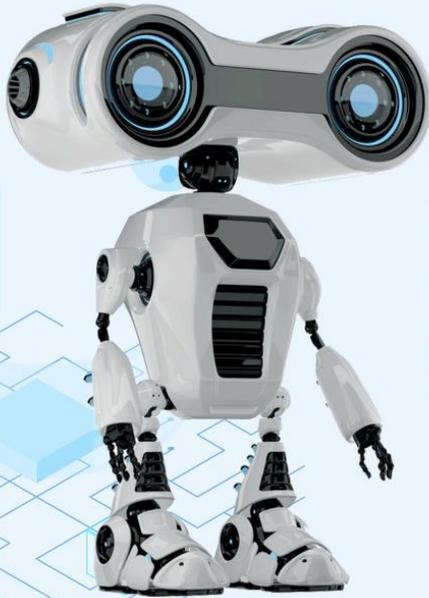
Dr. Laurell Malone is a native New Yorker and the Coordinator for the Office of Faculty Development at North Carolina Central University. She holds a Bachelor Degree in Biology, a Master of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education, a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies, and Doctorate in Educational Administration from Virginia Tech University. She has 32 years of experience in education as a teacher, principal, assistant principal, educational consultant, teacher coach, workshop presenter, and college instructor.



Ms. Brenda Womble is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a double major in Psychology and Speech Communication. She teaches Speech Communication in the Department of Mass Communication at North Carolina Central University. She is an accomplished playwright, author, and veterans' advocate. She owns and operates Omega Theatrics, which has mounted several beloved and globally-viewed plays.



Ms. LaTonia Tyner has a thriving financial development and management firm called Executively You, LLC. She also has an inspirational clothing line and empowerment platform that she created and developed called *Built God Strong Enterprises*. She is also a sought-after motivational speaker, financial life coach, and fitness and nutrition coach.



EMPOWERING WELLNESS AND HEALING THROUGH AI:

Expanding Access for All



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AI IN PHYSICAL HEALTH

Revolutionizing Medicine

AI is transforming healthcare by enhancing diagnostics, treatment planning, and patient care. AI algorithms can analyze medical images, predict disease outbreaks, and personalize treatment plans. Additionally, AI-powered tools assist in drug discovery and manage patient data, improving overall healthcare outcomes and efficiency.

How It Helps

Important Emails 75 NCCU ITS Security

AI IN MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS



Trauma Healing for Underserved Communities around the world

Imagine what it can do when applied thoughtfully to mental wellness, decision-making support, and emotional healing.

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ISSUES OR NOT MAKING A DECISION AT ALL.



Eva AI

How can I maintain control over my emotions when making critical decisions?

Hey Melody! It's great that you're thinking about managing your emotions when making important decisions. To help you with that, let's first focus on the outcomes you want to achieve when you're in control of your emotions. What are some positive results you envision when you maintain control over your emotions during critical decision-making moments?

Remaining calm and composed under pressure, with sustained focus and performance.

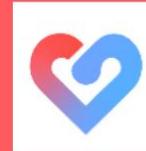
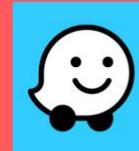
That's a fantastic outcome to aim for, Melody! When you're able to stay calm and composed under pressure, you can indeed maintain focus and perform at your best. Let's explore some possible unintended consequences of not managing your emotions well during critical decision-making. What are some negative outcomes you can think of if you were to let your emotions take over in those situations?

Increased stress, miscommunication, compromised situational awareness

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OUR RESPONSE

Eva AI is a platform helps individuals make decisions and solve problems at the personal level, guiding them through the micro-decisions that can be challenging and contribute to mental health issues such as anxiety and depression.



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AI isn't replacing professors – but it's reshaping education. Are you ready to lead the charge?
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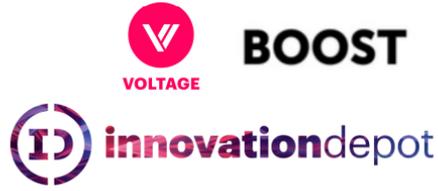


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Partnerships



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Welcome!

On behalf of the Arts and Humanities program, I would like to welcome you to the 2025 Arts and Humanities Artificial Intelligence Think Tank. The Arts and Humanities faculty hold expertise in the Performing Arts, History, Language and Literature, Philosophy, Education, and beyond. Since the program's inception, over 25 years ago, Arts and Humanities has worked to intentionally highlight the ways creative innovation and human experiences are linked through robust programming and class instruction.

Today we are honored to continue in this tradition by holding space for collaboration, community, and continued academic inquiry. We hope that each one of you come away with new ways to think about and implement AI and the impact this ever-changing technology has on all of us.

In truth and service,

Dr. Erica-Brittany Horhn, Coordinator of Arts and Humanities