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## *Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies*

Update 26 May 2016

Continuing our cyber education initiatives, UNG was just given the distinction of becoming a National Security Agency/Department of Homeland Defense Center of Academic Excellence for Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE).

This summer, we received a grant from the NSA/DHS GenCyber program to run a free, two-week residential “National Cyber Warrior Academy” on the Dahlonega Campus. We’ll enroll 40 high school students 19 Jun – 1 July, who will live in Gaillard Hall, and will be taught the Certified Ethical Hacker curriculum by UNG PhD computer science professors.

In December/January, we will seek to become an [Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence](#) (IC CAE) by the Defense Intelligence Agency. The IC CAE has the mission to increase intelligence community job applicants. They provide grants to accredited U.S. four-year colleges and universities to support the design and development of intelligence-related curricula. We strongly feel that we meet the criteria by which the DIA evaluates applications, including having academic programs which serve as a foundation for an intelligence or national security studies certificate, major or minor. With our degrees and minors in international affairs, strategic studies, critical foreign languages, cyber security, study abroad programs and more, we believe we’ll be very competitive to become an IC CAE.

We have four Cadets who were awarded prestigious national scholarships in 2015-2016. Anita Renfroe is a winner of the prestigious David L. **Boren Scholarship**, a national scholarship funded by DoD’s National Security Education Program worth up to \$20,000 to spend a full academic year studying abroad. Renfroe is a junior in the [Corps of Cadets](#) majoring in Arabic with a minor in Spanish and will spend next year studying in Fez, Morocco. Two Cadets won **Fulbright scholarships**. Cadet Cody Bijoux, a Chinese major, and former Cadet Jacob Dietrich, an Arabic major. The Fulbright program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. In addition, Cadet Elisha Weber will spend a year at ZheJiang Normal University in Jinhua, courtesy of **Chinese Government Scholarships** from the Consulate in Houston.

We commissioned 48 Cadets on 6-7 May: 36 active duty, 13 Reserve Force Duty (primarily Georgia Army National Guard); 9 were Distinguished Military Graduates (DMG).

173 Cadets will participate in Cadet training programs this summer. 15 will participate in Cadet Command’s Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP) for three weeks in the following countries: Republic of Georgia (3); Hungary; Lithuania (2); Philippines, Bulgaria; Mongolia (2); Morocco; Senegal; Sri Lanka; Nepal; Bukina-Faso. A record 126 Cadets will attend the Cadet Leader Course (summer or advanced camp) at Ft. Knox. Forty seven will go to Cadet Initial Entry Training (CIET) at Ft. Knox (a new program for freshman and sophomore Cadets who intend to commission). Fifteen Cadets will attend schools: airborne (5), air assault (7), and Cadet Field Training (3). Three Cadets will do overseas CILT in Germany, Korea, and Alaska.

Distinguished Military Student Review Weekend will be 9-11 Sep. We’re planning to make this a Cadet Alumni Weekend event. More info to follow, but would really be happy if you could join us for some of the events.

Georgia Gold, American Treasure development initiative, the first fundraising effort in the history of UNG for the sole benefit of the Corps of Cadets, launched during Alumni Weekend 2016. With a goal of \$93,145,000, the vision of the initiative is to “Secure and strengthen the Corps of Cadets at the University of North Georgia”. For more information contact Phil Collins, [phil.collins@ung.edu](mailto:phil.collins@ung.edu). Three priority areas are: Scholarships, Operational Support, and Facilities and Infrastructure.

If you’re interested in hearing more about the Institute for Leadership and Strategic Studies, and you are visiting Dahlonega, we’d like to schedule a one-hour personal briefing for you. Please contact Keith Antonia at [keith.antonio@ung.edu](mailto:keith.antonio@ung.edu)