



NIU Campus Notes Newsletter

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Next NIU President Named!

Dr. J. Scott Cameron has been named the next president of National Intelligence University (NIU). He will assume his post at the start of the new academic year in August 2017. He succeeds Dr. David Ellison who is retiring after serving as NIU president since 2009.

"Dr. Cameron is uniquely qualified to lead NIU as the university achieves its vision to become the center of academic life for the intelligence community (IC)," said DIA Director Lieutenant General Vincent Stewart, the selecting official, in announcing the appointment. "Dr. Cameron was selected through an extensive national search," Stewart continued, "and I am confident that he will bring further success to NIU as it continues its growth and development into a national university dedicated to the intelligence profession and to excellence in defense of the nation."

Dr. Cameron brings extensive national security, intelligence and higher education experience to his new role as National Intelligence University president. He currently serves as the Director of the Office of Weapons of Mass Destruction/Counterterrorism at the National Counterterrorism Center, having entered federal government service after serving 14 years in higher education in faculty and academic leadership roles at Washington State University from 1986-2000.

For more information, see related article: Incoming NIU President Discusses Academic and Leadership Philosophy <http://www.dia.mil/News/Articles/Article-View/Article/1206282/incoming-niu-president-discusses-academic-and-leadership-philosophy/>

Move to New Campus Complete!

In February 2017, NIU completed the long-awaited move to its new home in Roberdeau Hall at the IC Campus-Bethesda. The last phase of the move occurred after winter term finals were finished and the Class of 2017 became the first class to attend classes at the new location when the spring term got underway. The new facility, designed with the assistance of an academic architect firm is beautiful and contains many enhancements, including a significant increase in the number of student computer workstations, better classrooms and a wealth of collaboration spaces for small group meetings and group study. The move to Bethesda has been termed an "inflection point" in the institution's history; it is the culmination of the evolution of NIU from a small



Dr. J. Scott Cameron will assume duties as President at the Convocation Ceremony on 25 August 2017.

Defense Department schoolhouse in 1962 to an accredited university serving the entire intelligence community in 2017.



We've moved to our new campus. Upper: exterior shots of the building. Lower: Centrum hallway (left) leading to entrance of Roberdeau Hall (right).

2017 Commencement Speaker: Michael Hayden '80

NIU President Dr. David Ellison recently announced that alumnus Michael Hayden, former Director of NSA, Principal Deputy DNI, and Director of CIA will deliver the commencement address to NIU graduates, on Friday, July 28. Hayden, a retired 4-star Air Force general, is a 1980 graduate who was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2001. He currently serves as a principal with the Chertoff Group and is Chairman of the National Intelligence University Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. A noted speaker and lecturer on national security topics, Hayden is the author of the 2016 book "Playing to the Edge: American Intelligence in the Age of Terror."



EVENTS – Save the Dates!

- Monday, 21 August, Bethesda, MD - Alumni Sponsored Welcome Mixer for the Class of 2018*
- Thursday, 5 October, Boston MA - 2nd Annual Alumni Networking Event
- Sunday, 5 November, Arlington, VA - 5th Annual Homecoming Brunch

**Alumni greeters are needed to help us welcome the Class of 2018 to a mixer on Monday afternoon, 21 August at a location (TBD) near the new campus. Interested? Contact Tom Van Wagner '94 at thomas.vanwagner@dodiis.mil*

First Alumni Event in Europe: UK-Based Alumni "G2G" Dinner in Cambridgeshire, UK.

Alumnus Brian Bataille '97, the DIA Liaison to London was the guest of honor at the first NIU alumni dinner in Europe on Tuesday, May 23rd from 6-8:30pm at The Pheasant at Keystone. The event was as fun as it was delicious: the Pheasant is a thatched rural pub with oak beams and open fires, a patio garden and a European

gastro menu and was named the Cambridgeshire Dining Pub of the year in 2016! Thank you to event organizers Rob Taber '10, NIU European Academic Center Director Dr. Sam Baroni, and Asst Director Bathsheba Everett!



23 May: Brian Bataille '97, shown 3rd from left, stands with Molesworth-based alumni after a great dinner in Cambridgeshire, UK, the first OCONUS alumni event yet!

Reunion 2017 Provides Alumni a First Peek at the New Campus!

On Friday, 23 June NIU partnered with the Alumni Association to hold a half-day reunion event at the new campus in Bethesda, MD. The event attracted a record crowd of alumni from the classes of the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s and 2010s, as well as more than two dozen former faculty! The reunion agenda included a tasty welcome reception, remarks by the current and incoming NIU Presidents, a guided tour of the new campus, a “state of the Alumni Association” address by Alumni President Harry Petrey '12/'13, and a networking reception to cap the day.



Clockwise from upper left: (Top left) Alumni gather for a group photo on the front steps of NIU before touring the new campus. (Top center) Alumni Association President Harry Petrey '12/'13 welcomes alumni and gives an update on the newly created alumni association. (Top right) NIU President Dr. David Ellison thanks alumni for their support. (Bottom photo) Panoramic view of the opening mixer as alumni arrive at the new campus.

ALUMNI NETWORK

Boston Area Alumni Network Gaining Steam! The NIU alumni network of the greater Boston area continues to gather momentum, led by COL Ron Corsetti '06 and CAPT Jim Spotts '01. Building on the enthusiasm and success of the very well-attended inaugural reception in Boston in October, Ron and Jim organized a guided tour of the Museum of WWII in Natick, MA, followed by a no-host luncheon at a nearby restaurant in early February. The enthusiasm has not gone unnoticed and others are looking to join the network: Gary Sampson '15, who will start a Ph.D. program at the Fletcher School at Tufts University in the fall has already reached out to Ron Corsetti '06 to express his interest in participating in alumni activities while he pursues his Ph.D. studies in international relations.



Pictured left: A B17 Pilot (seated) regales alumni with stories of participation in day raids over Germany in WW2. Pictured right: (left to right) Dan Huelsman '09, Tom Van Wagner '94, Jim Spotts '01 and museum docent Mark Galuzzo.

Service to Alma Mater: Two Huntsville-area Senior Alumni Promote NIU at Joint Duty Fair! Army Material Command Senior Executive Kathy Coviello '04 and former Assistant Director of FBI Intelligence Rafael "Jorge" Garcia '02 staffed an NIU booth at a joint duty fair at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama on 20 April. Admissions Officer Veronica Moore provided a promotional kit loaded with brochures, pamphlets, NIU literature, lanyards and the like, which has been mailed out. Thank you to these two "alumni ambassadors" for giving their time and energy to promote NIU to audiences outside the Beltway.



Thank you to NIU Alumni Jorge Garcia '02 and Kathy Coviello '04, for promoting NIU at a Joint Duty Fair in Huntsville, AL on 20 April 2017.

Alumni Job Network: Class of '007 Grad Helping Place Alumni! "I want to help out now that I'm in a position to do so," wrote alumnus Aaron Allgeyer '007 in a November 2016 email to the NIU Alumni Office. Aaron retired last year after a 22+ USAF career and now works for a private consulting firm where he recruits talent in Cyber and other positions. As a graduate, Aaron understands the caliber of professionals who complete NIU programs and he also understands the unique challenges of transitioning from a career in the military or government civil service. The alumni office put Aaron in touch with the Alumni Association and the Alumni LinkedIn Manager and he has already had some success helping his NIU colleagues: as of March 2017, his company has two alumni slated for very competitive positions as they await a Task Order award. "We've got some superb opportunities where NIU alumni can put their skills to good use."

ALUMNI NEWS

NIU Proud of Our 1st Congressman! - Congratulations to Michael Gallagher '10 who was sworn in as a member of the 115th Congress in early January after being elected to represent the 8th District of Wisconsin in the U.S. House of Representatives on 8 November 2016. Mike is the first NIU alumnus to serve as a member of Congress.

(See <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=G000579>).



Ankara-based Alumnus "Shields" his alma mater!

Three Alumni pose at the 2016 NIU Homecoming brunch with the hand-crafted NIU shield which was hand-delivered to Dr. Ellison by Jim Kinnison '007 last summer. As reported in the previous Outlook newsletter, Jim had the shield crafted by a local tinsmith in Ankara, Turkey and planned to bring it with him during his next to CONUS. The shield almost didn't make it, however, as the coup occurred in the days before Jim was scheduled to travel, during which time embassy personnel were not at liberty to travel around the city. It took some creative work by Jim and some unnamed third parties to retrieve the shield, get it to the Embassy and to safely deliver it to his alma mater.



NSA Deputy Director Richard Ledgett, Class of 1992 Retires!

NIU's highest ranking civilian alumnus Richard Ledgett '92 retired in April 2017 after 29 years at the Agency. He had served as Deputy Director since January 2014 and in recent weeks had been interviewed by major U.S. media outlets and featured in several prominent newspapers discussing, among other things, his leadership role in the media leaks task force responsible for assessing and reacting to the Snowden leaks. Mr. Ledgett returned to his intelligence alma mater last spring when he addressed NIU students and faculty as the featured speaker in the weekly President's Lecture series in March 2016.



Speaking of Networks - If you'd like to join the (closed) NIU Alumni LinkedIn group, please contact Lucky LaChance '95 (MLaChance@wheelhouse-llc.com) to be added to the 480-ish alumni and former staff and faculty already networking in that space.

Would you like to help the NIU Foundation Help the NIU? According to NIU Foundation Executive Director Ray Cross '94, the NIU Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to support National Intelligence

University has applied to be one of the charitable organizations listed in the National Capitol Region 2017 CFC Campaign. Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter!

Editor! Editor! From the comfort of the lanai in his new home in Hawaii, **former faculty member Peter Oleson** announced the publication of AFIO's "Guide to the Study of Intelligence." The 800-page work, edited by Peter "helps instructors teach about the large variety of subjects that make up the field of intelligence. This includes secondary school teachers of American History, Civics, or current events and undergraduate and graduate professors of History, Political Science, International Relations, security studies and related topics."

PASSING NOTES

Since the last Outreach newsletter, we note with sadness and appreciation some valued colleagues who have passed on, including a member of our first class, **Major Donald Stretch, USA (ret), Class of '63** whose career spanned 7 decades. Don participated in our 50th anniversary Convocation in 2012, was a featured guest at a "from Generation-to-Generation" dinner that same year, and was a regular participant at the NIU annual reunions. We'll miss his school spirit and his hallmark dry Irish wit.



Don Stretch '63 (3rd from left) participated in the 50th Anniversary Convocation in Tiahe Auditorium on 7 August 2010.

Former faculty member **Col Laurie Eliasson, USAFR, Class of '96**, passed away after a long illness on 14 March 2017. Laurie was one of the original planners for the PGIP-R and after completing the MSSI degree in 1996, she went on to teach and lead in the program for several years and remained an active engaged alumna to the end. In a condolence letter to her husband Arn, Dr. Ellison wrote

"Colonel Eliasson was a valued member of the campus community for more than two decades - as a student, as a faculty member and leader, and as an active alumna. Laurie's legacy endures today through the many students she taught and mentored, and through the continued success of the program she helped establish and lead. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, even as we are very, very honored and thankful for the life of this great American."



We also note the passing of a former faculty member and two former members of the University: **faculty member Col John Betts**, (USAF ret); **former BOV member General John Vessey, Jr.** (USA ret); and recent **BOV Chairman Admiral Robert "Bob" Kramek** (USCG, ret). May you all rest in peace after your long service to Nation and to Alma Mater.