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CAMPUS NOTES

NIU Celebrates 1st Anniversary at New Campus! It was one year ago this month that NIU completed the move to its new home in Bethesda, Maryland after 55-years in southeast Washington, DC. Everyone is enjoying the amenities of the new campus, including: well-equipped classrooms (and more of them); a wealth of computer workstations – no waiting during finals- ; collaboration spaces for track meetings and group project; a lounge on each floor with refrigerators, microwaves, vending machines and snazzy café tables. If you or your organization would like to visit, please contact the Alumni Office!



New NIU President Dr. J. Scott Cameron Looks to the Future! At the opening Convocation on Friday, 25 August, Dr. J. Scott Cameron became the 18th leader of the institution since it was established in 1962, and he is the third to hold the title of President. Dr. Cameron brings extensive national security, intelligence and higher education experience to his new role as National Intelligence University president. Before joining NIU, he served at the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) since its inaugural year of 2004, and spent 14 years in academic leadership roles at Washington State University from 1986-2000. He is the first leader in the school's 55-years who comes to the role from outside the military or the Department of Defense.



(Above, Left) LTG Stewart (center) looks on as Dr. David Ellison (shown right) turns over the NIU presidency to Dr. Scott Cameron on 25 August 2017. (Above, Right) In January 2018, Dr. Cameron, seated far right, led an NIU all-hands town hall discussion on "Realizing our Future: What Does NIU Look Like in 2022?" Watch for "NIU22" updates in subsequent newsletters.....

New Offering: Homeland Security Graduate Certificate!

NIU has added a Homeland Security Certificate to the graduate curriculum, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Amy Kardell, the DHS Faculty Chair and USCG Chair CDR Rachel Lewis '11. The initial offering is underway now, and applications are being taken for AY 2018-1019. For more information, contact Dr. Kardell (amy.kardell@dodiis.mil) or CDR Lewis (Rachel.lewis@dodiis.mil) or visit the NIU website <http://ni-u.edu/wp/homeland-intelligence-certificate/>

Oettinger School Founders Move on to Next Challenges! NIU bid a fond farewell to two of its most accomplished faculty this summer, Dr. Brian Shaw (below, left) and Dr. Duncan McGill (below, right.) Drs. Shaw



and McGill worked closely together for years to develop a science and technology intelligence curriculum that evolved into the Master of Science and Technology Intelligence (MSTI) degree and the establishment of the Anthony G. Oettinger School of Science and Technology Intelligence in 2011. NIU is very proud to note that both Shaw and McGill were selected for key leadership roles at other universities: Brian Shaw was named Deputy Provost at National Defense University, while his longtime Associate Dean,



Duncan McGill was named Dean of the Ridge College of Intelligence Studies and Applied Sciences at Mercyhurst University.

NIU Faculty Member Named IAFIE Instructor of the Year! NIU is proud to announce that faculty member Joe Caddell was recognized by the International Association of Intelligence Education (IAFIE) as their 2017 Instructor of the Year. This prestigious teaching award follows closely on the heels of a prestigious writing award Caddell earned the year before. In 2016, Joe was awarded the "Christopher Andrew – Michael Handel Prize" for best article of the year in the journal "Intelligence and National Security" for his piece "Corona over Cuba: The Missile Crisis and the Early Limitations of Satellite Imagery Intelligence."

Postcard from the Beach: Faculty Emeritus Shows What Retirement Looks Like! Faculty Emeritus Jim Major is



shown here with wife Joan enjoying retirement at Emerald Isle, SC. In 1988, Jim created a writing center for the College and became its first director. During his two decades on faculty, Jim worked individually with students as a writing counselor, tutor and mentor, he established and taught the first thesis preparation course, and he wrote 14 textbooks including: *Writing with Intelligence*; *Briefing with Intelligence*; *Workshops: Exercises in Writing with Intelligence*; and, several editions of *Style: Usage, Composition and Form*. He earned the Beland Award for excellence in teaching in 1994. He continued to write after retiring from government, and his major work, *Communicating with Intelligence*, is now in its second edition and

is apparently selling so well that his publisher wants him to do a *third* edition! Joan Major has a special place in alumni hearts as well: many of us who attended in 1990s fondly remember the “Speed Reading and Study Habits” course Joan taught during Orientation. Thank you Jim and Joan for helping hundreds of us survive graduate school!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Dates!

- Monday, 19 March, Alexandria VA- Book Talk with Pulitzer Prize Winning Author Steve Coll
- Friday, 23 March, Crofton, MD - Inaugural Social Event for Ft Meade-area Alumni!
- Friday, 8 June, Bethesda, MD - 6th Annual NIU Reunion @ Main Campus!
- Sunday, 4 November, Arlington, VA - 6th Annual Homecoming Brunch!

Special Edition G2G Event – Book Talk with Pulitzer Prize Winning Author: *Danny V. '01*, the genius behind the popular “From Generation-to-Generation” dinner series is finalizing details for a very special evening with Pulitzer Prize winning author Steve Coll on March 19th, to discuss his brand new book: *Directorate S: The CIA and America’s Secret Wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan*. Mr. Coll is Dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, the Henry R. Luce Professor, and a staff writer for The New Yorker magazine. Invitations will go out via email in the coming days.

Inaugural Event for Alumni in Maryland/Ft Meade area: *Christal Archibald '14* is pleased to announce the 1st alumni-sponsored event for alumni in Maryland and the Fort Meade area on Friday, 23 March in Crofton, MD. The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for alumni networking, socializing, and stoking interest in building an alumni network at Fort Meade. Invitations will go out via email in the first week of March.

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Army Times reported last week that *LTG Paul Nakasone '92* has been nominated by the President to be the next CYBERCOM Commander and Director of NSA. If confirmed, General Nakasone would be the first NIU Army alumnus to achieve 4-star rank. Congratulations go out to *Lt Gen Bradford “BJ” Shwedo '94* for earning his 3rd star and assignment as the USAF Chief Information Dominance Officer/CIO, to *LTG Robert Ashley '91* for his 3rd star and assignment as DIA Director, and to *Earl Matthews '05* for appointment to the Senior Executive Service and assignment as the principal deputy general counsel for the Army.



LTG Paul Nakasone '92



LtGen “BJ” Shwedo '94



LTG Robert Ashley '91



Earl Matthews '05

Class of 2016 NCOs Shine! Justin Calvaruzo '16, (shown in photo at right receiving his MSSI degree from Sir Richard Dearlove) was commissioned in late 2017 and is now at Goodfellow AFB for basic Intelligence Officer training. Classmate John Forero '16 pinned on USMC Warrant Officer collar devices in January 2018, and fellow alumnus Jordan Kernodle '16 is slated for AF OTS this spring, and will follow in Lt Calvaruzo's footsteps at Goodfellow AFB this summer.



NIU Alumni Inducted to Army MI Hall of Fame!

Congratulations to *LTG (ret) "Jeff" Kimmons '79*, and *CW5 James "Jerry" Prewitt '04* who were both inducted into the Army MI Hall of Fame in 2017 for their exceptional contributions to military intelligence. They join three other alumni previously inducted: *LTG Sydney T. Weinstein '63*, *MG John "Jack" Leide '67*, and *LTG Paul Menoher '69*.



Shown Left to right, LTG (ret) Jeff Kimmons '79, CW5 Jerry Prewitt '04, and a 1990 photo showing MG Paul Menoher '69 congratulate fellow alumnus LTG Sydney T. Weinstein '63 on his induction as the first member of the MI Hall of Fame.

NIU Alumni Directing Army Strategist Association! Congratulations are in order for three members of the NIU network who have been elected as Directors of the Army Strategist Association for 2017-2019: alumni *LTC Ben Fernandes '10* and *LTC Joel Garrison '10* and *NIU faculty member Dr. D.C. Young*. The Army Strategist Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the study and practice of strategy and the role of the military element of power in achieving national strategic objectives.



A special thank you to Admiral "Bill" Studeman '67 who returned to his intelligence alma mater fifty years after he attended as a student in the Postgraduate Intelligence Course in WW2-era wooden barracks at Anacostia Naval Station to help celebrate the Navy Birthday on October 13, 2017.

Admiral Studeman is shown here at the ICC-B campus with Petty Officer Ethan Mahoney, the youngest member of the Class of 2018 (right) and NIU President Dr. Scott Cameron (center.)

ALUMNI NETWORKS, ALUMNI MEMORABILIA STORE, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

Two New Alumni Networks Standing Up: Tampa and Fort Meade! As reported in previous Campus Notes, NIU alumni are establishing networks in various regions to provide opportunities for social and professional networks, and to promote the value of NIU programs and support the NIU as they can. To date, three networks have started up and are growing, in the National Capitol Region (VA/DC), the greater Boston Region, and Huntsville, AL. In 2018, two new networks are forming, in Maryland/Fort Meade region, and in Tampa, Florida. The leads for these two networks are *Christal Archibald '14* (Ft Meade/MD) or *Frank Figg '05* (Tampa, FL). If you'd like to be part of the network, contact NIU_Alumni@dodis.mil and we'll help you make the connection.

Alumni Open Online Memorabilia: Show your Pride ! (www.cafepress.com/niuaa)

Thanks to the efforts of *Soren Rose '12* and *Kathy Coviello '04*, there is now an online store for NIU Alumni merchandise. The initial stock includes golf shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, bumper stickers and a few other items. To view and order merchandise: www.cafepress.com/niuaa



Alumni Director Tom Van Wagner '94 is shown sporting his new Alumni Association hoodie.

Alumni Association Membership Increases Ten-fold: Are You a Member? <http://niu.org/alumni-welcome/>

Alumni Association President *Michael Nienhaus '07* cordially invites you to register as a member of the Alumni Association. Established just 2 years ago, the organization has grown from 33 members in 2016 to 360 members this month. There is no cost to join! (Note: Registrations take a few days to process – the staff at the NIU Foundation verify alumni status with the NIU Alumni Office before confirming because membership is restricted to NIU alumni and former staff and faculty.)

Peaceful Transition of Power: New President, VP look to Move Alumni Association Forward! *Michael Nienhaus '07* and *Christal Archibald '14* were elected at the February Alumni Board meeting to take on the roles of President and Vice President. Thank you to *Harry Petrey '12/13* for his positive leadership 2016-2018.

Volunteers Sought for Alumni Association Board Positions: Membership Chair and Secretary. Now in its 2nd year of operation, the NIU Alumni Association is growing: membership has passed 300 individuals, regional networks are forming up, and last year there were events and activities in five different cities! The Board is seeking a few volunteers who can spare 3-5 hours/month to help move the organization forward. Meetings are held by conference call once/month, so volunteers can be anywhere in the world to assist. If interested in helping out, please email NIU_alumni@dodiiis.mil and we'll forward your note to the Board!

NOTE: *The NIU Alumni Association is a private, non-governmental organization established in 2015 as a component of the 501(c)(3) NIU Foundation. The information in this section of the newsletter was provided by NIU alumni for NIU alumni as networking information in support of the NIU strategic goal of integrating intelligence one student - and one alumnus - at a time.*

Photos from NIU Alumni Network Events in Boston, Huntsville, AL, and Arlington, VA



On 25 September, the Huntsville, Alabama Alumni Network hosted former DIA Director LTG (ret) Ron Burgess (5th from left) for a "From Generation-to-Generation" dinner at the Rocket City Restaurant.

Thank you to Dennis Young '90 and Kathy Coviello '04 for organizing this 2nd annual Huntsville-area event!



On 5 October, the Boston Alumni network hosted BU Professor Dr. Cathal Nolan for a book talk at the USCG All Hands Club.

Kudos to organizers Ron Corsetti '04 and Jim Spotts '01!



On 5 November Dr. Eric Hammersen '05, NIU VP for Outreach, delivered keynote remarks at the 6th annual Homecoming Brunch at Ft. Myer in Arlington, VA. Eric spoke on "Strategic Advisorship," the subject of his doctoral dissertation.

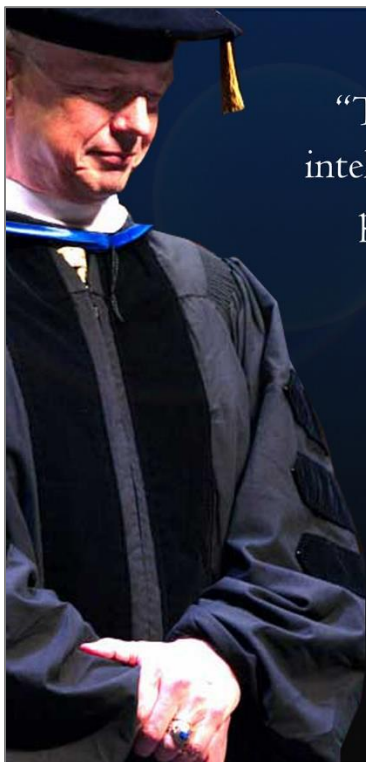


Homecoming 2017 provided an opportunity for a group shot with NIU President Dr. Scott Cameron (seated, 3rd from right). This popular annual event included an alumnus who traveled from Japan to attend, an alumnus from the Class of 64, and many current students and recent graduates.

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 500 alumni and former staff and faculty already networking in that space. NOTE: The NIU group is not visible on LinkedIn, and before anyone is added to the list, the NIU LinkedIn manager reaches back to the university to confirm NIU-affiliation.

PASSING NOTES

We note with sadness and appreciation some valued colleagues who have passed on since last summer. *CAPT Todd Kauderer '91* died after a long illness on July 13th, just a few short weeks after joining us for the 2017 Reunion. In late August, alumnus and faculty member *Dax Norman '02* passed away in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. A career NSA employee, Dax had recently retired after serving as the Director of the NIU Academic Center at Ft. Meade. *Gretchen Clift*, beloved wife of President Emeritus A. Denis Clift passed on 28 October. Her charm and warm hospitality are fondly remembered by the staff and faculty who attended the Clifts' annual picnics in Annapolis each summer. *LTG James Williams, USA (ret)* passed away on 31 October. General Williams was a strong supporter of the (then) Defense Intelligence School during his tenure as DIA Director and later as a member of the College Board of Visitors.



“The education here reshaped my analytical skills and my intellectual framework for decision-making. It was a pivotal part of my career, and I’m a better commander, Marine, and person for it.”

General John Allen, USMC (ret), Class of '84
2013 NIU Honorary Degree Recipient



