

Connecting the Department of War with America's Cyber Academic Community

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the CAEO Monthly Newsletter!

This newsletter was created in response to feedback from our community requesting more regular updates and opportunities to stay connected. Each month, we'll share program successes, student achievements, institutional highlights, upcoming events, workforce initiatives, and other news from across the cyber academic engagement enterprise. Whether you're in government, academia, or industry, our goal is to keep you informed, celebrate the impact we're making together, and showcase how our collective efforts are strengthening the cyber workforce ecosystem in support of national defense.

CSA's 25th Birthday

The Department of War (DoW) proudly hosted the latest cohort of the Cyber Service Academy (CSA) in the nation's capital for the 25th Anniversary DoW CSA Bootcamp. This 3-day event offered new scholarship recipients a chance to network, gain insights into the program's objectives and expectations, and hear from senior leaders about the essential role they will play in the Department's cyber mission.

Since its inception in 2001, the program has grown significantly, expanding from **13 scholarships** awarded in its inaugural year to **over 200** each year, and it continues to grow. This initiative is crucial to cultivating a dedicated ecosystem of cyber talent committed to safeguarding our nation against emerging digital threats.

To learn more about the DoW Cyber Service Academy and how to join the next generation of cyber defenders, go to: <https://www.cyberworkforce.mil/Academic-Programs/DoW-Cyber-Service-Academy/>



🏆 **Institution Spotlight:** The Norwich University AI Academy Prepares Students for the Future Workforce



The Norwich University AI Academy is a hands-on summer program that introduces high school students to AI through coding, machine learning, hardware integration, and real-world problem-solving. High school students spent the week learning, asking questions, building confidence, and gaining hands-on experience with AI.

To learn more about the Norwich University AI Academy, go to:

<https://www.norwich.edu/academics/non-degree-and-high-school-student-programs/camps-hands-learning-experiences/artificial-intelligence-ai-academy>

Summer Camp Highlights

Student Success: **UCCS Hosts Summer Middle School Cybersecurity Camps**

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) recently held its annual cybersecurity camps for middle school students. These camps inspire young minds interested in cybersecurity and feature classroom instruction, along with online and hands-on activities that teach fundamental and advanced cyber skills.

To learn more about UCCS's cybersecurity programs, including K-12 educational programs and events, go to <https://cybersecurity.uccs.edu/events>

🎓 Student Success: **UNG Cyber Warrior Academy and AGENTs K-12 Summer Camps**



From June 7 to 12, the University of North Georgia (UNG) concluded its 2026 DoW Cyber Institutes K-12 summer camps. Out of 80 applicants, **26 high school students** were chosen for the Cyber Warrior Academy. Additionally, **21 high school teachers** were selected for the Advancing Georgia Education for New Technologies (AGENT) program. Over 5 days, students and educators engaged in ethical hacking, forensics, reverse engineering, AI, drones, networking, and more.

To learn more about the UNG Cyber Warrior Academy, go to <https://ung.edu/cyber-operations/cyber-warrior-academy.php>

Numbers You Should Know



UC2 adds 3 new National Guard partners (KY, MD, and SC) to the Active Defense with an Adversarial Mindset (ADAM) Cyber Defense Training Challenge.



2600+ VICEROY Scholars since 2021 with more than 700 active scholars for FY26.

Upcoming Events to Know!

- **August 26th:** UC2 Showcase
 - **September 8th-9th:** APEX Conference in Reston, VA
 - **September 14th-16th:** Air, Space & Cyber Conference in National Harbor, Maryland
 - **September 24th:** MCPA HammerCon in Laurel, Maryland
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AI Corner

Towson University Launches High School Teacher AI Curriculum Initiative

The CyberAI Educator Academy launched at Towson University this summer for K-12 educators. **20 Maryland teachers** engaged in hands-on activities, collaborative learning, and discussions on AI's implications.

To learn more about the CyberAI Educator Academy and related teacher professional development programs, go to <https://www.towson.edu/fcsm/centers/stem/teacher-development.html>



Innovation Highlight: AI4WARD

The AI4WARD Initiative prepares the Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber (CAE-C) community for the evolving AI-driven cybersecurity workforce. Its core pillars include research, training, community engagement, and skills validation, with the ultimate goal of equipping graduates with essential skills for future job demands.



New DCWF Work Role Alert

The Information Systems Security Officer officially joined the Department Cyber Workforce Framework in May 2026, adding another key role to support and strengthen the Department's cyber workforce.

To learn more about the DCWF and the new work role, go to <https://www.cyber.mil/dod-workforce-innovation-directorate/dod-cyber-workforce-framework>



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