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ODNI Announces Six New University Grants for 2006-2007 Academic Year

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence announces the recent addition of six colleges and universities to the Intelligence Community's Centers for Academic Excellence (CAE) program. "This program provides participating institutions financial assistance in the form of grants and technical support, and funds the development of curricula that address Intelligence Community workforce requirements, particularly in science, regional studies and foreign languages," said Lenora Peters Gant, director of the ODNI's Centers of Academic Excellence program office. The objective is to attract students who complete studies in participating programs to a career in the Intelligence Community, in accordance with the *National Intelligence Strategy of the United States*. Participating universities receive first year grants of $250,000 to $750,000 dollars, with the possibility of up to four one-year extensions.

In its second year of operation CAE received 35 grant proposals for the 2006-2007 academic year. The following six universities were competitively selected from the entrants by an independent panel of Intelligence Community officers:

- California State University, San Bernardino, San Bernardino, Calif. [*Updated February 6, 2007*]
- Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Va.
- University of Texas, El Paso, Texas
- University of Texas, Pan American, McAllen, Texas
- University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.
- Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich.

  They join the four existing centers at:
- Trinity University, Washington, D.C.
- Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.
- Florida International University, Miami, Fla.
- Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn.

Media interested in interviewing CAE organizers should contact ODNI Public Affairs at 202-201-1111.

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