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Accreditation Activities

An article from Inside Higher Ed, entitled: [Assessing Assessment](#), stated that two new national educational campaigns on assessment were announced at the annual Association of American Colleges and University (AAC&U) meeting. The first effort is the creation of the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment and the second is an Alliance for New Leadership for Student Learning and Accountability. The DoD educational community needs to remain cognizant of these accreditation activities to insert the Department's concerns, perspective, and to understand assessment trends and maintain the Department's academic recognition.

An article entitled: [Fighting the Last War \(and the Next One?\)](#) led us to information that the: "Education Department will launch negotiated rulemaking groups."

The Department of Education is planning to establish five negotiated rulemaking committees to proposed regulations under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). See [announcement](#).

Tentative schedules for the negotiated rule-making teams:

- [Team I--Loans--Lender/General Loan Issues](#)
- [Team II--Loans--School--Based Loan Issues](#)
- [Team III--Accreditation](#)
- [Team IV--Discretionary Grants](#)
- [Team V--General and Non-Loan Programmatic Issues](#)

Although many of these committees may seem irrelevant to DoD education and training institutions, our students and participants could be affected by the negotiated rules associated with the Higher Education Act.

Details on the Education Department negotiated rulemaking meetings, starting in February 2009, are posted in the [Federal Register](#) and on the [Department's Higher Education Opportunity Act implementation page](#).



College of International Security Affairs (CISA)

In a December 10, 2008 email, sent to the students and alumni of the National Defense University (NDU) School of National Security Executive Education (SNSEE), the Director of SNSEE announced that: "SNSEE is now officially 'The National Defense University College of International Security Affairs.'" The email went on to say:

"This, of course, makes us the fifth of NDU's great colleges, and its fourth degree-granting institution. This occurs just as we arrive in our new home in Abraham Lincoln Hall -- in the heart of this magnificent campus -- and we will begin inhabiting our new, state-of-the-art classrooms and of-

fices."

CISA started in January 2002 as an interagency evening program and transitioned to the International Counterterrorism Fellowship Program fifteen months later. Since 2002 they taught 243 Counterterrorism Fellows from 69 Coalition Partner countries and over 1200 government participants. The CISA director also stated that they plan on expanding the [International Counterterrorism Fellows \(ICTF\)](#) program by partnering with agencies across the government.



The DoD Worldwide Education Symposium 2009

The DoD Worldwide Education symposium will be held in Atlanta, GA on July 27-31 at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis hotel.

Some of the key objectives of the Symposium are: (1) to ensure that the Symposium is not a single event in time, but an on-going learning experience for the voluntary education community; (2) to increase cooperation between DoD educational personnel and academic institution personnel; and (3) to stimulate creative thoughts about current educational issues.

The theme for the 2009 conference, "Educating America's Patriots," with various days representing sub-themes: military day; higher education day; and motivation day.

This symposium will address concurrently six issues throughout the meeting: (1) higher education; (2) education services and support; (3) distance learning; (4) credentialing and testing; (5) innovative partnerships; and (6) legislation and total force initiative.

For further information on the 2009



DoD Worldwide Education Symposium, visit:
<http://www.ww09atlanta.com>.

News within Joint Leader Development Division at Civilian Personnel Management Service

Defense Senior Leader Development Program (DSLDP) has selected 36 participants for the DSLDP Class of 2009. Orientation was held the week of 8-13 February. The Class of 2010 Solicitation should be released soon.

Mr. David Rude, the DSLDP Program Manager, was selected to lead the Joint Leader Development Division (JLDD). CPMS will announce the DSLDP Program Manager vacancy shortly.

For further information on DSLDP, visit the web site at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/JLDD/> then select "DSLDP" or call (703)-696-9623; DSN: 426-9623, email: dslldp@cpms.osd.mil.

Civilian Education Discussions

A Chronicle of Higher Education article entitled: *Distance Education Becomes a Major Part of Course Catalogues* announced the release of a National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) study entitled: *Distance Education at Degree-Granting Postsecondary Institutions: 2006-07*. Statistics in the NCES study indicate that distance education is increasing and is becoming integrated into pub-

lic colleges and universities. Many of the reasons for the expanded use and application of distance education may apply to the Department of Defense programs. Some reasons stated were: demand for flexible schedules; access to college for students who would otherwise not have access; making more courses available; and increasing student enrollment.



DoD Instructional Systems Design (DoD ISD)

On December 9, 2008 the DoD ISD Community of Practice (CoP) held its fourth quarterly meeting at the Defense Acquisition University's (DAU) Packard Center located on Ft. Belvoir, VA. The program included presentations on: eLearning, faculty performance development, and a panel presentation about DoD Evolutionary Design, given at the last American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) conference.

Analyze
Design
Develop
Implement
Evaluate

The next DoD ISD CoP meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2009, at the DoD Civilian Personnel Management Service. The December presentations and election results, proposed March agenda, and general civilian education articles are posted on the DAU Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) at <https://acc.dau.mil/ISD>. If you have not visited the DoD ISD CoP, take some time to review and share your civilian education information and achievements.

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (CDCD)

A recent National Public Radio (NPR) broadcast entitled: *Where Does The Oath Of Office Come From?*, discussed the history behind the President's Oath of Office. Last year in a videotaped presentation commemorating Constitu-

tion Day and Citizenship Day, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Ret.) discussed the Defense Department's role in defending the U.S. Constitution. She also highlighted the Constitution's relevance in current government activities. The

Oath of Office, Constitution and citizenship information and past presentations are posted on the [CDCD website](#).

The zipped Constitution Day/Citizenship Day course files
may be downloaded at:

<http://constitutionday.cpms.osd.mil/downloads/constitutionday.zip>

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (CD&CD) course and website are at:

<http://constitutionday.cpms.osd.mil/>



Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund Scholarships

The Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) announced that applications [forms](#) for its 2009-10

scholarship program are now available. Qualification information is posted on [FEEA's website](#). Completed applica-

tions must be postmarked no later than March 27, 2009.

Other Helpful Information

DoDTechipedia, an online collaboration tool at <https://www.DoDTechipedia.mil>, is designed to ensure greater transparency and communication among DoD scientists, engineers, program managers and warfighters. It also supports educa-

tors. This tool allows educators to support the DoD mission by collaborating across the enterprise, identifying solutions for technology challenges and ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent in an efficient manner.



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