Opportunity for COE researchers to connect and network with DHS components, federal, and/or its federal partners are currently facing, or are expected to be facing in the near future. This rolling RFP provides an opportunity for submissions to be accepted at any time during the year. COEs are doing and how we are doing it. Visit our virtual booths, catch a project demo, or plug in to the various keynotes and panel discussions. If you like, come just to listen and learn. It's a platform to network, to exchange ideas, and to get a better understanding of what COEs are doing and how we are doing it. The obvious answer is by working together toward common goals, mixing tried and true operations with new approaches, and anticipating the problems of the future. Our combined COE-DHS network is formidable, but if there is one thing we have all learned, it is that we cannot do this alone or in a vacuum. When to join forces, when to share, and when to get out of each other's way. This requires thoughtful consideration, open minds, leadership, focus, diligence, discipline, persistence, and also invoking our imagination and creativity to anticipate the problems of tomorrow and blunt their effects before they even materialize. Striking this balance requires thoughtful consideration, open minds, leadership, focus, diligence, discipline, persistence, and also invoking our imagination and creativity to anticipate the problems of tomorrow and blunt their effects before they even materialize. Striking this balance requires thoughtful consideration, open minds, leadership, focus, diligence, discipline, persistence, and also invoking our imagination and creativity to anticipate the problems of tomorrow and blunt their effects before they even materialize.

The threat landscape facing our nation and world is complex, varied, and dynamic. We are actively dealing with a global pandemic, mass shootings, foreign and domestic terrorism, climate change, supply chain disruptions, organized criminal activity, and adversarial nation states, as well as emerging threats. The news is filled with stories of our nation's response to these threats, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the election process, and the response to the increase in violence.

For more information about the DHS COE Summit visit the event website at: https://www.coe.dhs.gov/summit

To learn more about the CINA Scholars program, contact Deanna Austin at dausti@gmu.edu.

Congratulations to CINA scholar, Tasheonna Walton who was recently selected for a highly anticipated internship with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in summer 2021.

Tasheonna's civic service is also impressive; as a volunteer, she strongly supports "Gleaning for the World," packaging materials for disaster victims; assisted "Stop Hunger Now," packing food for the World; and made teddy bears for 30 at a nursing home.

Walton, an Information Systems and Operations Management major at George Mason University, is well prepared for the experience, holding multiple knowledge, skills, and abilities developed during her academic career and personal experiences. Walton was selected from 300 applicants to participate in the TSA summer internship program. Walton is highly sought after by the TSA for her diverse talents while blending her academic studies with federal work. Student interns may be involved in public policy and research, cyber security, emergency management, and operations. 2021 Interns will be working on a variety of projects, including evaluating the COVID-19 pandemic response, implementing public health strategies, and developing new policies.

Internship opportunities at TSA allow students to develop skills and gain hands-on experience in various fields, including law enforcement, transportation security, and emergency management. Interns have the opportunity to work on real-world projects and contribute to the development of innovative solutions. The program offers a valuable learning experience and prepares students for careers in the federal government.

Digital Academy 2021: D.C. Area RE White Paper Announcement

The Digital Academy 2021: D.C. Area RE White Paper is now available. The white paper focuses on the role of financial systems in combating human trafficking. The authors discuss the challenges faced by financial institutions in identifying and preventing human trafficking, as well as the strategies and solutions they have implemented to address these challenges. The paper highlights the importance of collaboration between financial institutions, law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholders in combating human trafficking.

The paper is available for download on the Digital Academy website. To learn more about the Digital Academy and upcoming events, visit the website at: https://digitalacademy.gmu.edu.