**THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR**

My role as the GMU police chief has me in contact with a wide variety of people on and off campus, and it is humbling to witness the dedication our faculty, staff, and students have for our university. This year has been especially challenging with the constant pandemic restrictions and the increasing number of shootings across the country. It is heartwarming to see students and faculty adapting and thriving in such uncertain times.

We have had a few recent developments on campus that I wanted to share with you. Our newly implemented campus safety app was recently recognized at a conference in San Francisco. I am excited about the potential it has for improving communication between the university and our community. We are also in the midst of our annual review of our campus safety plan, which includes input from students, faculty, and staff. I encourage all of you to take the time to review the plan and provide your feedback.

**DHS Series Call for Engineering Secure Environments**

The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate (Humbert@hsd.dhs.gov) issued a call for research proposals for the next year's program. The call will focus on areas such as homeland security, cybersecurity, and emergency management. The closing date for submissions is December 31. More information can be found on the DHS website.

**HBCU Career and Recruitment Fair**

The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities is set to host a career and recruitment fair for HBCUs. The fair will provide an opportunity for students, recent graduates, and employers to connect. The event will be held on February 10. More information can be found on the HBCU website.

**Data Is Being Used to Fight Transnational Crime**

Dr. Louise Shelley, the Omer L. and Belle V. Shattuck Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at GMU, will discuss her research on the use of data analytics to combat transnational crime. The lecture will be held on November 10. More information can be found on the CINA website.

**DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES**

Gretchen Peters: "How Organized Crime Weaponized Social Media" – This is an online event that will be held on December 3. More information can be found on the CINA website.

**Workforce Development**

HREU Career and Recruitment Fair: This event will take place on February 24. More information can be found on the HREU website.

Marie Tillyer: "Open Source Data and Predictive Modeling for High-Density Crime Areas" – This is an online event that will be held on December 15. More information can be found on the CINA website.