February 27: stakeholders, as well as industry partners to present current and emerging solutions to threats.

Hosted by the DHS Centers of Excellence (COE), this event is a unique opportunity for COE to bring together interdisciplinary student teams from across the country and challenges them to work on real-world problems.

The DHS COE Student Grand Challenge is an annual event that brings together students from across the country to address significant Homeland Security issues. The event is designed to provide a platform for students to showcase their research, network with industry leaders, and gain valuable experience in the field.

This one-of-a-kind experiential learning opportunity brings together students, industry partners, and government agencies to address real-world challenges in Homeland Security. The event features keynote speakers, panel discussions, and student presentations on a wide range of topics related to Homeland Security.

Call for 2021 Student Grand Challenge Submissions: Students are invited to submit proposals for the 2021 DHS COE Student Grand Challenge. Proposals should address real-world problems in Homeland Security and should demonstrate the ability of students to work collaboratively to find solutions.

If you have any questions, please contact cina@gmu.edu.

Visit our website's call for papers page to learn more about the Student Grand Challenge and how to submit a proposal.

About the Centers of Excellence (COE): The DHS Centers of Excellence (COE) are a network of academic institutions that work with the Department of Homeland Security to address critical challenges in the field.

GMU Researchers Help DHS Combat Illicit Trade:

The University of California, Irvine, and George Mason University to develop best practices and training materials for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to combat illicit trade.

Mary Ellen O'Toole, Academic Director of the Joint Center for Criminology and Criminal Justice at George Mason University, emphasized the importance of research in combating human trafficking.

Dr. O'Toole highlighted the work of CINA-sponsored students who have helped to develop new research and training materials for the DHS.

The CINA sponsored research program's new Forensic Science Research and Training program is expected to be facing in the near future. This rolling RFP provides an opportunity for researchers to connect and network with DHS components, federal, state, and local government agencies.

Most of my professional career was spent doing incident response and digital forensics work. I will never look at a hard drive, cell phone, or USB stick the same way; I will wonder who is behind the technology,


Jeffrey Hardy, Director-General, Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade on Wednesday, April 14 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. EST, featuring Dr. Mary Ellen O'Toole on looking into the career, and the impact of COVID-19 on the economy.