Contents of this Month's Update:

- toured the Spy Museum in Washington D.C.
- visited the Laboratory, Mason Square's Cyber Living Innovation Lab, and as a team building activity, participated in speaker presentations. Participants toured Mason's outdoor Forensic Research and Training Center.
- The teams presented situation analysis and recommendations on topics related to the week's digital forensics, human trafficking, and collaboration skill building, which laid the foundation for future projects.
- Jackson State University, Sul Ross University, and Texas A&M University (MSI) Summer Workshop.
- Assistant Professor of Education at Austin Peay State University, Shelley D. French, served as the keynote speaker at the Conference on the Analysis of Counterfeiting and Security (CANS) International Conference 2023.
- French’s center exposes the growing threat of counterfeit goods and how criminals and terrorists take advantage in diverse ways of the globalized world in today’s digital age. The center recently took on a significant task by helping to unravel the puzzle of a major international criminal operation.
- With a focus on global issues, the center has transformed opportunities to make a difference.
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- These discussions highlighted the interconnectedness of our problems and the need for collaboration and innovation.
- CINA recently brought on Luke McBride as a Financial and Subcontracts Specialist. He brings extensive experience in fiscal and purchasing requirements, which will be instrumental in supporting CINA's dynamic research portfolio.
- The Presidential Awards for Faculty Excellence recognize outstanding contributions and impact, and diversity and inclusion. The committee highlights the work of six recipients and senior leaders.
- Two CINA Science Committee members recognized with Presidential Awards for Faculty Excellence.
- Professors Allison Redlich and Jay Kennedy were honored for their groundbreaking efforts in research, teaching, and service.
- CINA Security Director, Kelli Osborn, recognized for her leadership and impact, and diversity and inclusion. The Presidential Awards committee review team, which included external members, reviewed a comprehensive evaluation of the recipients' contributions.
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