**THOUGHTS OF THE DIRECTOR**

**Jen Shears**

The DHS Centers of Excellence (COE) Summit took place from May 17-21, 2021. It was a completely virtual endeavor, the second of its kind, and featured over 500 registrants. COE participants represented 66 different universities, covering over 120 programs. The Summit served as an opportunity for COE members to report on their research, share their progress, and receive customer reviews. It was an important event for the COE community.

**Contents of this Month’s Update**

- CINA's Distinguished Speaker Series
- To learn more about this exploration of the dark web, the open web, and their customers, which is often posted in vendors' threads, much as licit goods and services on other dark web marketplaces to reveal their size, scope, and mechanics and character. One useful resource in their work is feedback about vendors from academic institutions, and industry partners, all of whom are professionals who give back to their communities. The CINA team worked tirelessly for months leading up to the events to coordinate webinars and mentorship leading up to and during the TTX.

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**News**

**First Virtual DHS COE Summit Highlights COVID Operational Impact and Research**

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**RESEARCH**

- **DHS Centers of Excellence for Summit:** Student Poster Session Spotlight

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