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## PRESS RELEASE

### Norfolk State University Intelligence Community-Center for Academic Excellence (ICCAE) hosts annual National Advisory Board Meeting

Norfolk, VA October 7, 2008: Norfolk State University's IC-Center for Academic Excellence hosted their annual National Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 in the McDemmond Center for Applied Research (RISE CAMPUS) 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. A quorum of the board members was in attendance along with invited guests from the NAVY, Norfolk Public School System and the Army ROTC commander at Norfolk State University. The program began with a welcome from Norfolk State University's Vice Provost for Special Projects, Dr. Clarence Coleman. He started by greeting the Board members, other guests, and the IC-CAE staff. Dr. Coleman stated that the NAB for the IC-CAE plays a vital role for the IC-CAE program and he expressed his gratitude to the Board Members for their service. Dr. Arlene Maclin, Professor of Engineering and Director for the IC-CAE gave a program update. She mentioned that there were 10 IC-CAE Centers in the nation, the chronology of the Center's past year activities and events, and status of the Master's Degree Program in Intelligence Studies. The presentation also noted that the IC-CAE offered Chinese language courses in the Spring 2008; funded 11 students traveling to Morocco in December 2007; 12 students traveling to China in May 2008; sponsored a summer Arabic program for 36 high school students from June to July 2008; funded two students' travel to Tunisia; and joined the Amideast Consortium for study abroad in Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, and the United Arab Emirates in April 2008 with academic credit provided. Dr. Maclin went on to acknowledge the Center's proceedings of the IC-CAE Symposium released in July 2008; a Mentor-Protégé Agreement signed with B&W Y-12 in September 2008; presentation on the IC-CAE Centers at the National Academy of Sciences on September 11; and a proposed Minor in Arabic & Islamic Cultural Studies to begin in Fall 2009.

The Program ended with presentations from the IC-Scholars. The students included: DIA and JFCOM interns, Arabic Foreign Language/Study Abroad students, Chinese Foreign Language/Study Abroad students, and the NSA Research group. These IC-Scholars talked about their experiences to the National Advisory Board. All of the students had "life-changing opportunities" and they thanked the IC-CAE for giving them an opportunity to take the strategic foreign language courses, study abroad, and internships with the DIA, and JFCOM and other IC agencies. The National Advisory Board Members as well as the guests were impressed by the IC Scholars' presentations. Dr. Maclin summarized the presentation by the student by saying "these are the kinds of opportunities that we are providing our students here at Norfolk State and these are the types of students we produce!".