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The Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (IC-CAE) hosted its Annual Symposium on February 26, 2009 in the L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center on the campus of Norfolk State University. This year's theme focused on the importance of



Chinese-American Universities' collaborations in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). High school students from Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, Virginia; Tallwood High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia; Woodrow Wilson and I.C. Norcom High Schools in Portsmouth, Virginia were in attendance as well as faculty, staff and students from Norfolk State University. Leaders from the City of Norfolk, Tidewater Community College and government and military personnel were also present.

The keynote speaker was Dr. William Y. Chang, first director of the National Science Foundation Beijing Office. Dr. Chang spoke on how important it is for each country to cultivate a generation of students to pursue STEM disciplines, and how intellectual exchange between the two countries through internships and other partnerships will solve many of the challenges related to the environment and other advances in science and technology.

Other speakers included Mr. Stephen Kelly, Diplomat-in-Residence at Duke University and a career Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State; Mr. Ralph Hines, Acting Director of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education with the U.S. Department of Education; and Ms. Christyl Johnson, Assistant Associate Administrator in the Office of the NASA Administrator on leave serving as Executive Director of the National Science and Technology Council in the Executive Office of the President of the United States. The panelists spoke about the many opportunities students both at the high school and college levels should consider when working with the United States government in the areas of Foreign Service, education, and science and technology policy.

Afterwards, a reception was held in the Wilder Center, where the guests had an opportunity to mingle with the invited speaker and panelists. At the tea, Mr. James Grant, IC-CAE Advisory Board Member and President of Zel Technologies offered thoughts on the

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importance of the IC-CAE at Norfolk State University. He indicated that the program provides NSU students the opportunity to participate in cultural immersion experiences, leadership development, scholarships, and opportunities for them to be well positioned to explore careers both in the intelligence and national security communities. Plaques of appreciation were presented to people at NSU who have promoted and supported the IC-CAE Program. Those persons included: Dr. William Byrne, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Dr. Annie Perkins, Chair of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, and Dr. Rowena Wilson, Dean of the Graduate School, all at Norfolk State University.

The Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence is funded through a grant from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). The goal of the IC-CAE is to prepare students for leadership positions in government service with a specific emphasis on developing critical skills necessary to begin careers in the Intelligence Community. For further information about the IC-CAE, please contact Dr. Arlene Maclin, Professor of Engineering and Director of the IC-CAE, at [apmaclin@nsu.edu](mailto:apmaclin@nsu.edu) or at 757-823-2843.



Left: Dr. William Y. Chang, First Director of the National Science Foundation Beijing Office.

Right: Panelists (l-r) Stephen Kelly, Ralph Hines, and Christyl Johnson.

