

Intelligence Practitioners offer insights and experience to York College students

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Army War College student Col. Denise Fricke introduces herself to the audience during York College of Pa. panel discussion on Contemporary Intelligence and Security issues held in Wolfe Auditorium, Sep. 24

Four United States Army War College students discussed cyber warfare, information sharing, terrorist organizations, and the impact of big data during a panel discussion on contemporary intelligence issues at York College's Wolf Hall Sep. 24.

"Seeing some aspects from a civilian intelligence agency side and that of an active duty military and reserve perspective gives me a greater outlook on the kinds of choices I can make," said York College Junior Grant DeJesus. "Instead of going directly to an agency, I can work towards a military career in the intelligence career field also."

"York College has this kind of panel discussion yearly, and it's always

-DeJesus said.

The York College event is one of more than 300 speaking events supported by Army War College faculty, staff, and students each year. Across the southcentral Pennsylvania region, senior military officers and federal representatives share expert insights and experiences at civic organization events, in college and high school classrooms, veterans' ceremonies, and more.

"My goal in having the semiannual panels is to bring practitioners to campus so students can get first-hand accounts from those that handle and consume intelligence in the real world," said Dr. John M. Weaver, Associate Professor of Intelligence Analysis in York College's History and Political Science department. "I intend to bridge theory and practice so students get a more balanced perspective on the field of intelligence and how it can help, as well as understanding the limitations of intelligence as the United States pursues its objectives about the U.S. National Security

changing, which makes me think of other interesting avenues within the Strategy.”

intelligence career field. Last year cyber was brought up, so I took a coding course,” said DeJesus. “The course was tough, but it made me realize why it’s needed. Getting all Army War College speakers here is a great value to our class and to those that want to learn more,”

“The officers and civilians from the Army War College can provide amplification on what they have seen work well and at times, when

intelligence has been less than optimal, so that our students can learn from their valuable lessons,” he said.

The USAWC panelists were Army Reserve Col. Denise Fricke, Army Lt. Col. Rachel Sarles, William Unbehend, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Paul Barry, who most recently served as chief of the National Intelligence Program for the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G2,



War College Students Mr. Paul Barry (center) and Mr. William Unbehend (left) discuss opportunities in the intelligence profession with York College students after their panel discussion, Sep. 24, Wolfe Auditorium



Lt. Col. Rachel Sarles (facing) and Col. Denis Fricke talk to York College of Pa. students after their panel discussion on Contemporary Intelligence and Security Issues, Sep 24, Wolfe Auditorium