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Ambassador Canavan conducts first visit to CGSC

The Academic Year 2020 CGSC Foundation and DACOR Visiting Professor of Diplomacy, Career Minister (Ret.) Ambassador Katherine Canavan conducted her fall term visit Dec. 2-6, 2019. Her visit included meeting in a variety of forums with more than 300 students and faculty from the Command and General Staff School, the School of Advanced Military Studies, Park University, the University of St. Mary, Kansas University, and Leavenworth High School, as well as with dozens of business and community leaders.

On Dec. 2, Canavan met with CGSC's Dean of Academics, Dr. Jim Martin. She spent much of the day with the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), first with seminar groups discussing diplomatic chief of mission perspectives, country team operations, interagency operations and expectations of ambassadors. In the afternoon she participated in a SAMS Interagency Panel, discussing interagency operations along with representatives from several government agencies. She closed her first day with a dinner with CGSC senior faculty and trustees of the CGSC Foundation.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, Ambassador Canavan visited Leavenworth High School spending time in an AP Government class talking to students about her career as an ambassador and her time in the peace corp. She also explained how ambassadors work in relation to the president. Later in the day she visited with students in a human psychology class at the University of St. Mary discussing human rights violations in the South African region.

The following morning, Ambassador Canavan visited Park University and spoke with a group of the university faculty and staff about security issues in Europe and answered current events questions about NATO and her career in the Foreign Service. Prior to speaking with the group, Canavan met with Erik Bergrud, Associate Vice President for University Engagement.

In the afternoon of Dec. 4, Canavan spent time with the CGSC Foundation board of trustees at their quarterly board meeting in downtown Kansas City.

On the final day of her visit Ambassador Canavan traveled to the University of Kansas where she met with students in an undergraduate African Studies/Geography class speaking about her time in Botswana and later presenting to students and faculty in the African and African-American Studies Department speaking about current issues in Africa and her experiences in executing U.S. policy in that region. She also delivered a luncheon presentation at KU's Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (ICCAE) discussing the current operational environment in Africa, including extremism issues and also how an ambassador works with the intelligence community in country.

The purpose of the CGSC Foundation's DACOR Distinguished Visiting Professor of Diplomacy

program is two-fold — to enhance the interagency education of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College students and faculty and to connect the American public with senior U.S. government officials. The program is part of the CGSC Foundation’s Distinguished Speaker Series and is the result of a partnership with the Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired, Inc. (DACOR) organization located in Washington, D.C. The program is sponsored locally by the Lawrence D. Starr Center for Peace and Justice at the University of St. Mary, Park University, and the University of Kansas.

Ambassador Canavan will return to Fort Leavenworth in mid-April for her spring term visit.

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DIA topic of December brown-bag lecture

The fifth presentation of the InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series for CGSC academic year 2020 was conducted Dec. 10, 2019, in the Arnold Conference Room in the Lewis and Clark Center on Fort Leavenworth. Mr. Roderic C. Jackson, the Defense Intelligence Chair and Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Representative to the Combined Arms Center and Army University, led a discussion about the Defense Intelligence Agency, which is one of our nation’s least understood intelligence organizations.

CGSC Foundation President/CEO Rod Cox provided the introduction.

Jackson provided an unclassified overview briefing of the DIA, discussing its organization and mission and provided insights with his own experiences in the field to a gathering of more than 40 CGSC students and faculty, along with senior representatives from Fort Leavenworth and community members from the region.

Roderic C. Jackson has more than 30 years of experience in national security affairs with long-term interest in African security. He has served with the DIA more than 16 years as a military and civilian employee. Among his numerous assignments and deployments, Jackson has worked as a Defense Attaché and as a policy advisor to leaders at U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), and U.S. European Command (EUCOM).

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