

Dear Perry Center (CHDS) Alumni,

Greetings from Washington!

### ***Departing Perry Center Staff***

As you may now know, many team members have departed the Perry Center. This has been a great loss to the Center and your words of support and well wishes have been much appreciated. We invite you to read about the farewell events that recognized the many talents and contributions of our colleagues:

GEN (R) John C. Thompson, Mr. Manuel Lora, Dr. Patricia Escamilla-Hamm, Dr. Michael Gold-Biss, Ms. Alzira Fernandes, Ms. Audete Ramos, Ms. Lourdes Wilson, Ms. Patricia Uribe, Mr. Frank McGurk, Ms. Mildred Belton, Ms. Monica Stapleton, Ms. Alicia Beall, Mr. Michael Patykula, and Ms. Alicia Brau

<http://chds.dodlive.mil/2014/09/30/perry-center-bids-farewell-to-departing-faculty-and-staff/>

Dr. Evan Ellis, Dr. Luis Kun, and Ms. Yamile Kahn

<http://chds.dodlive.mil/2014/09/05/perry-center-bids-farewell-to-three-departing-facultystaff-members-2/>

Mr. Michael Borders and Dr. Kevin Newmeyer

<http://chds.dodlive.mil/2014/07/25/the-perry-center-recognizes-several-members-with-commendations/>

GEN (R) Carlos Ospina-Ovalle

<http://chds.dodlive.mil/2014/07/01/professor-ospina-ovalle-transfers-to-ndus-college-of-international-security-affairs/>

COL AI Brooks, Ms. Rosalind Green and Dr. Isidro Sepúlveda

<http://chds.dodlive.mil/2014/06/18/perry-center-bids-farewell-to-three-departing-facultystaff-members/>

### ***Feedback***

On October 8, Director Mark Wilkins had the opportunity to meet with the Jamaican Alumni chapter via video conferencing. This dialogue was an opportunity for frank discussion on the future of the Perry Center given the drastic reductions in personnel and budget and to hear the concerns and questions from the alumni community. While CHDS/Perry Center offerings for the English speaking Caribbean have historically been

far and few between, Mr. Wilkins fully recognizes the importance of the US-Caribbean relationship, particularly with regards to security and defense matters. The Perry Center is committed to continuing to offer the CDSC course along with regional events in the Caribbean. As of yet, the 2015-16 academic calendar is not finalized, but we will be sure to inform every one of what to expect from the Center with regards to the English-speaking community. As always, we welcome and encourage your comments and questions. Please continue to write us at [chdsalumni@ndu.edu](mailto:chdsalumni@ndu.edu)

### **Courses**

On October 17, 2014, applications will be available on our website for the following courses: Combating Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Networks in the Americas (CTOC), Cybersecurity: Issues in National and International Security (CINIS) and Strategic Implications of Human Rights and Rule of Law (HR/ROL). The three courses will be taught in Spanish only. The on-line phase for these courses begins on March 23, 2015 and the resident phase begins May 11, 2015. All courses conclude on May 22, 2015. Visit our website to download the application forms.

<http://chds.dodlive.mil/admissions/application-forms/>

***\*\* For those who previously applied to one of these courses in 2014, the Office of Admissions has automatically transferred your candidacy to the new dates and there is no need to resubmit an application package.***

Kind regards,

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