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CIA DIRECTOR JOHN O. BRENNAN KEY NOTE SPEAKER AT MILES COLLEGE’S 7TH ANNUAL NATIONAL SECURITY COLLOQUIUM – “NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ON GLOBAL TRENDS: ALTERNATIVE WORLDS 2030”

WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

WHERE: MILES COLLEGE CAMPUS (PEARSON LECTURE HALL)

598 59TH STREET FAIRFIELD, AL. 35064

REGISTRATION TIME: 9:00AM

EVENT TIME: 10:00AM – 5:00PM

FAIRFIELD, AL – CIA Director John O. Brennan KEY NOTE SPEAKER AT Miles College’s 7th Annual National Security Colloquium – “National Intelligence On Global Trends: Alternative Worlds 2030” on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Historic Miles College Campus (Pearson Hall - Reverend Dr. Abraham Wood, Jr Auditorium) located 598 59th Street Fairfield, AL 35064 from 10:00am – 5:00pm. One of many subjects that this colloquium will focus on is the amalgamation of measures taken by states and international organizations to ensure mutual survival and safety.

In many forums on the topic of security, there has been an attempt to establish a divide between national and global security. Within the global framework of security, a boundary does exist in order to show the symbiotic relationship, which local and state governments lack the capacity to handle unilaterally. This colloquium that Miles College is hosting is aimed at articulating reasons for more collaboration, cooperation and synergy between national and global security apparatus and mechanisms.

“This is the first time that Director Brennan has served as a keynote speaker for a National Security Colloquium for a Historically Black College & University (HBCU),” said Miles College President George T. French, Jr. “I am extremely excited along with the Miles College Family for this experience with the Intelligence Community as we diversify strategic partnerships and meet the national security interest of our Nation,” states President French.

Miles College served as a Center of Academic Excellence by The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ONNI) from 2009 to 2013 and currently carries the distinction of “CAE alumni institution”. Miles College is the only institution in the State of Alabama to have received this designation, and there are fewer than 37 other colleges and universities in the nation to have received this designation.

“We are proud to serve our state and our nation in this capacity. Our National Security Colloquium is an annual, robust dialogue by academia, government, and non-profit sectors on topics relevant the country’s strategic security,” said Dr. Ba-Shen Welch, former Principal Investigator and Director of Miles College’s Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence. “This year we have the honor of Director Brennan as our keynote speaker. Director Brennan leads the CIA as a forward thinker, an intellectual and an implementer. He has demonstrated the capability to amalgamate a wide array of complex data points to garner meaning, often from the less obvious. He is inclusive and values the advantage of varied viewpoints. His being at Miles College is indicative of such,” states Dr. Welch.

Miles College’s 7th Annual National Security Colloquium will feature National and International World Leaders such as: Charles C. Krulak (Retired 31st Commandant); Michael Ennis (Retired Major General); Ambassador Walter Andrusyszen (Adjunct Professor and Director National and Competitive Intelligent Muma College of Business University of South Florida); Beverly Kennedy (CIA’s Lead Diversity in Leadership Study Implementer); Dr. Reginald King (CIA’s Chief of the Aegean-Caucuses Group, Europe and Eurasian Mission Center); and Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (U.S. Representative, 7th Congressional District).

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