

For Immediate Release
NDU Release No. 12-009
May 10, 2012

Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Department of Defense Chief Financial Officer Robert F. Hale Honors NDU iCollege Graduates

(Washington, DC) On Friday, April 27, 2012, [National Defense University \(NDU\) iCollege](#) students were honored with 324 graduate certificates in the following information technology leadership disciplines: Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Information Technology Program Management (ITPM), Enterprise Architecture (EA), Information Assurance (IA), Government Strategic Leader (GSL), and Advanced Management Program (AMP) in a formal ceremony held at the college, located at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C. The graduates represented the U.S. Military (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Reserve branches), federal agencies, private sector, and international defense ministries.

Key note speaker, Mr. Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and the DoD CFO, praised the students and congratulated them on their achievements. Hale said, "As you return to your jobs, return with confidence. The responsibility you bear will seem heavy at times; however understand this -- we cannot manage without your efforts to lead and align IT systems in support of the public, our private industry partners, and in support of the brave men and women who, as we speak, are fighting in Afghanistan." Mr. Hale recommended four foundations: 1) Expect the unexpected and plan for it; 2) Balance risks and the benefits; 3) People are key; and 4) Live up to the challenges. Be a contributor.

Classes are ongoing at the College. The next 14-week, 45th Advanced Management Program (AMP) is accepting applications for the 2012 fall term that begins in September.

About the College - The NDU iCollege, a U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) information technology educational institution, prepares leaders to direct the information component of national power by leveraging information and information technology for strategic advantage. Although most students come from DoD (military and civilians), the school also accepts Federal Agency, private sector, and international students into its graduate programs. Courses at the NDU iCollege are completed on campus and/or online via Distributed Learning. For more information about the NDU iCollege's programs, please contact: Jolly Sienda at jolly.sienda.ctr@ndu.edu; or for general information about the college, visit: www.ndu.edu/icollege.

The National Defense University is the nation's premier center for joint professional military education. The university is an accredited graduate-level institution that provides an educational and research environment to prepare future leaders of the armed forces and other civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities. For more information about the National Defense University, please contact: Dave Thomas, Public Affairs Officer, at 202-685-3140 or ThomasD2@ndu.edu; or visit www.ndu.edu.