Spring 2023 Bi-Annual Meeting & Higher Education Technology Expo

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**Day #1:**
Thursday, April 27th, 2023 | 0900 hours - 1600 hours
CIO Executive Board Meeting

**Day #2:**
Friday, April 28th, 2023 | 1000 hours - 1500 hours
Higher Education Technology Expo w/15+ Invited Vendors

**Location:**
Bucks County Community College,
275 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA 18940

**Registration:**
Click the QR Code or visit:
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UNITED STATES ARMY HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM
CHARTER

Mission
The Army Higher Education Consortium (AHEC) develops, advises, and coordinates information technology standards, policies and procedures that will support the student body, faculty and staff and military training mission requirements for all United States Army Higher Education institutions for current and future requirements. Guiding principles include standards that align with industry and higher education best business practices, higher education accreditation requirements, and government departmental regulations.

United States Army Higher Education Institutions
- Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC)
- United States Army, Armament, Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC)’s Armament University at Picatinny Arsenal
- United States Army Combined Arms Center
  - Army University
  - Army Management Staff College (AMSC)
  - Command and General Staff College (CGSC)
  - Medical Center of Excellence (MEDCoE)
  - Sergeants Major Academy (SMA)
- United States Army War College (USAWC)
- United States Military Academy at West Point (USMA)
  - United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS)

Structure
The AHEC is self-directed, serving an advisory function to each higher education institution. In the AHEC all institutions enjoy equal standing where decisions are made by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached on a decision, it will be made by the Chair. All decisions are non-binding unless otherwise noted.

Designation as the Chair and Vice Chair rotates between the members on an annual basis. The current structure for the rotation of the Chair and Vice Chair is as follows:

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Responsibilities are as follows:

Chair – Serves as the primary liaison between the institutions. Provides a designated meeting coordinator and as needed, including publication of meeting agenda, communication with members, and ensuring adherence to the mission. Compiles meeting minutes within one month, using appropriate templates and distributes to the AHEC and non-voting members. Manages all aspects of current year meeting, designating the meeting location, keeping the meeting on schedule, and conducting meeting evaluation at the conclusion of each meeting.
Vice Chair – Aids the chair and serves as the secondary liaison between the service academies. The chair hosts the first of two annual AHEC meetings at their respective location, typically during the late winter or early spring. The second annual meeting is at an alternate location agreed upon by AHEC members. At the conclusion of the second meeting, the vice chair becomes the chair and the next institution in the rotation becomes the vice chair.

Authority
The AHEC is informally chartered by the Chief Information Officers/G6 (CIO/G6) of each Army institution providing progress updates as appropriate to their respective Provosts, Superintendents, Deans of the Academic Board, and Commandants for their respective institution.

The AHEC may make recommendations to the Provosts, Superintendents, Dean, and other staff relevant to information technology, automation, telecommunications, and the future of innovation for each of the service academies. Members-at-Large may request topics or issues for attention/action.

Meetings
The AHEC will meet on a semi-annual basis. The first meeting of each year will be held at the location of the current sitting Chair. The second meeting will be held at an off-site location agreed upon by the AHEC members.

Each institution may designate other appropriate individuals with the requisite skill, understanding, and commitment to effectively contribute to the work and mission of the AHEC. As the nature of the AHEC work is not confidential, guests may attend meetings as deemed appropriate or necessary by the membership.

Membership
Voting members are the CIO/G6 Authorities from:
CAC
DLIFLC
USAWC
USMA
Armament U.

At Large Members
Non-voting members are the technology decision-makers and representatives from any of the subordinate units of each higher education institution.

Invited Guests
Army Contracting Command – Rock Island
Defense Acquisition University (DAU)
Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)

Representatives from:
Department of the Army, CIO Staff
Department of the Army, G6 Staff
Appendices
At the conclusion of each bi-annual meeting, the AHEC will determine a defined list of near- and long-term efforts. These topics will comprise key tasks in areas of mutual interest and benefit. This appendix will be available and published with the meeting minutes no later than two weeks after the conclusion of the meeting.

ENDORSEMENT FROM AHEC CIOs AND G6 OFFICES

Darnell Miles  
Chief Information Officer  
DLIFLC

Mike Dascanio  
Chief,  
Armament University

Edward B. Teague  
COL, AV  
USMA CIO/G6

Paul LaDue  
Chief Information Officer,  
Combined Arms Center

Sean Boland  
Chief Information Officer  
USAWC
Colonel Edward B. Teague, IV, Ph.D., is the Chief Information Officer/G6 at the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point. Ed graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from USMA in 1995 and entered the United States Army Aviation Branch. As an aviator, Ed is rated in the OH-58 A/C, OH-58D, and AH-1. He served assignments in Schofield Barracks Hawaii, Fort Drum, New York, the Republic of Korea, Arlington, VA, and Afghanistan.

Beyond aviation, Ed has served in the Operation Research/Systems Analysis Branch and at USMA as an assistant professor and program director in the Department of Systems Engineering.

Ed’s military experience includes joint/combined scout, attack, reconnaissance, and intelligence operations at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels along with aviation maintenance, counter IED operations, and information systems. Ed has an MS in Operations Research from the University of Texas at Austin and a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia.

In his free time, Ed enjoys exercising and teaching skiing. Ed is married with four great children and two poorly behaved dogs.
Mr. Boland is the Chief Information Officer for the United States Army War College. He is a career information technology leader within the Intelligence Community. Prior to his current assignment he was the Program Executive Officer for IT Acquisition at Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA).

Mr. Boland previously served as Enterprise Capabilities Program Advisor for the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security at the Pentagon. Prior to that he was the Deputy Chief of DIA’s Chief Information Office’s Digital Transformation effort.

Mr. Boland has held a variety of leadership and technical roles driving joint intelligence information technology programs and cyber intelligence, including assignments with USCENTCOM, USSOCOM, NORAD and USNORTHCOM, ISAF, SOUTHCOM, 609th AOC, JTF-SWA, 2nd and 3rd Marine Division.

Prior to joining civil service in 2004, Mr. Boland worked in the private sector serving in various advisory capacities and conducting analysis supporting system design and enterprise architecture. He began his career on active duty in the United States Marine Corps as a cryptologic technician. He holds a Bachelor of Science and information technology from Barry University.
Bucks County Community College
President Felicia L. Ganther, J.D., Ph.D.

With a higher education career that spans more than a quarter century, Dr. Felicia Ganther became the fifth president of Bucks County Community College in July 2021, as well as its first African American president.

Originally from Los Angeles, Ganther holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Norfolk State University, as well as a Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois. Ganther moved to Arizona in 2012 to serve as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for one of the nation’s largest community college systems, Maricopa Community Colleges. In 2019, she earned a Ph.D. in Community Development from the Arizona State University.

Ganther has a remarkable record of accomplishments as an educator, administrator, and strong advocate for students. She has extensive experience in crisis management, student life, academic quality improvement, among others. In addition to her work in student affairs, Ganther also served as an adjunct instructor for Speech, Interpersonal/Group Communication, and law courses.

Ganther received the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience’s Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate Award and a Proclamation from the Illinois State Senate for her work with the retention of first year students. In 2017, she was selected as an Aspen Institute Presidential Fellow and was nominated to receive the John Rouche League of Innovation Excellence in Community Colleges Award.

In her more than 25 years of experience in higher education, she consistently infuses her passion for helping students reach their intended goals through crafting meaningful and intentional programs, services, and initiatives.