Geospatial Academic Achievement Award

Ms. Gabriella Farris
Geospatial Intelligence Training Program
Ms. Farris distinguished herself not only academically with a 98.16 GPA, but also by her ability to be a leader in the classroom and willingness to be a team player, as well as being named the Geospatial-Intelligence Training Program (GITP) Student of the Year—an award recognizing the student in the top 20 percent of his or her class that demonstrates outstanding academic performance, teamwork, professionalism, and upholds the highest standards of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the National Geospatial-Intelligence College. Farris showed real drive to become the best analyst possible, returning for additional training after graduation. Her present assignment is with the Office of Central and Southwest Asia.

Geospatial Academic Research Award

Dr. Swen Johnson
Socio-Cultural Intelligence Analysis Inc.
Dr. Johnson is being recognized for developing innovative methods of blending the social sciences with recent advances made in geospatial predictive technology to help address some of the U.S. Intelligence Community's most challenging intelligence problems in tactical and operational environments. Backed by the Naval Research Laboratory, fellow academic social scientists, and geospatial and military colleagues, Johnson founded Socio-Cultural Intelligence Analysis Inc. and dedicated himself to creating Human Terrain Analysis Teams across the Department of Defense. His teams' empirical, quantitative, and group-based sociological focus have transformed traditional geospatial models of human behavior into more accurate geo-social models, bringing GEOINT to the cutting edge of intelligence analysis.

Geospatial Intelligence Achievement Award - Military

Mr. David McKinley, Mr. Chris Mayfield, Mr. Dave Gokey, and Mr. Gary Koch
Space and Naval Systems Warfare Command C4I Support Team
In support of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command's Command Control Systems Directorate, the SPAWAR C4I Engineering Support Team began an ambitious program to create a user defined operational picture called Situational Awareness Geospatial Enterprise (SAGE). Its goal is to make GIS a commodity within the command by instituting an enterprise GIS capability that everyone can use and configure to their own precise needs. SAGE was fielded for the 2007 hurricane season and is a fine example of how this team is making great contributions to the accomplishment of the Homeland Defense and the Defense Support of Civil Authorities mission sets.

Geospatial Intelligence Achievement Award - Government

Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA's) Missile and Space Intelligence Center (MSIC) Team
Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA's) Missile and Space Intelligence Center (MSIC) team has contributed greatly to the understanding of adversary military capabilities by developing and deploying a GEOINT-enabled Foreign Missile Test Range Analysis architecture. The ability to store, manage, query, and view vast amounts of GEOINT data in seconds is a significant achievement. MSIC's daily savings of 2-3 hours per analyst of data search time has been reinvested into analysis. The new architecture greatly enhances the availability and usability of GEOINT data and results in more all-source analysts leveraging the full potential of GEOINT data as a contributor to their analysis.

Geospatial Intelligence Achievement Award - Industry

Mr. Matt O'Connell
GeoEye
Since the merger of Space Imaging and Orbimage created GeoEye, the newly formed company has overcome many of its predecessors obstacles and has since grown into one of the largest remote sensing companies in the world with more than 370 employees at four key locations in the United States as well as one of the foremost providers of geospatial imagery. Mr. O'Connell joined Orbimage in 2001, the year the company had a failed satellite launch and went into bankruptcy. Through his expertise he brought Orbimage back to life and led the new company to win a coveted $500 million NGA NextView contract to build the next-generation GeoEye-1 satellite.

Lifetime Achievement Award

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