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The Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence is sponsoring the National Security Scholars Leadership Development Program for High School Students at Norfolk State University. It is a two week program that focuses on STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The students will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities. Its main objective is to stimulate interest in careers in the intelligence community, bio-security, biotechnology and environmental, sciences. Each morning there will be a presentation that relating to intelligence community, included in this time we will have guest speakers from various intelligence agencies to speak on their experiences and give career seminars. We will then administer a Pilot online Arabic class taught by the Arab Academy in Egypt, intelligence agencies and US government are looking for students who speak a strategic language, so by offering this class we hope to ignite interest in the language from the students. In the afternoon the students will have hands on approach, doing forensics work in the lab, instructed by research scientists, Dr. Abdullah and Dr. Okpodu, also biology professors at Norfolk State University. They will conduct a case study research project ranging from studies on bioterrorism, biotechnology, horticulture and animal sciences to air quality, food and nutrition and international trade. In addition to their packed schedules, the students will also attend the cryptology museum in Washington DC. Overall, they gain exposure to a number of structured activities including field trips, workshops and laboratory demonstrations, and instruction in career development, technical and scientific writing and public speaking. This is a great opportunity for High School students and it is completely free, the students are actually receiving a stipend for their work.



Students working in the lab under the guidance of Dr. Abdullah

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