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Dr. Ballard serves as the fourth President of the National Intelligence University. In this role, his responsibilities include leading faculty and staff, academic accreditation, budget and facilities, and the education and research programs. He is the primary representative of the university to the Intelligence Community and Federal Government leadership, academia, and to private sector leaders and organizations.

Dr. Ballard joined ODNI on July 31, 2023, from the Department of Transportation where he served as a member of the Senior Executive Service as Provost at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Dr. Ballard was previously the Dean of the National War College within the Department of Defense and the Founding Dean of the National Defense College of the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi.

He earned his doctorate in history from the Catholic University of America, and is the author or co-author of seven books and numerous journal articles focused on national security, including: *From Storm to Freedom, America's Long War with Iraq*; *Triumph of Self-Determination, United Nations Peacemaking in East Timor*; *From Kabul to Baghdad and Back, the US at War in Afghanistan and Iraq*; and *National Security Education: Developing Strategic Leaders for 21st Century Challenges*.

Dr. Ballard is the recipient of the Department of Transportation's Bronze Medal, the Department of the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Medal and several military awards including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, where he received the General Horace Porter Award in History.

