



**National Centers of Academic Excellence in  
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Prof. DeSimone:

I am pleased to inform you that the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated Wake Technical Community College as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE) through academic year 2025.

Your ability to meet the increasing demands of the program criteria will serve the nation well in contributing to the protection of the National Information Infrastructure. The National Cyber Strategy, September 2018, addresses the critical shortage of professionals with cybersecurity skills and highlights the importance of higher education as a solution to defending America's cyberspace. "A highly skilled cybersecurity workforce is a strategic national security advantage." "The United States Government will continue to invest in and enhance programs that build the domestic talent pipeline, from primary through postsecondary education." Education is the key to promoting these ideals.

Details of certificate receipt will be sent at a later date. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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Karen Leuschner  
National CAE Program Director, NSA