



## National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education

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Prof. Watkins:

I am pleased to inform you that the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated Westchester Community College as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE) through academic year 2024.

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.

Certificates will be presented at a designation ceremony. Details on ceremony location were sent in your congratulations email. We appreciate your participation in this program and look forward to seeing you at the ceremony.

Sincerely,

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Karen Leuschner  
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