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Dr. Faisal Kaleem:

I am pleased to inform you that Metro State University has been designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Operations (CAE-CO) for the validated program(s) of study through academic year 2030.

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.

The CAE PMO office will reach out to you to invite you to attend a future designation ceremony once the event is scheduled.

This letter is confirmation of your designation. We appreciate your participation in this program and look forward to seeing you in the future.

Sincerely,

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Renaë Weathers
National CAE Program Manager, NSA