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Prof. Salinas:

I am pleased to inform you that the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated South Texas College as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Two-Year Education (CAE2Y) through academic year 2022.

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 Presidents' National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, 14 February 2003 and the International Strategy for Cyberspace, May 2011, addresses the critical shortage of professionals with these skills and highlights the importance of higher education as a solution to defending America's cyberspace. "Like all nations, the United States has a compelling interest in defending its vital national assets, as well as our core principles and values, and we are committed to defending against those who would attempt to impede our ability to do so." Education is the key to promoting these ideals.

Certificates will be presented during a designation ceremony at the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Conference, scheduled for 7-8 November 2017 in Dayton, OH. Details on the conference, to include a CAE Community Symposium on 9 November, will be finalized soon. We appreciate your participation in this program and look forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely,

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