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Mr. Jason Denno
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Dear Mr. Denno:

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that the National Security Agency has designated the University of Arizona South as a National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Cyber Operations Fundamental for the period 2018-2023.

University of Arizona South has demonstrated the capability to provide undergraduate level curricula that satisfies the necessary academic requirements (i.e., 100% of the mandatory knowledge units and a minimum of 10 of the 17 optional knowledge units) and all of the program criteria. Specifically in the following named degree program:

Bachelor of Applied Science in Cyber Operations (BAS-CO)

Your participation as a National CAE in Cyber Operations will build the future workforce that will possess the knowledge and skills related to specialized intelligence, military and law-enforcement cyber operations (e.g., collection, exploitation, and response) to enhance the national security posture of our Nation.

Based on your course mapping and our curriculum review, the University of Arizona South program meets the following optional Knowledge Units (KUs):

O1. Programmable Logic	O2. Wireless Security
O4. Cloud Security/Cloud Computing	O5. Risk Mgmt of Info Systems
O6. Computer Architecture	O8. Software Security Analysis
O9. Secure SW Development	O13. Applied Cryptography
O15. User Experience (UX)/Human Computer Interface (HCI) Security	
O16. Offensive Cyber Operations	

The O11. Digital Forensics KU is pending a final determination. A later notification will follow if the University of Arizona South has met the O11 KU requirements.

Later this summer the CAE-Cyber Operations program will send the University of Arizona South Phase 2 on-site feedback.

The CAE-Cyber Operations program presents designation certificates during an awards ceremony at the National Cyber Summit on 6 June 2018. The Summit is at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama. <https://www.nationalcybersummit.com/> has details on the Summit, including conference registration and hotel reservations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J. Eikenberry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

HEATHER J. EIKENBERRY
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