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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

The College of International Security Affairs

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Dear Incoming Fellow:

We look forward to you joining us at The College of International Security Affairs (CISA) at the National Defense University (NDU). You'll find your time with us intellectually stimulating and rewarding on multiple levels.

While your studies are your priority during your time with CISA, you will find even more value in the contacts, connections and enduring friendships you will make with your fellow students. We pride ourselves in our engaged alumni network around the world. During your time at CISA, the Student Services team will help grow these lifelong relationships among students.

In addition to academic support, Student Services offers the following activities to CISA students:

- Team Sports – CISA sports teams are open to all students of all athletic capabilities. Activities include baseball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, a 5K run, golf, bowling and racquetball. If you don't want to play any sports, join in cheering on the sidelines.
- CISA Spouse Group – If you come here with a spouse, please encourage your spouse to join the CISA Spouse Group. The group provides social and professional connections among its members. In the past, spouse activities have included organizing a family excursion to a professional baseball game, Pentagon tours and cultural exchange lunches. The group has a Facebook page so members can easily communicate with each other.
- Travel – Student Services organizes and leads academic travel for our scholars, including staff rides to historical military sites. CISA students typically travel three times during their academic year. The locations vary based on students' program emphasis.
- Student Council – Each seminar will select a representative to serve on CISA Student Council. In the past, Student Council has organized a class coin, CISA spirit wear (clothing branded with the CISA logo), daily coffee, Potomac River cruises and other activities to build camaraderie among students.
- Student Advocate – Perhaps most importantly, the Dean of Students office serves as an advocate for you, the student. We have numerous resources to help students, and the Dean offers an "open door policy" for you to come in and talk if you run into any problems while attending CISA. We are your advocate!

In closing, we encourage you to get involved in the activities above and “grow your CISA network.” Your time at CISA is an opportunity to grow intellectually and develop holistically as a person, and “re-set” before going back to your job.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 685-9460 or Ann.Knabe@gc.ndu.edu. Welcome again to the CISA network!

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