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NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON DC 20319-5066**

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF: College of International Security Affairs, Office of the Chancellor

1 March 2024

Dear Member of the CISA Class of 2025,

It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to the College of International Security Affairs (CISA) at the National Defense University (NDU). CISA is the U.S. Department of Defense flagship for professional military education on irregular warfare at the strategic level. Our mission is to educate and prepare civilian and military national security professionals and future leaders from the United States and partner nations for the strategic challenges of the contemporary security environment.

Your selection to this joint military education program at NDU recognizes your potential for significant future contributions to your service, agency, and nation. You will be taught by an extraordinary group of civilian and military scholars and practitioners. Our faculty is comprised of civilian academics from the top universities in the world, senior officers from all the U.S. military services, and senior officials from the Departments of State, Homeland Security, and Energy, and the National Counterterrorism Center. CISA is one of NDU's five senior-level colleges, and I encourage you to visit <http://cisa.ndu.edu> to learn more about our academic programs and faculty.

In addition to the rigor of our academic program, you will have the opportunity to interact and learn from peers from different parts of the world. CISA has the highest number of International Fellows of any U.S. military education program. This is by design, and your interaction with fellow students will significantly enhance your educational experience, expand your professional network, and earn you lifelong friendships. CISA alumni cite these professional and personal linkages as one of the highlights of their time at NDU.

As you prepare to join us, if you have any questions ahead of your arrival, please feel free to contact the Registrar's office by email at [University-Registrar@ndu.edu](mailto:University-Registrar@ndu.edu). On behalf of the CISA faculty and staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome and best wishes for your academic success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise M. Marsh". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Denise Maria Marsh, M.A., M.M.S.

Chancellor, Acting

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