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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF: College of International Security Affairs

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The College of International Security Affairs

Dear Members of the Class of 2025,

On behalf of the College of International Security Affairs (CISA) leadership, faculty, and staff, congratulations on your selection to CISA at National Defense University (NDU). Your year at CISA will be academically challenging, but professionally and personally rewarding.

Prior to arriving, please read your NDU welcome package and the NDU Incoming Students Information page at <https://www.ndu.edu/Students/Incoming-Students/> thoroughly, particularly the **IT Requirements** and **Guidance** tabs. The NDU campus is a **Bring-Your-Own-Device** environment, with a government-provided wireless network. It is imperative that you arrive at CISA with a personal laptop computer.

The International Student Management Office (ISMO), your respective Service/Agency chairs, and the Dean of Students office are your primary points of contact for initial information. If you have questions, please contact ISMO, your Service/Agency Chair, or my office. CISA specific information, to include CISA Student Orientation schedule and Service/Agency Chair contact information, can be found at <https://cisa.ndu.edu/Students/Incoming-Students/>.

While your studies are your priority during your time at CISA, you will find even more value in the contacts, connections, and enduring friendships you will make with your fellow students. We have a prodigious, robust, and engaged alumni network around the world. During your time at CISA, you will develop lifelong professional and personal relationships. In addition to academics, there are several opportunities that will be available to you:

- Team Sports – CISA sports teams are open to all students of all athletic capabilities.
- Travel – 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. Anticipate contributing to the student social fund sometime after arrival.

I encourage you to get involved in the activities, interact, and learn from your peers from across the globe.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (202) 685-9461. Again, welcome to CISA!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Helen Stewart".

HELEN M. STEWART, Col, USAF
Dean of Students
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