



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency
Office of the Director
Washington, DC 20528

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President Jerome A. Gilbert
Marshall University
Huntington, WV 25755

Dear President Gilbert:

On behalf of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), I would like to congratulate you and Marshall University on the opening of the Institute for Cyber Security (ICS). Recognizing that cybersecurity is inherently multidisciplinary, benefiting from the knowledge provided by scholars across many different fields, we are pleased to learn that ICS will be launched as a multi-college academic and research cluster. We value our work with partners to defend against today's threats and collaborate to build a more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future.

As the CISA Director, I believe that our people are the Agency's number one asset. One of my principal goals is to make CISA the place where our nation's best cyber defenders want to work. I commend the new institute in bringing together hardware and software engineers, forensic scientists, cyber security practitioners, and policy experts to address emerging needs in cybersecurity through cutting-edge research, education, and outreach programs. I look forward to learning more about the Institute for Cyber Security and leveraging the ICS to help further develop the future cyber workforce of our Nation.

Once again, congratulations on this excellent achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen Easterly", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jen Easterly
Director