

DoD: Cybersecurity Service Academy (CSA)

Meeting's Agenda on November 6, 2024

Minutes Approval

- Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held Oct. 4, 2024.

Renewal:

- Some of you might already know by now that the application for the new CSA cycle (AY 2025-26) has recently opened and details you need to apply can be found on the project website at <https://www.iup.edu/cybersecurity/grants/dod-cyber-scholarship-program/index.html>.
 - Application deadline for new and returning students is on Feb. 1, 2025.
 - Returning students (including those considering graduate programs) will need to submit an online application via the AVUE tool used in their last year application.
 - A Zoom information session is scheduled on Monday, 11/18, at 11:15 AM. **Any questions???**
 - See previous meetings agendas and minutes for additional details regarding renewal requirements.

Announcements:

- Thanks for all CSA recipients who helped during the 17th Annual Cybersecurity Day held on Oct. 29, 2024.
- Scholarship tuition waivers and stipends for fall 2024. **Any problems???**
- Laptop/computer reimbursement status. Dr. Farag has promptly submitted all reimbursement forms and documentation so that CSA students can get reimbursed for expenses they paid. Only one student did not send yet computer purchase documents to me for reimbursement, **All students, please report on your reimbursement status.**
- Status of fall 2024 book allowance use. Please report.
- On Nov. 13, 2024, a number of representatives from NAVSUP will visit IUP and deliver a presentation at 11 AM in 327 Str. Hall that all of you are strongly encouraged to attend. Also, CSA students who will join NAVSUP will briefly meet with the team at 10:30 AM in the same room. Lastly, if anyone of you is interested in joining us for lunch on that day, please confirm with me now.

Spring course registration:

- ***Each of the SEVEN CSA students who will be graduating this May needs to confirm that her/his graduation plan is going well and there are no problems that may prevent him/her from graduating on-time.***
- All 13 CSA students, please report the exact number of credits that you registered or plan to register for coming spring.
- As discussed several times before, the scholarship will ONLY pay for academic year courses (fall/spring). If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Dr. Farag.

Discussions:

- Forming our Cyber Team to participate in the spring 2025 CAE NE Hackathon. Site, <https://www.ncaecybergames.org> . We need CSA students to take the lead on this effort as has been the case in the past. Please coordinate with Thomas, CS Club president, and keep Dr. Farag posted.
- ***New this year.*** The scholarship can support travel expenses for ONE cybersecurity conference for each of you. ***You need to identify a cybersecurity conference, get the approval of the PI, then you can go ahead and make travel arrangements and pay from your expenses.*** After attending the conference, you will need to submit a travel voucher to Dr. Farag along with ALL receipts to get reimbursed for your expenses. Each of you may be reimbursed for up to \$1,750.
- Cybersecurity Club updates: meetings topics, website, etc.
- Cybersecurity portfolio status.

Students' Reports:

- Any outstanding issues that might affect your academic performance and report on the contributions to the program.

Questions??