

# DOD Cybersecurity Service Academy (CSA) Scholarship Meeting

## CSA Minutes 3/24/2025

*Meeting Start 11:21AM*

*Meeting End: 11:50AM*

*Minutes for Jan 27<sup>th</sup> approved by Thomas McGillan and Seconded by Jared Giesen*

Present members:

Allison Stiteler, Carina Warr, Dylan Timbrook, Jared Giesen, Julia O'Brien, Logan Reddinger, Nick K, Noah Grattan, Shari Hoch, Thomas McGillan, Noah O, James Saylor, and Evan Crooks

### Announcements

Dr. Farag worked with returning students to ensure they completed renewal applications. All six returning students submitted applications in the Avue tool.

Students should have been credited with the tuition waiver. All students who were present confirmed that there were no issues with receiving their tuition waiver and stipend.

Honorable mentions for the **NCAE Cyber Competition** members from Cybersecurity Club were made

**Security Conferences** are funded by the CSA scholarships and students are encouraged to try and find time to visit one throughout the semester. Students present did not state any interest in utilizing this travel money for the remaining semester.

### Discussion

- Discussions were had regarding the status of student's job offers following graduation.
- Because of the hiring freeze, students are hearing that they are unable to start their official employment, and a variety of extenuating circumstances were stated.
- Students are encouraged to remain in contact with Dr. Farag and their point of contact at their hiring agency to stay up to speed with the current state of the hiring freeze etc.
- Students who have money within a book account will have the ability to partially cover/fully cover an e-reader
  - Dr. Farag is awaiting confirmation regarding account status from the CSA accountants that this money is available for use for this purpose

- Students also were instructed to complete a [survey](#) regarding the program that was sent in the chat during the meeting

*Respectfully submitted by Evan Crooks and Dr. Waleed Farag on 3/24/2025*