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Dr. Ted Mims
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Dear Dr. Mims,

Rock Valley College whole heartedly supports your application to become a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAEIAE) sponsored by the National Security Agency. We have had a very fruitful partnership with you over the course of several years. Many of our students have benefited greatly from this arrangement. As a result of the 2 + 2 agreement between Rock Valley College and the University of Springfield at Springfield, Information Assurance courses taken at Rock Valley College are accepted for credit at the University of Illinois at Springfield. This allows students from Rock Valley College to transfer their Information Assurance courses and take the emphasis in Systems Security and Information Assurance offered by the University of Illinois at Springfield.

The 2 + 2 agreement has allowed a number of Rock Valley College students to attend the University of Illinois at Springfield. Two of our Rock Valley College students, Joshua Hays and Justin Kaufman, have already graduated from UIS and a third, Geoffrey Pearson, is set to graduate this May 2009.

Your Computer Science Department prepares these students extremely well to go into the field of Systems Security and Information Assurance.

Sincerely,



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