PARKLAND COLLEGE

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Ted Mims
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Dear Dr. Mims:

We are pleased to support the application of the Computer Science Department at UIS to become a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education. To have such a center in Illinois will be another sign of excellence in computer education and will enhance the reputation not only of UIS but of all colleges and universities with computer science programs.

We have appreciated the articulation agreement we have that allows our Associate of Applied Science Network System Administrator degree graduates to transfer to UIS for the baccalaureate degree program in Computer Science with emphasis in Systems Security and Information Assurance. Even though this agreement is only two years old, we understand that some of our students have already progressed through your program and have graduated. This exemplifies the goal of Parkland College and UIS to serve our students as well as our communities and state.

We are excited about the further opportunities that might accrue to our graduates through their access to a CAE so nearby. If we may be of further assistance, we would be pleased to do so.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Lake, Dean
Career Programs

Maria Mobasseri, Chair
Computer Science & Information Technology