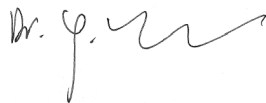Jan 5, 2024

To: 2024-2025 DoD Cyber Scholarship Program

Re: Letter of Support for Eric Webb for the 2024-2025 DoD Cyber Scholarship Program.

It is my great pleasure to write this letter to express my full and utmost support of Eric Webb for the 2024-2025 DoD Cyber Scholarship Program. I have known Eric for nearly three years now and he was a student in my ISEC615 - Fundamentals of Cybersecurity course as part of his Master of Science Degree in Information Assurance and Cybersecurity at our college, a National Security Agency (NSA) Validated Program. Academically, Eric has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in the course work that he completed with a final grade of "A". Eric has demonstrated exceptional knowledge skills and ability to competently finish tasks related to cybersecurity in various ways during his course work. The course itself is built around the TestOut LabSim's Security Pro – which is an intensive online hands-on cybersecurity lab that provides the foundational Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs) needed for the CompTIA Security+ certification. As for his knowledge of cybersecurity and techniques, Eric has shown to be well-versed and highly diligent in his academic performance. He has shown proficiency in the human factors that can affect cybersecurity protection including discussions we had in class on social engineering attacks and techniques (phishing, vishing, & impersonations). Eric used quick analysis and synthesis when it came to resolving complex situations. He's very efficient and has a tactful, yet calculated way of dealing with different people and various emotional states too in a professional way. He has demonstrated his communication skills both written and oral in our online classroom via discussions and presentations. During his time at the college, Eric also applied and was one of the two awardees of the 2021-2022 DoD Cyber Scholarship Program (CySP), which covered his MS program. Additionally, after completing his MS degree in our college, Eric was successfully hired and transitioned to DoD and completed his service obligation. Eric is now a doctoral student in our Ph.D. in Cybersecurity Management, a program recognized by NSA under the CAE-R (Research) (https://infosec.nova.edu/).

As I have come to know Eric, I have found him to be a respectful, delightful to work with, and highly motivated graduate student. He has a broad knowledge of information systems, cybersecurity, human factor in cybersecurity, and their application in organizations. Eric has established himself as an individual of integrity and honesty in his pursuit of his education and professional work. I highly recommend Eric Webb for the 2024-2025 DoD Cyber Scholarship Program to support his doctoral program.

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

Yours,

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