Since 2004, Dakota State University (DSU) has been a proud, contributing member of the CAE Community and is one of a select few institutions that hold all three CAE designations. Over the years, DSU has been very involved in cybersecurity education at all levels ranging from K-12 to teachers and all age groups in between. The University offers an array of relevant programs to the CAE community through the Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences.

Enrollment growth over the past five years in the undergraduate programs has been astounding: Cyber Operations – 177% increase to 464 students. Network and Security Administration – 75% increase to 147 students. Computer Science – 62% increase to 349 students. The graduate programs have also seen significant growth. The student population as of Fall 2018 stands as follows: MS in Cyber Defense – 37; MS in Computer Science – 47; PhD in Cyber Operations – 49

DSU was one of the first four institutions to be designated as a CAE-Cyber Operations in 2012. They were an early adopter of the CyberCorps® scholarship program and currently have 34 active scholars, enjoy a 100% job placement, and a total of 86 students have been funded.

A national leader in GenCyber, the university has had nearly 2000 participants in five years of camps. They boast the largest residential camp in the nation and have provided camps in North Dakota and Hawaii. The camps cover the full array of age and gender groups: middle school girls camp, rising high school camps, secondary teacher camps.

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