Tuskegee University is a private, historically black university (HBCU) located in Tuskegee, Alabama. Over the past 138 years since it was founded by Booker T. Washington in 1881, Tuskegee University has become one of our nation’s most outstanding institutions of higher learning. The Brimmer College of Business and Information Science is deeply rooted in Tuskegee University’s historical mission.

The Center of Information Assurance Education (CIAE) at Tuskegee University (TU) is housed within the Computer Science Department at the College of Business and Information Science.

The CIAE at TU was initially designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAE-IAE) by NSA/DHS in 2012, and was re-designated as National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) by DHS/NSA in 2017 and 2022.

CIAE at TU serves as the organizing body to offer resources and assistance for faculty, students, and community in conducting teaching, research, and other activities in Information Assurance.

The major accomplishments include: the computer science department launch of an inter-disciplinary master program in Information Systems and Computer Security (MS-ISCS) with two options: cybersecurity option and data science option, which is designed to fill current and future national needs for Information Assurance and Cyber Defense professionals; and with the efforts of CIAE, the university being awarded the CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service (SFS) funded by NSF to strengthen the national cybersecurity workforce.

Tuskegee University is very committed to Information Assurance/Cyber Defense program of education, research, and outreach because of the crucial nature of cyber security for the nation.

Tuskegee University Campus

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Fan Wu
fwu@tuskegee.edu

Cassandra Thomas
cthomas@tuskegee.edu

tuskegee.edu/about-us/centers-of-excellence

**DESIGNATIONS**

- CAE-Cyber Defense