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**Polytechnic Named among First Designees as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Research by National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security**

BROOKLYN, NY – July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – The New York State Center for Advanced Technology in Telecommunications and Distributed Information Systems (CATT) at Polytechnic Institute of NYU today announced the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have designated the Institute as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Research for the five-year period from 2008 – 2013.

Polytechnic Institute of NYU President Jerry MacArthur Hultin stated, "We are honored to receive this prestigious designation. Our commitment to Innovation, Invention, Entrepreneurship, and academic excellence are reflected in the impact of the research CATT has performed in the areas of cyber-security and information assurance. These significant achievements will indeed enhance the security for New York and the nation and will spur technological innovation in multiple sectors."

"I congratulate President Hutlin and Professor Memon of Polytechnic Institute of NYU on its prestigious designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance. Polytechnic's research will serve the nation's need for security of confidential information while also developing expertise to serve other industry sectors in New York State's information technology industries", stated Edward Reinfurt, Executive Director of the New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation.

Since 2001, Polytechnic University and as of July, 2008, Polytechnic Institute of NYU has been a NSA designated Center of Excellence in Information Assurance Education, directed by Polytechnic Professor Nasir Memon,. The Institute's Department of Computer and Information Science is also one of the selective few in the country to offer Cyber Corps scholarships to students pursuing a focus of study in cyber security.

To view the original press release from the National Security Agency, please visit [http://www.nsa.gov/releases/cae\\_r.cfm](http://www.nsa.gov/releases/cae_r.cfm)

**About Polytechnic Institute of New York University**

Polytechnic Institute of New York University (formerly Polytechnic University), an affiliate of New York University, is New York's most comprehensive school of engineering, applied sciences, technology and research, and is rooted in Polytechnic's 154-year tradition of innovation, invention and entrepreneurship.

The institution is one of the nation's oldest private engineering universities, founded in 1854 in Brooklyn, New York. In addition to its main campus at MetroTech Center in Brooklyn, Polytechnic offers programs at sites throughout the region, including Long Island, Manhattan and Westchester.

For more information, and to learn more about the Power of PolyThinking, please visit [www.poly.edu](http://www.poly.edu).

**About the New York State Center for Advanced Technology in Telecommunications**

Since its inception in 1983, CATT's mission has been to stimulate the growth of New York's information technology business. As a New York State Foundation of Science, Technology, and Innovation (NYSTAR) designated Center of Advanced Technology, research focuses on key areas critical to today's businesses: networking, networking applications, wireless communications, multimedia, and cyber security. (<http://catt.poly.edu>)

**About NYSTAR**

NYSTAR's innovative programs and initiatives provide the critical continuum to translate cutting edge research into economic development. A central element of NYSTAR's mission is the recognition that New York's world-class public and private universities and academic centers are powerful economic development engines that can create high-tech jobs and opportunity in New York. By creating new technologies and new innovations, New York looks to build a stronger economic future. (<http://www.nystar.state.ny.us>)

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