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Dear Mister Calissi:

Please accept my thanks for the wonderful opportunities your Distance Learning programs provide for our state's National Guard members.

During this period of multiple mobilizations and civilian career interruptions for activated members of the National Guard, Fairleigh Dickinson University's innovative Distance Learning offerings provide much-needed career-advancing training to our members any time and anywhere.

Whether enrolled during mobilization or in between, your programs provide our service members with a flexible, convenient, cost-effective avenue to higher education. State of the art learning, with FDU's classes prepared to the most current technological standards, and an excellent faculty, make yours the standard for other universities to emulate.

The Homeland Security Studies offerings, including undergraduate, graduate certificate, and Masters programs, are of particular interest to our National Guard members. Many National Guard members work in civilian first responder career fields. Much of the National Guard's mission focus is now on Homeland Defense and disaster preparedness. Fairleigh Dickinson University's programs enable our members to maximize the value of their military and civilian experiences into baccalaureate and Masters degree programs that benefit the enrolled student, the National Guard and the civilian employers. The concurrent attendance by our state's civilian first responder leadership reinforces our partnership with their civilian agencies outside the classroom.

Thank you, again, for all you do for our service members by providing this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Falca-Dodson".

MARIA FALCA-DODSON
Brigadier General, New Jersey Air National Guard
The Deputy Adjutant General