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From: Director, Command and Staff College  
To: Students of the Command and Staff College Class of 2022  
Subj: WELCOME ABOARD

1. Congratulations! Your selection to attend the Marine Corps Command and Staff College (CSC) demonstrates that your service/agency and nation considers you worthy of greater investment. I encourage you to take the fullest advantage of this opportunity and dedicate this next year to your professional development. At CSC, you will enhance your critical thinking and problem solving ability, as well as your ability to lead in an ethical manner. CSC shares in your commitment, as well as in the confidence placed upon you by your service/agency. We will do everything we can to prepare you for success in the next chapter of your service to your nation.
2. At CSC, you will be deeply immersed in a rigorous, relevant, and rewarding curriculum – one that will challenge you to think, write, and communicate at the graduate level. Simply put, you will study and practice warfighting and other military operations, and study the context (both past and current) in which warfighting and military operations occur. You will benefit from a team teaching approach and mentorship from our military and civilian Ph.D. faculty. Your interaction with joint colleagues, international officers, and interagency professionals will broaden your professional aperture and expand your network.
3. While the academic schedule provides a degree of predictability to allow you to maintain or regain balance in your personal life, the curriculum is demanding and the workload is heavy. In addition to completing the core curriculum, all U.S. students are required to complete the Master of Military Studies degree (optional for our international partners). Here, aboard the Marine Corps University (MCU) campus, you will find numerous resources to broaden your intellectual curiosity and add to your professional toolkit.
4. To arrive prepared for the first day, review the MCU website often for further guidance and complete the necessary administrative requirements to ensure a smooth on-boarding process. The MCU Registrar and Student Services will post additional guidance to facilitate this effort as the time draws closer. For our U.S. students, I encourage you to consider sponsoring one of our international students. This opportunity can result in a rich and rewarding experience and a lifelong friendship.
5. I am mindful CSC planning and your transition must account for COVID-19. Our experience in 2020 has resulted in best practices that CSC will carry forward. Rest assured, our faculty will lead and teach with resilience, and deliver a thoughtful curriculum that will prepare you to excel and prevail in the complex security environment of the present and future. Again, we are committed to you, and I ask that you to commit yourself to this experience.
6. Safe travels and the CSC team looks forward to welcoming you and your family aboard this summer.



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