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Ms. Bliss is the Cybersecurity Program Director at UCCS. She and her team are working to expand cybersecurity across the 6 Colleges at UCCS. In addition to the long-standing cybersecurity programs at Engineering and Applied Science, the past year the School of Education, School of Public Affairs, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences and College of Business have all launched Cybersecurity programs, concentrations or certificates. Over the last year, she led the development and implementation of the UCCS POWER Cybersecurity Strategy, Partnership, Outreach, Workforce, Education and Research. This strategy has launched a focused effort across campus to lead in the cybersecurity ecosystem to create a network that produces qualified cybersecurity professionals to meet the growing need in industry. Previously, she worked at PPCC for 5 years as their Cybersecurity Director and led the college Cybersecurity efforts through increasing the PPCC profile and footprint in cybersecurity. Before PPCC, she worked for 25 years in the intelligence community, most recently as the NORAD Deputy Senior Analyst and Chief of Plans, supporting the government's efforts in understanding the evolution of cyber since the early 1990s on cyber, information operations and warfare, and computer network defense/attack.

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