

2025

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM: NATIONAL SECURITY

### *Sample Schedule: Washington, D.C.\**

#### **Day One: Welcome to the Fields of National Security and Foreign Affairs**

Registration

Orientation and Introduction to Student Groups

*Scholars will learn about the variety of opportunities available to them through speakers in the fields of Diplomacy, Intelligence, and Defense. They will explore the key components of establishing a National Security Strategy and process how their leadership style would affect the implementation of a National Security Strategy.*

Group Meetings

- Scholars meet like-minded peers from around the country
- Introduction to National Security

#### **Day Two: Our Nation's Security**

Keynote Speaker: Jonna Mendez

*Jonna, former Chief of Disguise for the CIA, shares her career journey and the various roles she served in while with the CIA. She describes her experience living under cover on her several tours in Europe, Asia, and Russia and how she applies her expertise as a consultant to the U.S. Intelligence community to this day.*

Group Meetings

- National Security Strategy Lessons
- MyActionPath Career Assessment

Focus on Careers

Launching a Professional Network

Group Meetings

National Security Strategy Lessons:

Analyzing the 2021 Colonial Pipeline Hack

Diplomacy Plenary

Speaking event with Representative from U.S. Department of State

#### **Day Three: Day of Exploration**

Defense and Intelligence Site Experiences

*Students will receive a firsthand view of the institutions that safeguard and shape our country through exclusive visits to some of the most influential sites in the nation's capital.*

- U.S. Department of State
- The Pentagon
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Naval Academy
- Spy Museum
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Old Town Alexandria
- Smithsonian Museums

*\*Site experiences may vary by program session.*

Group Meetings

- Introduction to National Security Crisis Simulation
- Scholar's Presidential Election for Simulation

#### **Day Four: National Security in Action**

National Security Crisis Simulation

*Scholars will participate in the National Security Crisis Simulation, where they will collaborate and strategize with their peers to resolve true-to-life major national and international crises.*

*Scholars will need to manage competing interests and collaborate with their peers to meet true-to-life security challenges. Scholars will draw upon skills such as communication, critical thinking, persuasion and responsible decision-making as they work with their peers.*

Cyber Security Speaking Event

*Hear from experts in the field of cybersecurity who will answer scholar's questions and share insight on careers and opportunities of this in-demand field.*

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### **Day Five: Day of Reflection and Remembrance**

#### Keynote Speaker

Challenges and Opportunities: The Human Impact of National Security - The Wounded Warrior Project

#### Arlington National Cemetery

- Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns
- Wreath-Laying Ceremony
- Kennedy Gravesites

#### The National Mall

Visit to a Smithsonian Institution Museum

#### Tributes to Valor and Sacrifice: Tour of Our Nation's Memorials

- Lincoln Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Korean War Veterans Memorial
- National WWII Memorial

### **Day Six: Day of Intelligence**

#### Group Meetings

- Leadership & National Security
- Defining National Security Strategy

#### Intelligence Speaking Event

*Experts in the field of intelligence will answer scholar's questions and share insight on careers and opportunities of this in-demand field.*

### **Day Seven: Day of Defense**

#### National Security Crisis Simulation

*Scholars will continue their participation in the National Security Crisis Simulation, where they will collaborate and strategize with their peers to resolve true-to-life major national and international crises.*

#### Defense Speaking Event

*Hear from experts in the field of defense who will answer scholar's questions and share insight on careers and opportunities of this in-demand field.*

#### Group Meetings

Gain important insights and debrief career experiences in a group activity.

### **Day Eight: Looking Forward**

#### Forum Debrief

#### Closing Ceremony: Path to New Beginnings

#### Departures

*\*This sample schedule is provided as an example of the overall quality and scope of the experience offered. We are continuously evaluating all aspects of the program and incorporating the most up-to-date health and safety standards. The 2025 specific schedule, locations, and details may be modified.*