

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM:
NATIONAL SECURITY
Diplomacy, Intelligence & Defense
Washington, D.C.

2023 Sample Schedule*

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

Registration

Orientation and Introduction to Your Group

Opening Keynote Speaker

Former Chief of Disguise for the CIA Jonna Mendez shares her career journey and the various roles she's served in the agency. She describes her experience living undercover on 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

Meet like-minded peers from around the country

Introduction to National Security

Day Two Public Policy and Our Nation's Security

Learn about the variety of opportunities available to you from speakers in the diplomacy, intelligence, and defense fields. Explore the key components of establishing a national security strategy, then process how your leadership style might affect its implementation.

Group Meetings: National Security Strategy Lessons

Leadership & National Security

Defining National Security Strategy

Public Domain Exfiltration Case Study: FBI Hack of 2019

Focus on Careers

Launching Your Professional Network

Group Meetings: National Security Strategy Lessons

MyActionPath Career Assessment

Analyzing the 2021 Colonial Pipeline Hack

Diplomacy Plenary

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

Day Three Day of Exploration

Defense Site Experience

Visit The United States Naval Academy and get a firsthand look into the student experience. Learn about the academy's history, educational philosophy, and admissions process while touring the campus.

Intelligence Site Experience

Go undercover to explore the International Spy Museum's immersive digital missions to test your espionage skills. Explore the exhibits highlighting the history of spycraft including an exhibit featuring Jonna Mendez, the Forum's Opening Keynote speaker.

Group Meetings

- Introduction to National Security Crisis Simulation
- Presidential Election for Simulation
- Debriefing of Career Experiences

Day Four National Security in Action

National Security Crisis Simulation

Apply your newly gained knowledge and competencies in the National Security Crisis Simulation, where you'll collaborate and strategize with your peers to resolve true-to-life major national and international crises.

In your assigned role that plays to your strengths, you will need to manage competing interests and collaborate with your peers to meet true-to-life security challenges. You will need to draw upon skills such as communication, critical thinking, persuasion and responsible decision-making, as you work with your peers.

Cyber Security Speaking Event

Hear from experts in the field of cyber security who will answer questions and share insight on careers and opportunities of this in-demand field.

Day Five Day of Reflection and Remembrance

Closing Keynote Plenary: The Wounded Warrior Project

Challenges and Opportunities: The Human Impact of National Security

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 Looking Forward

Forum Debrief

Closing Ceremony: Path to New Beginnings

Departures

**This sample schedule of events is provided as an example of the overall quality and scope of the experience offered. The 2023 specific schedule, locations, and details may be modified.*