

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM:  
NATIONAL SECURITY  
Diplomacy, Intelligence & Defense**

***2024 Sample Schedule\****

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

Registration

Orientation and Introduction to Your Group

*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

Meet like-minded peers from around the country

Introduction to National Security

**Day Two Our Nation's Security**

Keynote Speaker

*Jonna Mendez, former Chief of Disguise for the CIA, shares her career journey and the various roles she 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 Meeting

National Security Strategy Lessons

MyActionPath Career Assessment

Focus on Careers

Launching Your Professional Network

Group Meetings: National Security Strategy Lessons

Analyzing the 2021 Colonial Pipeline Hack

Diplomacy Speaking Event

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

## **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**

### Keynote Speaker: 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, and National WWII Memorial

## **Day Six Day of Intelligence**

### Group Meeting

Leadership & National Security

Defining National Security Strategy

### Intelligence Speaking Event

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

## **Day Seven Day of Defense**

### National Security Crisis Simulation

*Assume the role of a diplomatic decision-maker and construct a plan to generate forward-thinking solutions to true-to-life crises situations.*

### Intelligence Speaking Event

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

### Group Meeting

Debrief Career Experiences

## **Day Eight 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 2024 specific schedule, locations, and details may be modified.*