



**NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER SCHOOL FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AND RESOURCE STRATEGY
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Dear Future Members of The Eisenhower School Class of 2027:

Congratulations on your selection to attend the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy – The Eisenhower School or ES for short! The confidence that your service, agency, nation, or company has in you and your future is indicated by their support of this ten-month-long academic program. It is our mission at the National Defense University (NDU) to prepare you for leadership at the strategic level of your respective organizations when you graduate next year.

Our institution has a distinguished past born out of necessity. Founded in 1924 as the Army Industrial College, the school is the first to focus on industrial mobilization for military purposes. This year, we will challenge you to leverage technological advances, integrate new strategic and operational concepts, identify and adapt to evolving global developments to channel the vitality and innovation of the Services, interagency, allies, and partners. We do this because the volatility and complexity of tomorrow requires well-educated senior leaders. As graduates of The Eisenhower School, you and your peers will be among those senior leaders.

My goal as your Dean of Students is to ensure that your experience in this graduate program is personally and professionally rewarding. Our curriculum is rigorous, but our faculty members are committed to ensuring that you receive an outstanding education. There are opportunities for you to compete in a variety of intramural athletics this year. The 2025 ES Tigers dominated NDU sports and the Class of 2026 is looking to do the same. We currently possess the coveted NDU President's Cup for athletic excellence. Finally, I hope to facilitate a communal environment within ES for you and your families over the next year.

You have an outsized opportunity to make this a remarkable and memorable year. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to the college as a student leader, athlete, or in one of our many additional activities. Although most of you will commute from Maryland or Virginia every day, I encourage you to find chances to include your family in our community. The university and college have social clubs and there are academic electives available for family members to enroll in on a space-available basis. Through our social events and holiday celebrations, you can form new lifelong friendships.

My family and I look forward to welcoming you all to The Eisenhower School as you embark on this rewarding personal and professional journey.

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