



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER SCHOOL FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AND RESOURCE STRATEGY
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ATTENTION OF:

Welcome Tigers of the Class of 2023!

Congratulations on your selection to attend the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy! With our integrated focus on strategic leadership, national security, economics, industry and acquisition, the Eisenhower School is truly unique. Your classmates include U.S. and international military officers, U.S. civilians from defense and non-defense agencies, and Private Sector Fellows from various corporations. There is no other institution like this.

As you make your way towards Fort McNair, please consider that you are about to embark on an intense year of learning and growing. The academic program is rigorous and will challenge you. Aside from the core curriculum, we offer a program rich in personal and professional development opportunities: The Health & Fitness Program offers individualized assessment and advice on personal fitness. The Athletic Program offers each student the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports. There are numerous electives offered, covering a broad range of topics and interests, as well as a range of student-sponsored social activities throughout the year, many of which are open to family members. I challenge you to make the most of your “Eisenhower School Experience” by being involved.

Your time here will be shaped during a pivotal time internationally for our nation and for our alliances, more complex and challenging than we have experienced in decades. The upcoming academic year provides the opportunity to test and strengthen your intellect, develop your communication skills, enhance your ability to think strategically, and prepare you for positions of much greater responsibility. You will receive full credit for the Joint Professional Military Education II (JPME II) for designation as a Joint Specialty Officer. Upon graduation, you will earn a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy.

The Eisenhower School’s schedule provides you the time to read, write, and reflect, but this will not be a “year off” as there will be many competing demands on your time. Beginning the first week of August, your course load will be unforgiving, so schedule your appointments for evenings and weekends. Managing your time wisely will enhance your success and personal satisfaction. To begin, please carefully review the information on the Eisenhower New Student website: [New Student Information \(ndu.edu\)](https://www.ndu.edu/new-student). Information will be populated as it becomes available. Ideally, classes will be in person and domestic and international travel are a part of the program, however we will be closely monitoring health trends and will take all necessary measures to ensure the health and safety of students and faculty. Your initial priority should be to get settled in the area before classes begin. If you have time and the desire to get a head start, you can read the Interim National Security Strategic Guidance and the National Defense Strategy. These will be required reading early in the program.

The Class of 2023 will have a unique opportunity to observe and experience the dynamics of change, as the conflict in Ukraine continues and relations with China evolve. You will be challenged while you are here, but as a graduate myself, I can confidently say you are in for a special year that will change your life. Welcome to the Eisenhower School!

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Dean of Students

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