

# National Security Innovation Student Teams

## National Security and Publicly Available Information Challenge

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**Sean Flynn** is a student at Holy Cross College and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. His current major and minor are in business and leadership management. While in the Marine Corps, Sean was combat deployed to Syria in the summer of 2019 as an Infantry Machine Gunner supporting the Joint Special Operations Task Force. He has held a leadership billet as a Vehicle Commander, in which he was in command of 5-Marine M2 heavy machine gun crew. He currently works as a groundskeeper at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course while taking summer courses. Sean is interested in pursuing a career in defense intelligence due to his military background or would go into the financial services sector. Outside of work and school, Sean enjoys playing golf in the summer, and snowboarding in the winter.



**Juliet Hare** is a rising Junior at the University of Notre Dame majoring in Political Science with supplementary majors in Global Affairs (Concentration in International Development Studies) and French and Francophone Studies. Her interest and passion for national security stems from her experiences as an Army ROTC Cadet, and an overarching desire to serve. Along with being a member of a variety of ROTC integrated clubs including ATLAS (service club), Sorin Rifle Team, and Irish Iron Fitness, she is an active member of her Class Council, organizing fundraising and charity events for the class of 2024. Additionally, Juliet is a current research assistant for a Notre Dame project, *Evaluating Efforts to Advance the Representation of Women on Local Boards and Commissions*.

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**Whytnie Miller** is a political science major who attends Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame Indiana. Whytnie is from Bourbon, Indiana, and enjoys outdoor activities and staying active. She is heavily involved in extracurricular activities including Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon, Composting Club, Resident Association, etc. She enjoys community service and helping others. Whytnie is also part of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at Notre Dame and intends to pursue a career in the Marine Corps. Her interests in the Marine Corps are widespread, but the Marine occupational specialty that interests her the most is public affairs. Public affairs officers manage international and joint public affairs, as well as being responsible for information pertaining to the Marine Corps. An officer in the Marine Corps is dependable, knowledgeable, and loyal regardless of MOS. Whytnie works hard to demonstrate these skills and traits and wants to work in a profession that encourages this behavior. Whytnie is always ready for a challenge and is excited about the opportunity that the National Security Innovation has provided.



**Kenzie Paul** is a rising junior in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business studying Finance and Anthropology. She has a strong interest in financial services, entrepreneurship, and advocacy. Kenzie grew up in a small southern Indiana town with a dream to attend the University of Notre Dame. Throughout high school, Kenzie dedicated her time to her schoolwork, volunteerism, and limb different advocacy. She founded and continues to lead an organization dedicated to providing children free access to 3D-printed prosthetic devices. Kenzie is a recipient of Indiana's four-year, full-tuition Lilly Endowment Scholarship and aims to create limb difference awareness as she continues her journey at Notre Dame. On campus, Kenzie is an officer in several clubs, including Access-Able, Enable, and Undergraduate Women in Business. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, baking, and traveling.

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**Robert Spence** is a rising Notre Dame sophomore from the Washington, D.C. area. He is currently pursuing architecture, although other potential academic focuses include political science and philosophy. His role in the National Security Innovation Program is to be a group member working on one of the national security challenges. Outside of education, Robert enjoys American fiction, drawing, and music writing/production.