2020 IMPACT REPORT

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Thank you for your support of Girl Security in 2020 — a most trying and devastating year for so many. As we look back on 2020 and all we accomplished, I am both humbled and inspired by the generosity of our community — a generosity of interest in serving one’s country, of sharing one’s life experience to nurture a burgeoning interest in national security, of giving one’s time to foster a career with purpose, and of the financial support that makes the work we do possible.

This inaugural report aims to provide a snapshot of our programming, reach, and impact in 2020. Thanks to the support and partnership of our extended community, Girl Security was able to be nimble, adapt to the changing circumstances to be 100% virtual, and make an even greater impact on the lives of thousands of girls and young women across the nation. From the pandemic to economic crises, to continued social injustice and the spread of disinformation, the challenges of 2020 laid bare just how critical our work is to forge equity in national security, a powerful political realm in which women and other marginalized groups have too long been underrepresented despite their contributions.

I extend my gratitude to our program participants, mentors, supporters, partners, board and staff, and other friends for being a part of Girl Security. Together, we are forging equity in national security by providing accessible learning, college-to-career training, and mentoring - building a more secure world for us all.

- LAUREN BUitta, FOUNDER & CEO
**NUMBERS**

- **398** Mentee matches to date
- **110** in 2020
- **3 NEW SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS LAUNCHED**
- **6,500+ TOTAL COMBINED FOLLOWERS**

Website traffic more than doubled from previous year with **25,000 UNIQUE WEBSITE VISITORS**

- **1,500+ PARTICIPANTS** in 2020 Girl Security Programming
- We started an e-newsletter and gained over **1,200 NEW SUBSCRIBERS**
The Girl Security Scholars program - a pilot apprentice-like program - provided an opportunity for Girl Security to serve the needs and demands of future national security leaders - girls and young women at the high school level - through college-to-career training, leadership and professional development opportunities, and mentoring. One of our scholars received Special Recognition in the Janne Nolan Prize for Best Article on National Security for her paper on bio-defense.

A multi-generational effort among Girl Security experts, mentors, and mentees (high school-aged students) to create a curriculum on disinformation and related topics, including:

- the role of identity in disinformation
- types of disinformation
- actors and tactics used by those wielding disinformation

This guide included a balance of national security, civics & cybersecurity competencies, learning goals and essential questions, and interactive games, creative exercises & resources.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**
- PODCASTS hosted by CSIS
- PAPER AWARDED to a scholar for an essay pursuant to her Scholar’s Commitment
- INTERNSHIPS at Google & U.S. Department of Defense
When you give to Girl Security, you support a shared vision of forging equity in national security.

Thank you for making a difference!

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