

**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**



**MEDIA**



**PROGRAMS**



**PATRONS**



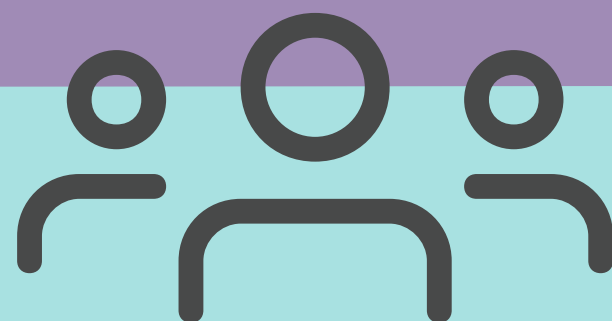
# NUMBERS

**398**

MENTEE  
MATCHES  
TO DATE

**110**

IN 2020



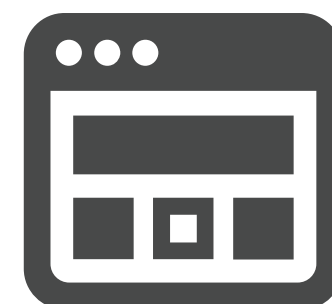
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NEW SOCIAL MEDIA  
PLATFORMS LAUNCHED



**6,500+**

TOTAL COMBINED  
FOLLOWERS



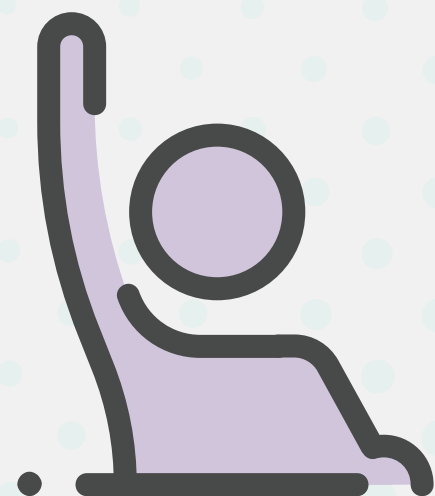
Website traffic more than doubled  
from previous year with

**25,000 UNIQUE WEBSITE VISITORS**



We started an  
e-newsletter and gained over

**1,200 NEW SUBSCRIBERS**



**1,500+**

PARTICIPANTS

in 2020 Girl Security Programming



# MEDIA

## EMPOWERING GIRLS IN NATIONAL SECURITY

JUNE 27, 2019 | Lauren Bean Buitta | [READ ONLINE](#)



## Women In National Security Push To Move Beyond 'The First' And 'The Only'

JULY 6, 2019 | Hannah Allam | [READ ONLINE](#)



## Increasing Women's Participation in National Security Begins by Talking with Girls

MAY 29, 2020 | Erin Connolly | [READ ONLINE](#)



## I Run War Games. Too Often, I Am the Only Woman in the Room.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 | Becca Wasser | [READ ONLINE](#)



## Inclusion and Participation are Not Enough: Reshaping Institutions through WPS

NOVEMBER 16, 2020 | Lauren Bean Buitta and Erin Connolly | [READ ONLINE](#)



## Building a more secure nation starts with girls of color

OCTOBER 27, 2020 | Camille Stewart and Lauren Bean Buitta | [READ ONLINE](#)



## This group is training the next generation of national security leaders

NOVEMBER 24, 2020 | [WATCH ONLINE](#)



## Increasing women's participation in national security begins by talking with girls

MAY 13, 2020 | Lauren Bean Buitta and Erin Connolly | [READ ONLINE](#)



## BATTLING A NEW ERA OF DISEMPOWERMENT:

*As a nation, we will never be secure if we don't value girls' security.*

MARCH 9, 2020 | Lauren Bean Buitta | [READ ONLINE](#)





# PROGRAMS

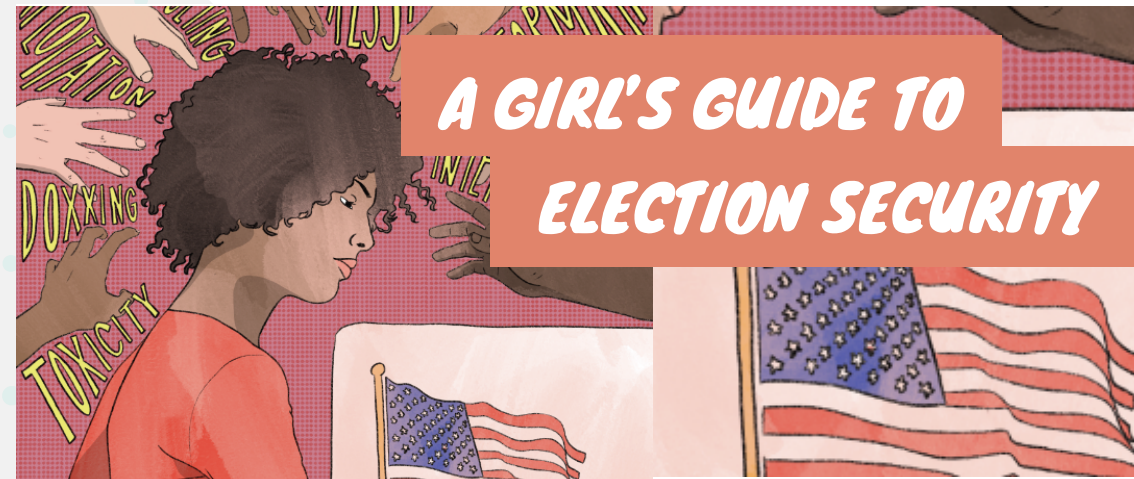
## DEFEND YOUR REALITY

A Girl Security Public Service Campaign on Disinformation

[girlsecurity.org/disinfo](https://girlsecurity.org/disinfo)

Girl Security expanded programming on disinformation to include workshops and a public service campaign to provide girls with learning and tools to **handle disinformation: Navigate, Identify, and Report.**

 **2,000+ VISITORS TO THE PAGE**



[girlsecurity.org/girlsguide](https://girlsecurity.org/girlsguide)

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.




## 2020 GIRL SECURITY SCHOLARS



[girlsecurity.org/scholars](https://girlsecurity.org/scholars)

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.

### 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



## ***PATRONS***

When you give to Girl Security,  
you support a shared vision of  
**forging equity in national security.**

***THANK YOU FOR  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE!***

Girl Security is grateful for everyone who supported its work in 2020 and extends special thanks to the organizations and patrons who made leadership gifts of \$1,000 or more.

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William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

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Craig Newmark Philanthropies

Stacie Pettyjohn

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