



Lieutenant Lauren M. Hickey

United States Navy
Military Mentor

Lt. Lauren Hickey is a native of Finksburg, Maryland and graduated at the top of her class from Westminster High School. Lauren was active in several sports teams and clubs, including student government, most notably serving as the Student Member on the Carroll County Board of Education representing 9,000 k-12 students. She served as a U.S. Senate Page for Sen. Ben Cardin (MD), a page for the Maryland House of Delegates, and interned for U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (MD). She was awarded the American Museum of Natural History's 'Young Naturalist' Award for her research on Maryland Blue Crabs, was named an Alexander Hamilton Scholar for her leadership and service, and appeared in *Time Magazine* as one of 'Tomorrow 25' future leaders.



Upon graduating high school, Lauren worked as a National Park Ranger in New York City and attended American University in Washington, DC, but transferred to the United States Naval Academy (USNA) due to her desire to serve her country. Lauren felt a strong sense of service to her country, and was drawn to the service and leadership opportunities at the Naval Academy. At USNA, Lauren studied political science and Russian. She served as a Brigade Honor Investigations Officer and served on the Brigade Honor Board. She interned at the Pentagon at the Navy Energy Coordination Office, and studied Polish at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. Lauren competed on the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team. She was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, and graduated with honors from the Naval Academy. She completed her Master of Business Administration at the University of Arizona Eller College of Management.

Lauren commissioned as a naval intelligence officer in 2015. Her first assignment was at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where she served as a Southeast Asia Watch Officer, and Southeast Asia team chief. Lauren was selected to serve as the INDOPACOM Embed in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, where she worked at U.S. Embassy Manila and was responsible for building and sustaining the long-term relationship of the U.S. and Philippines intelligence communities. She was awarded a Joint Service Commendation Medal for her efforts. She currently serves as an intelligence officer at Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron One at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington where she served as an assistant officer-in-charge for multiple combat reconnaissance aircrews during five deployments to Asia, Latin America, Europe, and the Middle East in response to international crises and named military operations. She also serves as the intelligence division officer and command legal officer. Her next assignment is at the U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa Command Headquarters in Naples, Italy.

Lauren serves on the Alumni Board and as an active mentor for the Alexander Hamilton Scholars Program, a five-year empowerment program for underserved high school students. She is a Truman National Security Project Defense Council member, Pacific Forum Young Leader, Service to School Ambassador, Young Professionals in Foreign Policy member, and is a contributing writer and editor for the *Sea State* newsletter. She enjoys scuba diving, skiing, sailing, and hiking with her husband. Lauren was unaware of the United States Senate Youth Program in high school, but had similar experiences as a U.S. Senate Page where she witnessed the inner workings of government service as a high school junior, which was formative in her desire to serve as a military officer. Her diverse background in both government and military service as well involvement in high school leadership programs has fomented her desire to serve as a military mentor, and makes her uniquely suited to serve as a mentor for the United States Senate Youth Program.