



**U.S. STUDENTS MEET WITH NATO LEADERS ON THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE
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The Atlantic Council of the United States, in association with the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA), announces the convening of the Istanbul Pan-Atlantic Student Summit (I-PASS) on June 26-30, 2004. I-PASS will be held in conjunction with the Istanbul NATO summit. At the conference, more than 185 university students from 37 Alliance and Partnership for Peace countries will meet with Alliance leaders to discuss the future of NATO and the challenges facing the transatlantic partnership. Confirmed speakers include U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The student summit will also expose the next generation of Alliance leaders to the forces that will shape the security environment in which they will live through a model NATO simulation. I-PASS is organized in cooperation with the NATO Public Diplomacy Division of NATO headquarters.

Interviews with I-PASS participants will be available on Monday, June 28 from 11:00 to 11:45 at the Istanbul Military Museum, following their meetings with Alliance and Partner leaders [schedule subject to change]. Journalists must have NATO accreditation. Student commentary before and after the summit can be arranged by contacting the Atlantic Council of the United States. The following U.S. students will be participating:

Paul Broadwell, Master's Candidate, University of Denver
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Jeffrey Glick, Bachelor's Candidate, United States Military Academy
Marcus Morgan, Bachelor's Candidate, United States Military Academy
Scott Murphy, Bachelor's Candidate, United States Naval Academy
Frank Munster, Bachelor's Candidate, Muskegon Community College
Sally Netter, Bachelor's Candidate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Michael Polyak, Bachelor's Candidate, Michigan State University
Diana Wueger, Bachelor's Candidate, Oberlin College

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