

Young Israeli Emissary 2019 Visit

Attached is the group picture from those that were able to stay to the end.

On 01 MAR 2019 approximately 40 cadets from all MS levels hosted the Israeli Young Emissary Program. I made contact with the program director, Ms. Sharon Conway during her visit to UCONN conducting a similar event. The Israeli Young Emissary Program brought nine recent high school graduates who are visiting the United States during their "gap year", a year taken off before compulsory military service. This gap year is often spent giving back to Jewish communities or, as in this case, informing others of the differences between their military and general way of life.

The cadets received a 30 minute presentation that covered Israeli history, culture, military and current events then broke up into four different groups. The small groups allowed the cadets to ask questions and interact more with the young emissaries. Many of their questions regarded military differences as some of them have already completed AIT equivalent training or have completed their military tests. It was a great discussion overall and I was very pleased with the intelligent questions our cadets asked regarding policy and cultural related questions.

My plan is to continue with this event in future years. Their emissaries will change each year so it makes the most sense to align them with MS1s. This event was open to UNH but since it was new there was no outside participation this year. I expect that will change if we continue to find value in the event.

Respectfully,
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