

Gina Ortiz Jones

27th Under Secretary of the Air Force; Barrier-Breaking Public Servant and Military Leader

How Servant Leaders Empower Teams and Drive Results. In this dynamic keynote, the Honorable Gina Ortiz Jones will delve into her remarkable journey, sharing personal anecdotes and professional milestones that have shaped her into the influential leader she is today. She points to her unique experiences as a political and military leader, including her service as the Under Secretary of the Air Force, to highlight the critical role of strategic thinking, adaptability, empathy, and resilience when navigating teams through complex and rapidly changing environments. Jones offers a firsthand glimpse into the challenges and triumphs of high-stakes decision-making, while also emphasizing the importance of fostering a culture of inclusivity, diversity, and collaboration, as well as how these components spark more innovative teams that create improved outcomes.

Connecting the Dots on Today's Current Events. With her unique insights into national and global affairs, former Under Secretary of the Air Force and veteran of the Intelligence Community Gina Ortiz Jones offers unparalleled insights into the complex challenges shaping our world today. In this highly engaging and informative session, she walks audiences through the most pressing issues in politics, geopolitics, national security, economic matters, and the social factors that are evolving business and local, national, and global dynamics. Relating back to her own experiences as a public servant formulating responses to critical global events, Jones shares practical approaches for how leaders can sharpen their analysis of current events, make informed predictions on adapting their organizations, and devise strategies to address emerging challenges.

The Interconnected Realities of National & Economic Security. A respected public servant who served as the 27th Under Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Gina Ortiz Jones helps audiences unravel the compelling interplay between the critical pillars of national and economic security, and sheds light on their profound impact on the global landscape. In this keynote, she walks groups through the complex terrain where national and economic security converge — highlighting how national security imperatives and economic interests are connected in an era of heightened interdependence, and connecting them back to the interests of organizations and their specific industries. This keynote addresses the strategic considerations that leaders must embrace to ensure a delicate balance between advancing security while also promoting economic growth. Jones explores how foreign affairs, trade dynamics, technological advancements, and policy decisions can influence both domains and present opportunities for innovative solutions.

Global Dynamics Decoded: Insider Insights on Foreign Policy & International Affairs. The Honorable Gina Ortiz Jones' extensive experience in intelligence, strategic analysis, and high-level government roles uniquely positions her to provide an insider's perspective on today's top issues in foreign policy and current affairs. Sharing a clear and digestible overview of what's going on in the world of global diplomacy, Jones sheds light on the evolving relationships between various nations, the delicate balance of power, and the conflicts that have influenced the lines of the contemporary international landscape. Through Jones' compelling storytelling and real-world examples, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the pivotal role that foreign policy plays in shaping alliances, resolving conflicts, and advancing shared goals across borders, as well as the potential for global issues to hit closer to home within their own organizations and communities.

Breaking Barriers, Fostering Inclusion: The Benefits of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility. When the Honorable Gina Ortiz Jones was nominated by President Joe Biden and unanimously covered by the U.S. Senate to serve as the 27th Under Secretary of the Air Force, she made history twice over as the first woman of color and the first out lesbian to serve as the Under Secretary of any military department. It was a remarkable feat for someone whose military service began during the now repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" era. Known for being a change agent who spearheaded countless forward-thinking personnel approaches aimed at reducing inequities during her tenure in the Department of Defense, Jones leads an eye-opening discussion on the tangible benefits of embracing the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility as a leader. She reveals how DEIA is a strategic advantage that can lead to improved decision-making, enhanced creativity, greater trust within organizations, and increased organizational effectiveness. Jones also shares real-life examples of strategies she has utilized to further DEIA within the organizations she has led, and how today's leaders can play their part in creating a more inclusive and equitable future.