

Please review the topics selected for the Teen Summit discussion:

1. How does the media portrayal of teens affect the teen experience (e.g., *Euphoria, Grand Army*, etc.)? – Topic Leader: NAS State President Arianna Jones

The teenage/adolescent experience is a very popular topic in the media with shows like *Euphoria*, *Grand Army* and *All American* being number 1 shows in the nation. However, the representations of teen life shown in these shows are often caricatures of actual events, which makes the shows more interesting and helps boost television ratings. But teens are still watching, especially younger teens who haven't been to high school yet. So how will this affect their teen experience 3-5 years down the line, and how is it currently affecting ours?

- Do you think the extreme experiences portrayed/expectations will cause youth to grow up too fast and expect too much from high school, do you think they realize that it's just a TV show, or do you think it's a mix of both?
- What behaviors in these shows are actually realistic and which are not ?
- If you were to make an accurate TV show based on teen life, how would it look?
- 2. How has the Internet filtered out youth views on society, and what affect does social media have on students in school post-pandemic? Topic Leaders: NAS State Vice President Savanah Lares + NAS Palm Beach President Kenneth Prochette

The media has had quite the effect on our culture, especially on the younger generations. Some people's lives revolve around the media, and this, as a result, has changed our society. In our discussion we will look at what exactly has changed in the past couple of years since COVID, and how the media has changed our lives forever. Social media can, for example, show youth biased views on the world through a screen. School is a place where views can be cultivated, and people can grow. When these combine, this can cause great change. Let's discuss our views and look at the world from a different angle.

- How has the media filtered out (youth) views on society?
- What are the effects of social media on school perceptions, views, and performance?
- How can we bounce back from these media effects?
- 3. Should we be enforcing more COVID-19 safety protocols? ? Topic Leader: NAS Santa Fe College President Danae Ferguson

As the rate of positive COVID-19 cases rises, we have begun to transition back to a normal social life. Simultaneously, our hospitals are overwhelmed, and people are out sick more than ever. Considering the health of ourselves, family, and peers, many are starting to wonder if going back in person was the best idea. On the other hand, people don't want to miss any more experiences than they have in the last two years, and are fed up with social distancing. Do you think we should be enforcing more COVID-19 protocols?

- In what ways has COVID-19 impacted you socially, emotionally, physically, etc.?
- Do you think the current COVID protocols at your school or institution benefit you?
- Do you think we should be enforcing more COVID-19 protocols? If so, how?