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**GIRLS ACTION NETWORK FOUNDER SPEAKS ON LEADERSHIP PANEL
COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT ARMY EXPERIENCE CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA – On Friday, March 19, Girls Action Network® (GAN) Founder, **Elisa Basnight**, spoke as part of the **Senior Leadership Forum** held at the **Army Experience Center (AEC)** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in celebration of the many contributions made by women in public service, the Army and our communities. The featured speakers and honored guests engaged in a conversation about the importance of public service, the path to leadership and the contributions of women in society and the military.

The event's other speakers were: **Brigadier General Rhonda Cornum**, Ph.D., M.D., Director, Comprehensive Soldier Fitness HQDA, DCS G-3/5/7; Army Flight Surgeon; Combat Veteran; Former Prisoner of War; **Command Sergeant Major Janis Doss**, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge, Mid-Atlantic Recruiting Battalion and **Lisa Parlade**, a City Year Corps Member.

The leadership forum was moderated by **Ms. Varsovia Fernandez**, President & CEO, Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Approximately 150 people attended this event with student participants from the following high schools attending: (1) **Abraham Lincoln High School**; (2) **Charles Carroll High School**; (3) **Frankford High School**; (4) **Excel Academy** and (5) **Saul High School**.

GAN is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping girls ages 13 and up—with special emphasis on those from underserved communities—become the best they can be. Through participation in innovative learning experiences, self-awareness assessments, educational activities and mentoring, GAN encourages girls to shatter the stereotypes that limit their career options and enables them to explore their opportunities and guide their own direction toward vocational and personal success.

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