

# ★ DAKOTA DEFENSE ALLIANCE ★

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THREE ND COLLEGE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR DRS TECHNOLOGIES INTERNSHIPS

*"We are particularly excited to work with DRS given that North Dakota native; LTG(R) Jerry Sinn from Garrison, North Dakota is at the helm serving as President of the Tactical Systems Group" ~Kristin Hedger, Executive Director of DDA.*

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## DDA HELPS ND STUDENTS GET HIGH-RATED INTERNSHIP POSITIONS

The DDA held a public forum in February to announce an opportunity for ND college students in the Engineering Program to apply for a paid internship at one of the many DRS Technologies locations.

DRS Technologies, Inc. headquartered in Parsippany, NJ is a leading supplier of integrated products, services and support to military forces. The company typically offers over 20 internships each year. This year the Tactical Systems Group of DRS has awarded three positions to ND college students through the Dakota Defense Alliance. DRS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Finmeccanica S.p.A., which employs more than 73,000 people worldwide. As one of the fastest growing defense contractors in the world, DRS Technologies, Inc. will be quite beneficial in providing work experience for college students here in ND. To find out more visit them on the web at [www.drs.com](http://www.drs.com).

Two students from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks were selected; Crystal Kelly, a junior studying Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and Shane Dutton, also studying Mechanical Engineering. Jameson Bickert, a sophomore studying Electrical Engineering at North Dakota State University in Fargo was chosen as well.

These student interns will be working through the summer months at a location in Melbourne, Florida where they will have the opportunity to work in an area of engineering environment alongside some of the smartest people in the industry. DRS will provide travel to and from Melbourne, and housing accommodations for their time there.

"I have been in contact with the three selected applicants from the beginning and I can tell you that DRS Technologies has made the right choice. These three students have the education, honors, and goals to perform very well in these positions," said NeTia Richards, Program Management Assistant with the DDA.

### **About the Dakota Defense Alliance**

With 30 members ranging from high-tech manufacturing, information technology, program management, business administration as well as several other areas the DDA hopes to reach out and create more awareness of the opportunities that businesses as well as students have right here in North Dakota. The DDA helps small and medium-sized businesses network with prime contractors to gain more opportunity, create more jobs and to stimulate our economy. The DDA also works with several economic development corporations to stimulate growth in rural areas as well as assist in the development of worthy programs in the Educational system. To find out more information visit [www.dakotadefensealliance.com](http://www.dakotadefensealliance.com).

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