



## NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL Alumni Association & Foundation

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### NPS Students are Changing how the DoD Conducts Research

The Naval Postgraduate School Foundation is working to realize the vision of NPS students, with the support of Karen and Rick Hargrove and our corporate partners, by developing a collaborative research tool that will change the way the Department of Defense addresses challenges.

*Athena* will enable NPS students and faculty and, eventually, the broader DoD to discover existing, ongoing, and planned research. This ability will facilitate collaboration across our defense system and improve efficiency in solving the most challenging issues facing the Department of Defense. In the words of U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. David Forbell, "[Athena] brings research demand and the research supply together."



The Athena Design Challenge, also supported by NPSF, brought together NPS students and faculty with facilitators from the Center for Adaptive Warfighting to brainstorm how to develop the collaborative research tool further. [Read more.](#)

**"ATHENA HAS TRUE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE THE WAY WE  
DO BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY."**

Marine Corps Capt. Ben Cohen  
NPS Student

## Alumni Updates



Congratulations to the newly confirmed administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Deanne Criswell. She is an alumnus of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School and will be the first woman to lead FEMA since its establishment in 1979. [Read more.](#)

NPS alumnus and current permanent military professor (PMP) Cmdr. Thor Martinsen\* will travel to the University of Bergen (UiB) in Norway for the 2021-2022 academic year as a Fulbright Scholar. He will collaborate with UiB faculty and research the properties of Boolean functions used in cryptographic algorithms. Martinsen is the first NPS PMP to earn the distinction as a Fulbright Scholar. [Read more.](#)





NPS Distinguished Alumnus Vice Adm. Jon A. Hill presented "Missile Defense and Technology Warriors," the latest in the Naval Postgraduate School's Virtual SECNAV Guest Lecture Series. Now Commander of the U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Hill discussed the role of emerging technologies and technologists in protecting the United States, our forward deployed forces, and our friends and allies from hostile missile attacks. Watch the lecture [here](#).

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## Naval Postgraduate School Updates

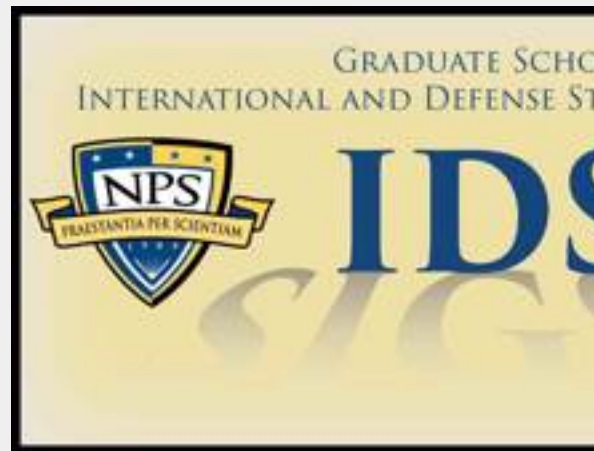


The Naval Postgraduate School welcomed its 16th Provost last month. Dr. Scott Gartner returns to NPS from Penn State University, where he served as director of the Penn State School of International Affairs and was Professor of International Affairs, Law, Engineering Systems and Political Science. A tenured faculty member in Defense Analysis, Gartner will continue to research and publish on national security and hopes to return to the classroom after settling into his new role. [Read more.](#)



NPS has established a Climate and Security Network to connect faculty and students in the Meteorology and Oceanography departments, the Energy Academic Group, the Center for Infrastructure Defense, and others engaged in climate and security issues, to provide opportunities for interdisciplinary learning and problem-solving. [Read more.](#)

Mr. Joseph Bryan, Senior Advisor on Climate to the U.S. Secretary of Defense, offers NPS' latest Virtual SECNAV Guest Lecture (SGL), speaking on the topic, "The Security Implications of Climate Change." [View Now.](#)



On April 1st, the NPS Graduate School of International Graduate Studies (SIGS) officially changed its name to the Graduate School of International and Defense Studies (IDS). Made up of the National Security Affairs Department, the International Graduate Programs Office, the Institute for Security Cooperation Support, and the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, the new name "reflects a more accurate title for the school whose mission is to provide for the research and education needs for military officers of our allies and partners," according to Provost Scott Gartner. [Read more.](#)

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## The 2021 America's Heroes Charity Golf Tournament





The 2021 America's Heroes Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, October 19. Individual and foursome registration is now open. Both corporate and individual sponsorship are available. [Register Here.](#)

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**A reminder for students who have arrived at NPS since March 2020:** Stop by the foundation cottage to pick up a Trident Room mug as our welcome gift to you. Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



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