

**NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY STUDENT SELECTED INTO NASA'S FIRST  
STUDENT AMBASSADORS VIRTUAL COMMUNITY**

Omaha, NE (June 3, 2009) – Andrew Kelley, a senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was selected from hundreds of exceptional NASA interns across the country into NASA's pilot Student Ambassador Program and Virtual Community. This program is intended to engage undergraduate and graduate students in NASA science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, research and interactive opportunities. NASA has inducted more than 80 high-performing interns into this new program. This first group includes interns from 35 states and 64 different universities.

Students were nominated by NASA managers and mentors from the hundreds of current interns and fellows across the agency. NASA, including the Nebraska Space Grant, provides internships that are among the most exciting research and education opportunities available to college students. This new online initiative further recognizes exceptional students.

Kelley, who is majoring in Mechanical Engineering, worked at Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company in Denver, CO, in the summer of 2007 as a NASA Nebraska Space Grant student intern. He also participated in NASA's Undergraduate Student Research Program at Kennedy Space Center in the summer of 2008, and will participate in this program again in the Summer of 2009. During Spring 2009 semester, he led a team for the CanSat design competition, and he is also a member of UNL's Microgravity University team. Both of these projects are sponsored by the NASA Nebraska Space Grant.

For more information about the NASA Student Ambassadors Virtual Community visit:  
<http://intern.nasa.gov>.

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