

Nikki, Engineer

Location: Virginia

Joined BAE Systems: 2006

My current role at BAE Systems

I currently work as a software engineer.

My background and experience

I was accepted into the *Engineering Leadership Development Program* after receiving my undergraduate and graduate degrees in computer science. This program gave me the opportunity to see different sides of the business through rotational assignments in software, testing, and systems engineering.

Since then, I have had the opportunity to develop proposals, present plans for new business, interact with customers, and work for the Performance Excellence team gathering and reporting business metrics and delivering a communication campaign. Being introduced to projects in different business areas has allowed me to learn the ins and outs of the company and has improved my networking skills.

Since I joined BAE Systems, I have had many opportunities both in and outside of my field. I took several writing and motivational leadership courses, worked on projects involving electromagnetic interference and digital design, and served as a manager of Performance Excellence (seeing a mountaintop view of my company), and more!

What excites you about your job?

A great thing about my job is that I really use things I learned in school, every day. The same things that drew me to BAE Systems still excite me today – technology, opportunities, and exposure. My position allows me to support the development of real-world solutions and gain the professional experience I seek by participating in training programs and groups like Women in Leadership and the Engineering Leadership Development Program.

At different levels, sites, and business functions, I have had the opportunity to interface with a great number of employees. Throughout my tenure, I have met and worked with great people from San Diego to New Hampshire, and the relationships and experiences I have gained here at BAE Systems are irreplaceable.