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Kirsten Dreggors is a Vice President of Engineering in the Aeronautics Systems sector and leader of the Manned Aircraft Design Center of Excellence (MAD CoE) at Northrop Grumman, a premier provider of military aircraft, autonomous systems, aerospace structures and next-generation solutions critical to our nation's security.

In this role, she leads more than 2,600 engineers on E-2D Advanced Hawkeye, Joint STARS, Airborne Laser Mine Detection System and restricted programs. She also leads more than 5,000 employees at the Melbourne, Florida site, overseeing the continuing growth of staff and facilities.

Previously, Dreggors was the director of Vehicle Engineering responsible for leadership of the MAD CoE vehicle engineering organization and the Vehicle Engineering Community of Practice for the sector.

Prior to leading the Vehicle Engineering organization, Dreggors was the Mission Systems Integrated Product Team Lead for Firebird and responsible for leading the engineering development, design, integration, and test of the mission management system, communication/datalink systems and payloads on Firebird.

Dreggors joined Northrop Grumman as a Systems Engineer in 1997 supporting Joint STARS. Since then, she has held positions of increasing responsibility within Vehicle Engineering on a variety of programs including Joint STARS, E-10A, Global Hawk, F-35, Fire Scout, Firebird and numerous development projects. Dreggors has contributed to the success of manned and unmanned platforms at all phases of the program life cycle from conceptual design to program capture, through various stages of development and integration, and into sustainment.

Dreggors currently serves on the Florida Institute of Technology's board of trustees and the Space Coast Economic Development Commission's board of directors. She has also been featured in "Flight Paths to Success", a book sharing career insights from successful women in academia and the aerospace industry.

Dreggors earned a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Central Florida. She is a graduate of the Northrop Grumman Corporate Engineering Council mentoring program, Women in Leadership program, and the Lead1NG program. She also serves as executive sponsor for Northrop Grumman's WEConnect program to help launch the careers of women engineers.

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