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**NATCHITOCHEES** – Northwestern State University has sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Md.

The Defense Information School (DINFOS) trains public affairs and visual information personnel for the U.S. Department of Defense. Personnel who complete DINFOS training serve the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. International students and civilians also go through training at the Defense Information School.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding, DINFOS will make personnel aware of Northwestern's online degree program in journalism.

“Given my service as an Army public affairs officer, I was well aware of the excellent academic and skills training DINFOS graduates have received,” said Dr. Paula Furr, head of the Department of Journalism at Northwestern. “It’s an honor to be associated with such a fine institution as DINFOS, and NSU is proud that it can support service members seeking to further their education while remaining on active duty.”

Furr pointed out Northwestern's leadership role in distance learning and educating nontraditional adults helped in securing the agreement.

“NSU has a long tradition as a military friendly institution and has a satellite campus at Ft. Polk and offers classes at Barksdale Air Force Base,” said Furr. “With the newly approved journalism program being offered online and the department's participation as a CALL program, it all seemed a natural fit to seek an agreement with DINFOS.”