



## **Announcing the NAHR Graduate Student Scholarship Winner for 2017 – Burgandy Mallinger from the University of Minnesota at Duluth.**

**Burgandy Mallinger** is a full-time student earning her Master's in Human Resources and Industrial Relations at the University of Minnesota at Duluth (UMD), Carlson School of Management. She has earned scholarships from her university, was selected for the UMD Award for Human Resource Commitment, is on the Dean's List for Academic Excellence and was an invited speaker at the SHRM Foundation Scholarship Dinner in 2016. She served as president of the UMD student chapter 2015-2017, where she previously served as merit award director and membership chair. Under her leadership, meeting attendance tripled and a new club brand was created. They made program changes to incorporate influential speakers biweekly and interactive personal development activities in alternate weeks. Their new brand, "the people you want to know", allowed SHRM student members to help other non-HR students with interview and resume tips. Burgandy completed an HR internship at Daikin Applied and currently works as a Talent Acquisition Coordinator at Polaris Industries in Medina, Minnesota. Burgandy is unique in that she knew early in her education that she wanted to devote herself to helping others through a career in human resources. She adds value to every organization to which she belongs.

One of her supervisors writes, "Burgandy was an asset from the very start. She took on more responsibility than any other intern and wasn't afraid to bring forth her ideas. Burgandy brought a unique balance of deep respect for her team members, yet had the confidence to give advice to employees and supervisors, especially for making hiring decisions.

During her short time at Lake Superior Consulting she helped recruit several key employees, which was critical for engineering projects to be successful." After graduation with an advanced degree, she looks forward to pursuing a senior leadership position in human resources.