home in North Little Rock, Ark., with next to nothing and a limited support system. He is a Persian Gulf War Operation Desert Storm veteran and was an ER doctor for 30 years. His hard work ensured my sisters and I were provided every opportunity a kid could ever ask for, and I am always motivated to not squander that privilege.

If you had a theme song, what would it be? "Centerfield" by John Fogerty. This fall, I am juggling professional demands, coaching my 8-year-old daughter's softball team, and my 5-year-old son is taking up baseball for the first time. "Put me in coach/ I'm ready to play" amps me up in both facets of my life.

## **Kyle Hartig**

Hartig helps lead the \$26.4 million NNSA Consortium for Nuclear Forensics, connecting 16 universities and 7 labs to train future national security experts. His innovative reactor-sharing and VR platforms expand hands-on access, earning top honors from ANS and the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management. At UF he secured a Reactor Sharing Program grant that opened the UF Training Reactor not only to minority-serving institutions but also to students from other

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Florida campuses, shaping the next generation of nuclear security leaders.

When did you first "discover nuclear"? With my dad at Diablo Canyon and experience as a navy submarine reactor operator, nuclear was part of my upbringing.

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