

An Engineer's Dream Trip to the US Grand Prix

The 2016 INFINITI Engineering Academy US winner, Caitlin Bunt, got her engineering career off to the perfect start with an engineer's dream trip to the US Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

As guests of INFINITI and their Technical Partner, the Renault Sport Formula One™ Team, Caitlin, and the 2015 Academy US winner, Alex Allmandinger, enjoyed unparalleled access to the engineering masterclass that is Formula One™.

As the Academy's new US ambassador, Caitlin received her first taste of what the benchmark technical activation in Formula One can offer, including one-to-one time with Renault Sport Formula One Team's F1 Technology Director and judging panellist of the European Regional Final, Bob Bell, an extensive tour of the team's pit-lane garage and inspection of the R.S.16 challenger.

Caitlin commented on the trip: "What an incredible few days with INFINITI and the Renault Sport Formula One Team. We had a packed schedule, but certainly one of my highlights was speaking with Bob Bell. Bob and I spoke about the challenges facing engineers in the sport. To gain insights from an engineer of Bob's experience and reputation was invaluable for me.

"Also, meeting INFINITI's media guests and telling them my story was exciting; reminding me that the Academy is about to transport me from university studies to engineering road and race cars at two leading global companies. Oh, and I got up close to the R.S.16 race car. The intricacy of the bespoke pieces was fascinating, something I had only ever been able to observe from a distance. I can't wait to delve deeper into these stunning machines.

"Additionally, I had the pleasure of meeting Tommaso Volpe, Global Motorsport Director at INFINITI. While discussing the technical merits of the partnership between INFINITI and the Renault Sport Formula One Team, his words about the deep history of the race team at Enstone resonated with me on an emotional level. I am incredibly honoured to be working with such a passionate team. I look forward to learning more about the rich history of both companies. I can't wait to get started!"

Caitlin begins her INFINITI Engineering Academy placement in November.