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Safety and security campaign • Tank recycling • Storm preparation • LANL collaboration



**Dennis Carr**  
SRNS President and CEO

**On the cover**

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# Welcome

to the January 2025 edition of

# SRNS Today

As we step into this new year, our team has remained committed to the legacy established 75 years ago.

This January began our year-long celebration of 75 years of the Savannah River Site serving the nation. Throughout the year, employees will have the opportunity to engage with one another through initiatives such as the Snap SRS photography competition and SRS Family Days.

We also hosted the Acting NNSA Administrator, Teresa Robbins, as she shared strategic insights, participated in the Site Tour, and shared more on the NNSA's Enterprise Blueprint, which outlines a 25-year plan to modernize its infrastructure.

The Air Force Global Strike Command Intern Program also participated in a tour of the Site, where they were briefed on our missions and given the tools to help them in our shared mission of nuclear defense.

Teams at SRNS have restored six industrial Packing-2 tanks, which saves costs and assists in carrying out activities in H Canyon.

Twenty hunters enjoyed a day of hunting during our 24th annual SRS Deer Hunt for mobility impaired, wounded veterans and youth hunters. This opportunity to give back to our nation's amazing heroes was assisted by SRS employees who escorted the hunters across the area.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to supporting our missions and community. Please enjoy this month's issue of SRNS Today.



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# Safety and Security begin with me.



## A legacy of safety

SRS invigorates employees with annual safety and security campaign

**S**RS has a longstanding legacy—dating back 75 years—of on- and off-the-job safety. For SRS employees, safety is the common bond that links the diverse scopes of work steeped in environmental cleanup, innovative technology, energy independence and national security.

For several years, the slogan “Safety and Security begin with me” has served as a reminder to all SRS employees of the important role they play in ensuring the protection of themselves, fellow employees and the nation.

According to Michael Mikolanis, Manager, NNSA-Savannah River Field Office, “Safety and Security begin with me” has been more than a slogan to our Site. It’s been a cornerstone of our culture, inspiring every employee to take ownership of their well-being and the safety of those around them. By empowering personal accountability, we’ve created an environment where safety is not just a policy but a shared value.”

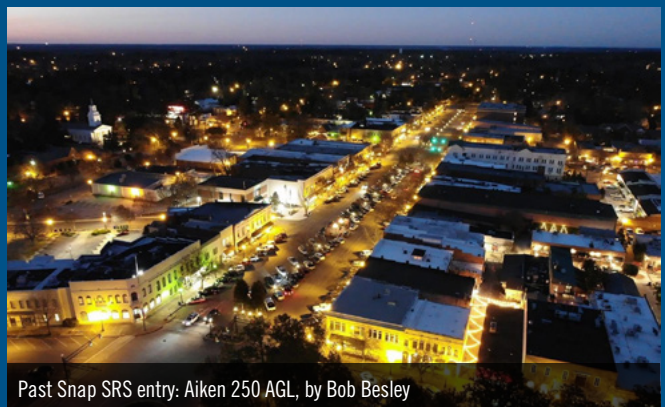
“As SRS continues to serve our nation through the generations, we routinely hire new employees who carry forward the legacy of those that came before them. It is essential for us to integrate our newest team members into our safety culture, which our workforce is incredibly proud of,” continued Mikolanis.

## Snap SRS and Family Days

This year, SRS looks forward to celebrating the Site’s 75 years of service to the nation with employees through fun and engaging initiatives and events. Some noteworthy highlights include the reinstatement of the Snap SRS art competition and SRS Family Days.

Snap SRS is a sitewide employee-driven campaign, which originated in 2019 with the goal of cost-effectively promoting Site pride, improving facility appearances and boosting workplace morale through art. Set to begin in June, employees are encouraged to express their creativity with photo or illustration submissions in any or all of the following categories: Science as Art, Local Scenery, Images Captured at SRS and Nuclear Knowledge.

In honor of the Site’s 75th anniversary, SRS is also excited to reinstate “Family Days” in November, providing immediate family members of Site employees the opportunity to come behind the barricade to see where they work and learn more about SRS.



Past Snap SRS entry: Aiken 250 AGL, by Bob Besley

# Tank recycling helps preserve capabilities and save money at SRS



The last IP-2 tank is delivered to a holding area at H Canyon while the tanks undergo further recertification activities and until the tanks are needed. Recycling these tanks out of another facility is a significant cost savings over having to procure new tanks.

SRNS workers recently restored and began the recertification process for six Industrial Packaging-2 (IP-2) portable tanks, helping to preserve an essential and unique capability to transport large quantities of radioactively contaminated or hazardous liquid solutions and representing a significant cost savings over procuring new tanks.

“These tanks were procured in 2003 to support disposition of Plutonium Uranium Extraction Solvent used at two full-scale hardened radiochemical separations facilities, called F and H Canyons,” said Cody Fee of Environmental Management Operations Programs. “Deactivating F Canyon resulted in the creation of excess, radioactively contaminated solutions that needed to be dispositioned. The IP-2 tanks were used to transport these solutions off-site for disposal.”

After the deactivation of F Canyon, the tanks were used in other areas of the Site, until finally they were drained and left in the SRS Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF). As part of ongoing environmental

cleanup and footprint reduction efforts, it was planned for SWMF to dispose of these tanks; however, Operations employees recognized that there were potential future uses for them.

Because the tanks had been sitting empty, inspections and examinations were performed to ensure the tanks maintained their structural integrity. The results from these examinations were positive, and the tanks are expected to be recertified in fiscal year 2025.

“When we began investigating the cost of procuring new tanks to perform needed activities in H Canyon, we discovered that the reuse of the IP-2 tanks was a significant cost and time savings. Rather than waiting for new tanks to be custom built and delivered, we had tanks on hand that just needed to be transferred a few miles from SWMF to H Canyon and undergo recertification testing, which is required periodically regardless of the age of the tanks. Additionally, the transportation capabilities these tanks represent will be essential to carrying out future missions at SRS,” explained Fee.

## Recognition for Weapon Intern Program graduates



SRPPF High-Fidelity Training and Operations Center Process Engineering Lead Quentin Price and Program Manager Keith Abrahamson of Pit Production Operations and Programs (PPOP) were recognized by Dennis Carr at a recent Managers Meeting for having completed and graduated from the prestigious Weapon Intern Program, hosted by Sandia National Laboratories. Also pictured are Erika Baeza-Wisdom, Deputy Vice President, PPOP, and Michael Mikolanis, NNSA-Savannah River Field Office Manager.

# Air Force Global Strike Command Intern Program

The Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) Intern Program recently visited SRS for a tour of multiple facilities across the NNSA-led DOE complex, to include Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE) and Savannah River National Laboratory.

Activated in 2009, AFGSC is a major command with headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. Their mission is to provide strategic deterrence, combat support and global strike, or military action designed to prevent adversary attacks against the United States or its allies. The AFGSC Intern Program provides participants the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with projects related to nuclear deterrence and global strike operations.

“AFGSC has a strong foundation of resilient, combat-ready professionals, who will yield the combat advantage we need to address the rising global threats,” said SRTE Senior Vice President, NNSA Tritium Operations and Programs J.C. Epting. “I was honored to have the intern program tour the Tritium facilities to get a deeper knowledge of the work we do for the nation.”

The group toured Tritium’s H Area New Manufacturing and the Tritium Extraction Facility, while being briefed on SRTE’s critical mission and how it directly impacts their fieldwork as part of the Nuclear Triad.

In addition to the Site tour, the group of 26 participants, comprised of both civilians and active-duty Air Force service members, received an SRPPF briefing, including an overview of the SRNS pit production mission.

While welcoming the group, SRNS Executive Vice President and NNSA Chief Operations Officer Jim Dawkins emphasized the common goal of

national security missions. A retired Lieutenant General, Dawkins worked with multiple AFGSC Intern Program graduates over the course of his 34-year Air Force career.

“I implore you to learn all you can about NNSA’s nuclear weapons enterprise, so that you can advise, from a position of knowledge, what it takes to design and deliver these weapons,” Dawkins said. “Continue to increase your knowledge. The nation needs our nuclear deterrence expertise now more than ever.”

Tim Brown, Manager Pit Technology, provided the briefing, describing the importance of the pit production mission. “SRPPF is easily one of the top five most important projects in the country,” he said. “Pit production continues efforts in the rich history of plutonium-related activities at Savannah River.”

Howard Suggs, Air Force Global Strike Command Chief Analyst, Civilian Development Integration, described how the day’s events resonated with participants.

“The goal of the intern program is to develop future nuclear enterprise leaders by expanding their nuclear knowledge through educational and experiential opportunities,” said Suggs. “Our tour of SRS provided a meaningful experience by showcasing how the various components work together in the full spectrum of Department of Defense strategic and operational decision making for the defense of the nation.”

AFGSC is responsible for the nation’s three intercontinental ballistic missile wings, the Air Force’s entire bomber force, Air Force Nuclear Command, Control and Communications (NC3) systems, and operational and maintenance support to organizations within the nuclear enterprise.



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# Teresa Robbins tours SRS



Teresa M. Robbins, who was named Acting NNSA Administrator in January, toured through SRPPF under construction at SRS on Dec. 10, 2024.

# Strategic insight into NNSA priorities shared during high-level visit

**T**eresa M. Robbins, who was named Acting NNSA Administrator in January, visited SRS on Dec. 10 and 11 and took the opportunity to share strategic insight into NNSA priorities.

At the time of her December visit, Robbins—who has over two decades of experience within the DOE complex—was serving as NNSA Principal Deputy Administrator for Operations, which serves as the primary point of contact between NNSA headquarters, field offices, and site management and operating partners.

Her visit included an all-hands meeting with NNSA Savannah River Field Office employees and facility tours of K Area Complex, Savannah River Tritium Enterprise, and SRPPF.

“NNSA’s mission right now has never been more important in the entire history of the United States,” Robbins said. “And we’ve had more missions than ever. We’re revitalizing and modernizing our infrastructure simultaneously with increasing our weapons production. That hasn’t happened since the Cold War.”

Robbins pointed to the NNSA’s Enterprise Blueprint, released in October 2024, which outlines a 25-year plan for the NNSA to modernize its specialized infrastructure to maintain a reliable, agile and sustainable nuclear deterrent. The investments outlined in the Blueprint will provide NNSA with the specialized infrastructure needed to build and maintain modern nuclear weapons and sustain enduring technical advantages.

“The foundation of our nation’s security is our nuclear deterrent,” Robbins said. “The

deterrent is part of it, but deterrence is broader than just the weapon. Deterrence includes all of you, all of our facilities, and our capabilities and our knowledge.”

SRS is a technology and manufacturing site for the NNSA, providing unique production, processing, manufacturing, assembly/disassembly, integration, technology development, and staging and storage capabilities for nuclear weapons and materials.

NNSA missions at SRS include: tritium supply, separation and gas transfer system loading for nuclear weapons; plutonium downblending operations and disposition; and robust, large-scale production of plutonium pits in strategic resiliency with Los Alamos National Laboratory.

NNSA has prioritized re-establishing the nation’s pit production capability and will manufacture plutonium pits at the quantities needed to support military requirements using a two-site strategy.

Michael Mikolanis, Manager, NNSA-Savannah River Field Office, said the nation is relying on SRS to deliver the pit production mission.

“Robbins has shared with us today, at a strategic level, her insight into NNSA’s many needs to implement the nuclear deterrence mission of the country,” Mikolanis said. “As the Enterprise Blueprint plan gets implemented, and we strategically revitalize our unique infrastructure, we here at Savannah River are working to think outside the box, identify obstacles, and empower our corporate colleagues to drive the mission. The nation is relying on SRS to deliver.”



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**Teresa M. Robbins**



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Michael Mikolanis



## What is the Enterprise Blueprint?

The Enterprise Blueprint, released in October 2024, provides a roadmap to meet the NNSA’s missions over the next 25 years and informs established planning, programming, budgeting and evaluation processes. The investments outlined in the Blueprint will provide NNSA with the specialized infrastructure needed to build and maintain modern nuclear weapons and sustain enduring technical advantages.

To learn more, go to [energy.gov/nnsa/nnsa-enterprise-blueprint](https://energy.gov/nnsa/nnsa-enterprise-blueprint)

## SRS CFIUS team receives NNSA award

A group of five SRNS employees were recently honored with an NNSA Administrator's Achievement Award as part of the NNSA Headquarters Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) team.

The CFIUS is an interagency committee authorized to review certain transactions involving foreign investment in the United States, to determine the effect of such transactions on national security. CFIUS awards contracts in support of its efforts to identify and mitigate foreign investment risks.

The NNSA CFIUS Team, comprised of individuals from labs, plants and sites (LPS) across the Nuclear Security Enterprise, was recognized for its contribution to the protection of NNSA supply chains from foreign interference, disruption and subversion. The team worked with other CFIUS teams at all the Defense Program LPS to identify the need for National Security Agreements between the U.S. government and industry partners, which safeguard the supply of mission-critical materials, products and services involved in foreign acquisitions. As a result of the Team's collaborative efforts, 13 National Security Agreements were signed, representing a major increase in efforts to protect NNSA's strategic supply chains. The team worked with supply chain and technological experts and foreign affairs analysts at the LPS to identify supply chain risks and develop appropriate mitigation strategies, resulting in over \$1.3 billion in mitigated costs to NNSA programs and up to 25 years in prevented programmatic delays.

SRNS team members recognized at the NNSA Administrator's Achievement Awards ceremony held on Dec. 4, 2024, in Washington, DC include Aaron Agrelius, Andrea Lindsay and Coltin Lira of Pit Production Nuclear Enterprise Assurance (PPNEA); Christopher Trotter of Contracts & Supply Chain Management Compliance; and Tracy Padgett of Governance and IT. In addition to SRNS employees, the SRS CFIUS team also included personnel from Savannah River National Laboratory and the Savannah River Field Office (SRFO).

"The CFIUS Committee is an important safeguard protecting our supply chains from foreign influence or controlling interests. Our team on-site was responsible for handling over 200 inquires last year, effectively taking steps to mitigate any adversarial influence possibly affecting our critical supplies," said Agrelius, SRNS PPNEA Manager and SRS CFIUS Team Lead. "This vital work would not be possible if not for the professionalism of the SRS CFIUS team, which, in addition to those receiving the award, also included Stephanie Welch, Ridge Moody and the SRS Office of Counterintelligence. Job well done."



Richard Sullivan, SRNS RAMP Program Manager; John Dembski, Kansas City Nuclear Security Complex (KCNSC) RAMP Program Director; Dean Emmons, SRTE Operations Outside Facilities Coordinator; and Mario Monnarez, KCNSC RAMP Deputy Program Director.

## SRNS RAMPs up success

SRNS' Infrastructure Planning team received their first Roof Assessment Management Program (RAMP) award from the Kansas City National Security Campus (KCNSC), who manages and performs the replacement/modernization of roofing related structures on behalf of NNSA.

This award was presented to SRNS' Infrastructure Planning team at the Asset Management Program Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee for their overall consistent team participation on all phases of RAMP projects at the Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE), SRPPF and K Area Complex (KAC). Their unwavering collaboration continues to ensure that successful assessment, design and construction scopes are achieved in support of Site missions.

SRTE has utilized RAMP for over seven years under NNSA, completing seven roofing projects, while SRPPF and KAC piloted the program this year, completing four roofing projects and three designs. Approximately 200 NNSA transition buildings are slated to utilize the program in the coming years.

RAMP Program Manager Richard Sullivan attributed this recognition to the core support team of subject matter experts, whose deep knowledge of RAMP protocols and adherence to SRNS Safety & Security Standards of Excellence were instrumental. "The Asset Management Program, which funds roof replacements, leverages systems engineering and supply chain management strategies to increase purchasing power and improve procurement timeliness. These efforts enable us to complete projects more quickly and economically."

"This award is proof of the continued effort of all involved in the Asset Management Program," said Dean Emmons, SRTE Outside Facilities-Senior Operations Support Specialist. "The key to success on these programs is getting all subject matter experts involved early and often. The benefit to the Site is undeniable when everyone works together to get these projects completed as efficiently as possible."



# Storm preparation prevents disruption



SRNS Site Services personnel from Roads & Grounds and Heavy Equipment teams prepared for the January winter snowstorm.

In anticipation of the recent severe weather, SRNS Site Services department meticulously developed a comprehensive storm response strategy, successfully mitigating potential disruption to Site operations.

SRNS Site Services personnel from Roads & Grounds, and Heavy Equipment teams prepared for the January winter snowstorm. Preparations included applying sand treatments to bridges to improve vehicle traction, conducting safety briefings, and applying Ice-Ban to roads, bridges, barricades, primary roadways, sidewalks, and building entrances.”

Preparations included detailed personnel assignments, thorough equipment and supply inventories, and adaptable contingency protocols to address the storm’s multifaceted challenges.

“Proactive planning for anticipated winter storm events is essential to ensure an appropriate and timely response, thereby maintaining safe travel conditions,” said Randy Keenan, SRNS Director of Site Services.

By pre-treating surfaces, over 6,000 gallons of Ice-Ban were applied to

roads, bridges, barricades, primary travel routes, sidewalks, and building entrances to prevent hazardous ice accumulation. Additionally, bridges received sand treatments to ensure improved vehicle traction during and after the storm.

On Jan. 22, dedicated crews commenced their efforts to clear snow and ice from roadways, bridges and barricades. Concurrently, they conducted comprehensive facility inspections to identify and promptly address potential issues. Due to the proactive planning and efficient execution of these measures, SRS was able to swiftly return to normal operations by the next day, demonstrating the team’s dedication to safety and operational continuity.

“We extend our sincere gratitude to our response teams that were involved in the planning and implementation stages,” said Joe Solesby, SRNS Site Infrastructure Manager. “Their foresight and diligent work were crucial in managing the storm’s impact effectively and ensuring the well-being of our employees.”

## Two-site pit production collaboration

Members of the SRNS Pit Production Operations and Programs (PPOP) and SRPPF Project Execution leadership teams, along with SRNS Executive Vice President and NNSA Chief Operations Officer Jim Dawkins, visited Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) last month for a series of collaborative discussions and sharing of lessons learned with LANL personnel, including leadership from the Associate Laboratory Directorates of Weapons Production and Plutonium Infrastructure. The visit included a tour of the Los Alamos Plutonium Facility (PF-4) pit production facility.

“Establishing these relationships and appropriate points of contact with our LANL counterparts is critical to ensuring the success of NNSA’s two-site pit production strategy and allows us to continue future collaborations,” said Darlene Murdoch, Senior Vice President, NNSA Pit Production Operations and Programs. “This visit allowed us to continue benchmarking LANL’s facilities and processes, have a series of candid conversations regarding best practices and lessons learned, and bring that valuable knowledge back to SRS.”

On October 1, 2024, NNSA verified completion of LANL’s First Production Unit (FPU) of a plutonium pit for the W87-1 Modification Program, an important milestone for the nation’s nuclear weapon stockpile modernization.

“Touring LANL’s weapon production facilities and having these discussions on the heels of the recent FPU accomplishment made the visit even more



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impactful,” said Murdoch. “It’s exciting to see what our Production Agency colleagues have been able to achieve and places an even greater emphasis on the critical role our own SRS pit production mission plays in meeting nuclear deterrence objectives.”

Mike Basham, Senior Vice President, SRPPF Project Execution, agreed. “Close collaboration between the Project and Program, as well as our Los Alamos colleagues, is paramount to advancing construction of SRPPF and the overall pit production mission,” he said. “By continuing to work in close partnership, SRS is helping to drive success of NNSA’s two-site strategy to help keep our nation safe.”

# 24th annual SRS Deer Hunt



SRS badged employees serve as escorts during the annual hunt, ensuring the hunters safely get to and from their designated hunting locations.

Site contractors recently hosted the 24th annual SRS Deer Hunt for mobility impaired, wounded military veterans and youth hunters. Twenty hunters were given the opportunity to enjoy a day of hunting across the 310 square miles of the DOE-led NNSA complex.

SRNS Deer Hunt Program Coordinator Joe Solesby has led the program since he began working at the Site in 2014. He has observed that the annual hunt not only gives the hunters a chance at harvesting a deer, but it's also an opportunity for them to engage with other participants who share the same passion for the outdoors.

"The 2024 Wounded Warrior/Mobility Impaired/Youth Hunt was a meaningful experience, emphasizing community engagement," said Solesby. "Success in initiatives like this can't be measured in harvest numbers but is best reflected in the positive feedback and opportunities provided. Facilitating access to otherwise restricted areas and creating an environment where participants feel valued are significant achievements. This hunt highlights the importance of SRS connecting with our community."

To ensure their safety, hunters are accompanied by SRS badged employees who spend several months scouting locations that might yield the best results. The escorts aid the hunters by helping them into the stands and retrieving the harvested animal to bring back to the central location.

SRNS employee Amanda Turner has been an escort for the annual hunt since 2017.

"The hunts provide an opportunity to give back to our nation's heroes who have sacrificed so much of themselves to protect our freedoms," said Turner. "It is an honor to assist them in enjoying the beautiful nature SRS has to offer beyond the boundaries of our areas and facilities."

According to Solesby, deer and hog hunting have been allowed at SRS since 1965. The hunt helps reduce the Site's deer and hog population and has the safety benefit of decreasing the number of on-site animal-vehicle collisions.

## Our Community Salutes recognizes SRNS donation

SRNS was recently recognized by Our Community Salutes (OCS) Midlands South Carolina Chapter for their generous financial support to the 2024 annual enlistee recognition gala held in May. The event, hosted by OCS, honors area high school seniors for their commitment to enlisting in military services following graduation.

Senior Vice President, NNSA Tritium Operations and Programs for SRNS and retired U.S. Air Force Colonel J.C. Epting attended the gala and accepted the award on behalf of SRNS.

"I was honored to have had the opportunity to be a part of the ceremonial gala and was impressed by the featured speaker Medal of Honor Recipient Sgt. Ryan Pitts and his story of courage and sacrifice," said Epting. This year, SRNS donated \$10,000 to the OCS Midlands South Carolina Chapter—contributing to a total of \$46,000 given since 2020.

"SRNS is proud to support an organization that is helping our local community recognize, honor and support our nation's newest



Our Community for Salutes (OCS) Midlands South Carolina Chapter Board Secretary Dale Haas; OCS Board Chair Robert Murphy; Senior Vice President, NNSA Tritium Operations and Program for SRNS J.C. Epting; and retired U.S. Navy Vice Admiral and OCS supporter Chuck Munns.

service members," continued Epting. "Our contribution is our way of saying 'thank you' to this amazing organization for supporting such an important cause and to the young men and women who take that step of courage into the next chapter of their lives."



**Latoya Williams**

**AT SRNS:** Administrative Assistant with Calibrations/Standards Lab

**IN THE COMMUNITY:** 2025 LIFT President, Women in Nuclear Member, Certified Mental Health First Aider

## THE PEOPLE OF SRNS

Latoya Williams is an Administrative Assistant with the Calibrations/Standards Lab at SRNS. She is responsible for managing all incoming and outgoing equipment received sitewide for calibration and assessing paperwork to ensure proper signatures, ranges and tolerances for calibration are documented. Williams’ duties also include continuously producing ideas for teambuilding exercises within her group and constructing new ways to improve the calibration process, for both the calibrations specialists and customers.

She has served in her current role for nearly three years and previously worked at the Site as a contractor from 2009-2011. Williams is the 2025 Leaders Investing for Tomorrow (LIFT) President and is also a member of the Women in Nuclear (WIN) organization. “I want to grow LIFT a substantial amount this year,” she said. “My goal for this year is to make sure everyone knows about LIFT. I want to create a space for career professionals to be able to network and meet others from all areas of the Site, no matter the background.”

When asked what she enjoys most about working at SRNS, Williams said, “There are so many different opportunities for growth; the possibilities are endless. I love that, with my current position, I am able to constantly come up with new streamlined processes that not only better myself but also better my group and customers.” Williams resides in North Augusta, South Carolina. She enjoys spending time with her niece, traveling, helping others in the community and riding her jet ski during the summer months.

## Violette enters Augusta Tech’s Den of Distinction

In recognition of his professional achievements and dedication to technical education, Michael Violette, SRNS Site Services Human Capital Manager, was recently inducted into the Den of Distinction at Augusta Technical College (Augusta Tech).

The Den of Distinction honors Augusta Tech alumni who have emulated the true value of technical education in their careers. According to the college’s website, inductees “embody an innovative spirit purposed to bring Augusta Tech’s vision to fruition.”

SRNS, a bronze sponsor, supported the induction ceremony, which took place on the college’s Augusta campus in the Jack B. Patrick Information Technology Center Auditorium.

Before joining SRNS, Violette spent 13 years in higher education administration, working at the University of Pittsburgh, Georgia Southern University, and Augusta Tech. A University of Connecticut graduate with bachelor’s and master’s degrees, his journey took a turn while serving as Augusta Tech’s registrar. Violette was drawn to the technical concepts and curriculum of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology program.

This pivotal moment was the catalyst for a career shift that took Violette into the field of applied sciences, ultimately leading to his advancement through a range of positions at the Site. Over seven years, he advanced from Electrical and Instrumentation Mechanic to Maintenance First Line



Michael Violette, SRNS Site Services Human Capital Manager, right, was recently inducted into Den of Distinction at Augusta Technical College.

Manager, and later promoted to Group Manager of the Electrical Shops Organization. During this period, Violette also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Arizona State University.

SRNS Site Maintenance Programs Manager David Hart, said, “Mike’s induction into the Den of Distinction not only recognizes his remarkable career transition but also signifies the potential that technical education and lifelong learning have to offer.”

Violette, in his current role at SRNS, oversees the hiring and professional development of a 600-person division. His journey reflects the transformative impact technical education can have on a career.

# FEATURE FRIDAY

The following employees were highlighted as part of the SRNS Feature Friday series on social media.



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**Amanda Schuyler**

Manager,  
Capital, Assets, and Inventory  
for the Accounting Controller



**BooBoo Roberts**

Program Manager,  
Apprenticeship School & Pipeline  
Development Training Workforce



**Maurice Abraham**

Senior Systems  
Engineer



**Tim Hines**

SRPPF Senior Ops/Tech  
Training Specialist

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