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“Mark Your Calendars”: CSRA College Night September 14

- Over 100 colleges and universities (James Brown Arena)
- 15,000 in scholarships to be awarded

Aiken, S.C., August 21, 2023 — Area high school students will have a special opportunity to meet recruiters from more than 100 colleges and universities and win scholarships totaling \$15,000 at CSRA College Night, Thursday, Sept. 14, 5-8:30 p.m., at the James Brown Arena, Augusta, Georgia. Admission is free and open to the public.

The arena will be filled with seminars, career and counseling centers, and helpful exhibits manned by representatives from colleges, universities, and technical schools from throughout the U.S. In addition, members from local professional societies will be prepared to provide beneficial information in areas such as engineering, management, chemical and nuclear science.



A local high school student learns about the merits of attending Emmanuel College at last year's CSRA College Night featuring representatives from over 100 colleges and universities.

“We’re thrilled to serve the needs of area students,” said Cindy Hewitt, SRNS Education Outreach. “We strive to provide opportunities that allow students to explore options for higher education and pathways that lead to great careers.”

College Night provides a way for CSRA students and parents to:

- Obtain information on educational opportunities, admission requirements and tuition;
- Attend seminars to get information about HOPE and LIFE scholarships, SC and GA financial aid information, SRS Apprenticeships and financial literacy;
- Visit a counseling center that will be open throughout the evening where students and parents can seek advice about the college application process from high school advisors and admissions professionals;
- Visit a Career Exploration area where students will be able to participate in a quick “card sort” interest inventory to validate their career choice; and
- Register to participate in a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship. Students must attend and register in person at CSRA College Night to be eligible. To qualify for a College Night scholarship, students must be high school seniors and graduate with a GPA equal or above 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.

“The atmosphere of the event will be very exciting,” said Hewitt. “There are scholarships to be won and important decisions to be made.”

The event is now entering its third decade of service to area high school students.

“Well over \$300,000 in scholarship funding has been offered to the tens of thousands of students who have attended College Night in the past. The generosity of our scholarship sponsors and much appreciated help from more than 100 volunteers are major reasons why this effort is consistently so successful each year,” added Hewitt.

CSRA College Night is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, SRP Federal Credit Union, Probe, South Carolina Society for Professional Engineers, iHeart Media, Bridgestone and Centerra.

For more information, visit the College Night web site at <http://www.srs.gov>, click on Outreach, then Education Outreach Programs, then CSRA College Night:

http://www.srs.gov/general/outreach/edoutrch/coll_night.htm

B-roll footage, television and radio PSAs can be downloaded by using the following link:

<https://srns-corpcomm.sharefile.com/d-s01958648d8bd43b090a47a3077ec8fb7>

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Scholarships totaling \$15,000 will be awarded at this year's CSRA College Night. Sophia Williams gladly accepts a \$1,000 scholarship presented by SRNS Senior Vice President Francine Burroughs during the 2022 event as William's mother participates in the ceremony.

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