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SC State Career Center Celebrates students’ achievement and SRNS Support at annual banquet

AIKEN, S.C. – (November 18, 2024) – South Carolina State University’s (SC State’s) Career Center recently celebrated student achievements and honored Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) and other committed employers for their impactful support of student career development at its annual awards banquet.

SC State Career Center Director Joseph Thomas recognized outstanding students who secured internships and scholarships, while presenting plaques to employers who provided these pivotal career opportunities.

"It’s been a privilege to work alongside South Carolina State University’s Career Center to bring these talented students into our SRNS family," said Anitra McManus, Principal Human Resources /Equal Employment Operations Specialist. "Our recognition at the banquet celebrates the strides we’re making together to open doors for future leaders in our field, and we are thrilled to welcome two of these bright interns, J’von Gilmore and Tellajah Chalk, as full-time team members."

SRNS, recognized alongside other esteemed industry supporters, hosted three SC State interns this year and recently hired two as full-time employees. Among the award recipients was Gilmore, an SRNS Project Controls Analyst, who now contributes to project estimating, scheduling, and human capital management. The other recipient is Chalk, an SRNS Information Technology Specialist, who contributes to analyzing, testing, troubleshooting and evaluating network systems.



"Speaking to students as part of the executive speaker series was a profoundly rewarding experience, allowing me to reflect on my journey from student to professional. It offered a valuable chance to share industry insights and lessons from my role with those still charting their own paths. Standing in the same classrooms where my career began, I saw firsthand how my education provided a strong foundation for my success," said Gilmore. "Engaging with students reignited my appreciation for the excitement and ambition that comes with starting a career. I left inspired by their questions and grateful for the opportunity to give back to a community that has contributed so much to my growth."

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The event emphasized the collaborative efforts of SC State and leading employers in building meaningful career pathways for students and highlighted the dedication of industry partners, like SRNS, to nurturing the next generation of skilled professionals.

The SC State awards banquet is a highlight of SC State's annual Career Week, culminating in the Career Day Extravaganza. This event brings together students and representatives from a wide range of businesses, industries, government agencies, and graduate programs, offering invaluable networking and career-building opportunities.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor and HII partnership company, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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