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“This is where I hope to be one day”: SRNS Interns Showcase Next-Gen Talent

AIKEN, S.C. – (August 5, 2025) – With a buzz of innovation, curiosity, and ambition, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) wrapped up its 12-week Internship Program on July 23 with its annual “Intern Showcase and Farewell,” an event that celebrated the achievement and progress of interns this summer.

The showcase spotlighted the experiences of 30 out of the 173 interns who were selected from a pool of over 4,400 applicants, a testament to the program’s growing impact.



SRNS Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer Bruce Page and Acting Manager of Facilities and PC Administration Tammy Pruitt watch a demonstration from IT interns Emma Kramer, Christopher Kinard and Aiden Arnold.

“This is a day for some of our interns to show the value they’ve added to our company— from solving real engineering problems to improving safety systems and supporting cyber security efforts,” said Angela Martin, SRNS Talent Acquisition Manager. “These are not just student projects; these are meaningful contributions to our critical missions supporting the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration.”

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SRNS Information Technology interns Sarai Sanford, Destiny Robinson and Ashleigh Fair during the event.

Kamdyn Neale, a sophomore majoring in Chemistry and Mechanical Engineering at the University of South Carolina Aiken, designed a complete fire protection barrier, her first full-cycle engineering project for the Surplus Plutonium Disposition Project.

“Since SRNS helps fund my education through a Family Scholarship and VPPPA Scholarship, I wanted to see the mission from the inside,” said Neale. “One of the most rewarding experiences was designing a barrier to prevent the accumulation of combustible materials around a ventilation duct. I learned about every step of the design engineering process in real-time, including planning, drafting, modeling, procurement, and revisions. I hope to return next summer to continue enhancing my education.”

Maliyah Taylor, a senior studying Cybersecurity at South Carolina State University, interned with the Defense Programs Computing Assurance Group with a focus on operational technology security.

“This is where I hope to be one day,” said Taylor. “My first summer interning with SRNS was about building connections. This year, I was deep into documentation for Conduct of Operations and assisting in network mapping for unauthorized authority boundaries. I had no idea the cyber field had so many branches. This experience showed me what I’m capable of and what’s possible in this career. The exposure is a huge bonus and supporting a 75-year legacy makes the opportunity that much better.”



Business Services intern Kyle Romano presents his contract experiences during the Internship Showcase and Farewell event.

Alyssa Bagby, a recent graduate from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Mathematics, has found her experience as a Data Integration intern for the Project Delivery Organization to be incredibly rewarding.

“I had the opportunity to create Power BI dashboards from various data sets, making complex information more accessible and understandable,” said Bagby. “One of the most challenging yet fascinating projects was

developing a large JavaScript code to transfer data from one source to another, which deepened my

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understanding of programming. Overall, this has been a tremendous experience that has solidified my passion for blending mathematics with computer development."



Tellajah Chalk, Network Engineering intern, presents her showcase on Perimeter Security Engineering to attending interns.

The SRNS Internship Program is part of a broader workforce strategy that includes the SRS Apprenticeship School, university partnerships, and local outreach. These initiatives create pipelines to bridge classroom learning with real-world experiences.

"Our interns are not just observing from the sidelines, they're participating in mission-critical tasks in engineering, cyber security, business services, and environmental science, among others," said Bryan Ortner, SRNS Senior Vice

President of Workforce Services and Talent Management. "Our hiring initiatives aim to build tomorrow's workforce today by getting an early start on critical hiring curves. We will need to lean on hundreds of new hires – these interns included – to modernize the Site's infrastructure and support its critical national security missions."

Martin continued, "We are truly seeing an influx of entry level individuals coming to work for SRNS straight out of college, and we can, in part, thank the numerous pipelines that build these connections. The spark for STEM careers is ignited as early as kindergarten and is gradually strengthened through our internships, apprenticeships and university partnerships. This program specifically creates such a unique mentor-intern relationship that I believe will bring these students back for years to come."

On August 4, 38 interns received full-service job offers, joining a workforce with a 75-year legacy of innovation in nuclear nonproliferation, national security, and environmental stewardship. Additionally, 22 interns are transitioning to SRNS apprenticeships. SRNS is preparing for a dramatic workforce expansion, with more than 2,000 new hires anticipated in the next five years. For students interested in applying for the FY26 SRNS Internship Program, [click here](#).

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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