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## 2017 Regional Science and Engineering Fair Competition: Leading Area Students to Careers in Science, Technology and Engineering

*Students from a six-county region, within the greater Aiken-Augusta area, competed for this year's blue ribbons and a trip to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair competition*

AIKEN, S.C. – (March 21, 2017) – With the support of the U.S. Department of Energy and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), hundreds of Central Savannah River Area science-savvy students recently participated in the 2017 Savannah River Regional Science and Engineering Fair competition.

More than 200 students representing schools from a six-county region located within the greater Aiken-Augusta area put their project on display at the University of South Carolina Aiken (USCA) in an attempt to impress the judges.

Each year, approximately 7 million high school students around the globe develop original research projects and present their work at local science and engineering fair competitions with the hope of making it to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, Pa.

“We are always impressed with the diversity of projects and themes. Many of the experiments can be extremely creative,” said Candice Dermody, SRNS Manager, Education Outreach and Talent Management. “The dedication and ingenuity displayed by the students is often inspiring.”



*Tristyn Woods (left) and Mikhail Cullars, students at Richmond County Technical Magnet School, explain their project to Science and Engineering Fair judges Paul Cox (foreground) and Dave Fauth.*

With the support of co-sponsor USCA, SRNS is coordinating the competition for the eighth year, ensuring an educational and rewarding experience for each student competitor.

“The Savannah River Regional Science and Engineering Fair gives young people from the area the opportunity to explore the world of science and technology and develop their scientific investigation skills by planning, developing their own ‘hands-on’ science projects,” said Kim Mitchell, Science Fair Coordinator and SRNS employee.

Projects were judged for scientific reasoning, creative ability, thoroughness, technical skill and clarity. This event promotes students’ interest in science and engineering by providing public recognition of outstanding work and by giving students the opportunity to interact with community scientists and engineers.

Forty volunteers from the Savannah River Site, USCA and the community typically participate as officials and judges for this competition.

List of winning students: <http://rpsec.usca.edu/Events/ScienceFair/>

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