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## CSRA College Night Passes 25-Year Anniversary and Exceeds 100,000 in Attendance

Aiken, S.C., October 1, 2019 — Since 1993, more than 100,000 high school students, parents and educators from the greater Aiken-Augusta area have attended CSRA College Night.

“I can remember the first year we held a College Night over 20 years ago. It was in the gym at North Augusta High School,” said Jay Jefferies, CSRA College Night Master of Ceremony. “We had about 200 to 300 students, and we were amazed with the turnout. And now, we’re filling the James Brown Arena wall to wall.”

Over \$300,000 in scholarship funding has been offered to area 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,” said Gladys Moore, CSRA College Night Chairperson and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) employee.

This year’s event featured recruiters from over 130 colleges and universities with scholarships, each worth \$1,000, awarded to 16 students during drawings held throughout the evening.

“The CSRA community provides a tremendous amount of support, both financially and with in-kind donations of service,” said SRNS Francine Burroughs who manages the company’s Education Outreach Program. “The community partnerships that have been forged through participation in this event allow our committee to provide more resources for the students and parents each year.”



*Representatives from more than 130 colleges and universities provided information and guidance to thousands of students during this year’s CSRA College Night where scholarships totaling \$16,000 were awarded.*

## CSRA College Night 2019 Scholarship Winners:

High School	Student	Grade
Academy of Richmond County	Tershirl Lovett	12th Grade
Butler High School	Ny'Jada Braddy	11th Grade
Burke County High School	Ashley Greene	11th Grade
Cross Creek	Harmany Zellis	11th Grade
Cross Creek	Madison Forkey	11th Grade
Evans High School	Evan Minor	11th Grade
Greenbrier High School	Andrew Scheuermann	12th Grade
Greenbrier High School	Madison Wells	11th Grade
Grovetown High School	Riley Merritt	12th Grade
Grovetown High School	Samantha Little	12th Grade
Hancock Central High School	De'Ja Glover	12th Grade
Hephzibah High School	Markel Martin	12th Grade
Jefferson County High School	Kayla McBride	11th Grade
Jefferson County High School	MaKayla Hudson	12th Grade
North Augusta High School	Barret Smoker	12th Grade
North Augusta High School	Carolyn Yonn	11th Grade

“It’s rewarding to see so many students having the opportunity to meet with college representatives of their choice, knowing this night could have a significant impact on their post high school education,” said Moore. “To see the joy and excitement in the faces of those receiving one of our college scholarships makes all the work worthwhile.”

Moore acknowledged the contributions made by the members of the CSRA College Night Committee who put in many hours of work prior to a long evening at the huge arena. “They understand the impact this event has financially for a significant percentage of our attending students. College Night can help reduce the number of planned college visits for students, potentially saving them thousands in travel costs,” she said.

Kiana Glasker, Evans High School senior, Evans, Ga., expressed her appreciation for this opportunity and was amazed with the number of college recruiters. “When we walked in here, I said ‘wow’... but it’s great, because I can finally narrow down my list.”

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