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CSRA “Virtual” College Night Exceeds Expectations in Online Attendance

AAiken, S.C., November 11, 2021 — Another important milestone was recently reached with the success of this year’s CSRA “Virtual” College Night. This annual event normally fills the James Brown Arena, in Augusta, Georgia; but this year, SRNS used a website app to provide area students with access to more than 100 college recruiters.

“Since 1993, over 100,000 high school students and parents from the greater Aiken-Augusta area have attended CSRA College Night,” said Gladys Moore, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Education Outreach and CSRA College Night Chairperson. “The pandemic has caused us to be innovative in our use of available resources to reach the same college reps and students as in the past. Moving from a huge face-to-face event to a totally online event was quite a challenge; however, it all worked out wonderfully.”

Over the years, more than \$300,000 in scholarships have been offered to past student attendees of CSRA College Night. “The generosity of our scholarship sponsors and much appreciated help from volunteers are major reasons why this event is so popular,” said Moore.

This year’s event featured recruiters from nearly 80 colleges and universities with more than 600 students in attendance. Throughout the evening, scholarships – each worth \$1,000 – were awarded to 15 students.

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

CSRA College Night 2021 Scholarship Winners:

Student Name	High School	County
Andrew Towner	North Augusta H.S.	Aiken
Curtis Thompson	Williston-Elko H.S.	Barnwell
Da’Nayja Johnson	Allendale-Fairfax H.S.	Allendale
Destiny Reeves	A.R. Johnson H.S.	Richmond
Donte’ Smith	Academy of Richmond County	Richmond
Erica Brown	Aiken H.S.	Aiken
Iyanna Brown	Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School	Richmond
Jaden Lyons (Dee Dee)	Evans H.S.	Columbia
Jake Simpson	South Carolina Governor’s School	McCormick
Khamaya Brown	Lake Marion H.S.	Orangeburg
Kristofer Frazier	Storm Thurmond H.S.	Edgefield
Laquez Glover	Orangeburg-Wilkerson H.S.	Orangeburg
Sarah Wunder	Home School	Bamberg
Shamya Shipman	Allendale-Fairfax H.S.	Allendale
Thorne Ragin	Grovetown H.S.	Columbia

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“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.

Moore acknowledged the contributions made by the members of the CSRA College Night Committee who put in many hours of work each year. “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.

CSRA College Night is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, SRP Federal Credit Union and iHeart Media.



South Aiken High School and Aiken Scholars Program student Jay Saxon discusses the merits of attending Andrew College with Admissions Officer Alexis Young as his mother, Mindy Noe, listens in during this year’s virtual CSRA College Night.

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