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SRNS Hosts Tech School Students at SRS During Nuclear Science Week

AIKEN, S.C., November 18, 2022 – As part of Nuclear Science Week, area technical college students recently toured the Savannah River Site (SRS) to learn about its missions and the Savannah River Nuclear Solution apprenticeship program.

Students from both Aiken Technical College (ATC) and Augusta Technical College (Augusta Tech) explored the wide variety of career opportunities found at the 310-mile U.S. Department of Energy site.

“Supporting Nuclear Science Week, through this event, brings a real-world experience and a clear path from the classroom to the workforce, all part of our wide variety of education outreach programs,” said Kim Mitchell, Lead, SRNS Education Outreach.

Mitchell emphasized the win-win aspect of the program because both students and SRNS benefit. “For these students, success within their prospective careers at SRS fuels our success as a company,” she added.

Aiken Tech student Jacob Fansler noted that the tour highlighted many advantages of working at SRS. “SRNS offers an apprenticeship program that positions us for a very promising career while making the world a safer and more secure place,” he said.



John Arrowood, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Site Training, explains how equipment is used within the Site's Training Center while simulating actual Savannah River Site working conditions.

Currently, there are 18 registered apprenticeship occupations available at SRNS, developed and administered in partnership with Apprenticeship Carolina, the Lower Savannah Council of Governments and South Carolina Technical College System.

Each skilled technician occupation features:

- A “scalable” wage component in which the apprentice receives incremental wage increases as he or she demonstrates the attainment of new competencies throughout the training program.
- On-the-job learning related to each apprenticeship position.
- Job-related education, consisting of classroom training at SRS and/or at the student's technical school. This program provides apprentices with occupational knowledge beyond what is taught on the job.

According to Dorian Newton, SRNS Program Manager, Apprenticeship and Pipeline Training, U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship awards each student a certificate upon completing of all required on-the-job training and job-related education.

“Without a doubt, the credentials you earn as a registered apprentice are invaluable,” said Newton. “In fact, depending on the occupation you pursue, you can be accepted into our program with zero experience. We will provide all the training you need. At which point, you now own a portable credential proving you can do the work for any company needing that skillset,” he said.

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