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Working alone, a person can accomplish quite a bit.
Working as a team, people can accomplish so much more.

This month, SRNS Today is filled with stories about partnerships – individuals and groups joining forces to create real progress and lasting, positive change both at the Savannah River Site and in the community.

Leaders from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, the U.S. Department of Energy-Savannah River and the National Nuclear Security Administration - Savannah River Field Office signed a partnership agreement on March 31. The agreement formalizes a collaboration to promote consistent coordination and a unified voice at SRS in order to achieve common goals that are in the best interest of our nation. Agreeing to recognize our successes and pool our extensive knowledge can go a long way in continuing the trust among Savannah River Site entities and in our community.

Partnering isn't just for organizational groups. Our safety culture bridges generations of employees. Our experienced workers teach our new hires not only the "how" of their jobs, but also the "why." Our professionals take the time to mentor college students and middle schoolers, sharing their experience and preparing young minds for future careers. Our employees share their weekends helping youngsters in the community enjoy a day of sports and fun. And our company provides philanthropic support to an array of associations that make our area better, brighter, stronger, healthier.

We at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions respect and value our partners – partners like you. Working together, we can continue to make a great Site and a great community even better.

I hope you enjoy this edition of "SRNS Today." As always, thank you for your interest in Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

Carol



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Safety culture

Generations of SRS employees keep the safety tradition vibrant

Savannah River Site employees are undeniably proud of their Site's history and contributions to the nation, which date back more than a half-century. Although the original mission to support the Cold War has changed, the safety culture legacy at SRS gains momentum each year. Photos from the 1950s tell the story of the beginnings of the SRS safety culture. In these black and white images, the pride of previous generations transcends decades. Fast forward more than 60 years and the pride remains, now carried forward by new generations of SRS workers.

"Like so many current SRS employees, I am proud that my father, Tony Ferrara, worked at SRS for 41 years," said Susie Ferrara, SRNS Government and Community Relations. "I can remember as a little girl, my father bringing the SRS safety culture home and establishing expectations for his children to always think about safety."

Today, the hand-painted billboards of the past have evolved into a modern safety campaign. Full color banners hang at Site barricades and above the Site's cloverleaf on the main roadway, digital billboards flash safety messages across the Site and computers greet employees every day with a safety message. Behind these products is a robust communications plan strategically managed to ensure that safety remains in the forefront each day.

To support the communications strategy, 36 Local Safety Improvement Teams (LSITs) represent three Site contractors and ensure that key safety messages and materials reach employees. The LSIT program bridges gaps between Site contractors, meaning each employee receives consistent messaging about the SRS safety culture and expectations, regardless of their home organization.

"When I was hired at SRS I was nervous about working in a nuclear environment. That uncertainty was quickly lifted when I was greeted by the safety culture on my very first day on the job," said John Litchfield, SRNS H Canyon Mechanic. "Now that I've worked here for a year, I am even more impressed by the strong safety culture at SRS. It's exciting to me that I can leave my mark in a way that protects others."

Many employees come to SRS seeking successful careers, but they also find family. "When you have a safety culture built on compassion, it got that way because people care about one another. We celebrate life's happy occasions with one another, and grieve when a coworker is hurting. We often know each other's families and care about their wellbeing. It's the compassionate relationships among employees



Photos, from top: SRNS employee Sasha Martin uses safety equipment while operating a gas chromatograph; Susie and Tony Ferrara, two generations of SRS employees; SRS workers from the 1950s founded today's successful safety culture.

that drive our approach to safety. If one of my coworkers were to be injured, it would feel like a family tragedy," said Litchfield.

Like any strong family, the people of SRS are working hard to protect each person who enters their 310-square mile house, just as past generations did for those who followed them.

"The safety culture at SRS isn't something you can buy online or study from a book; we work safely every day and have over the past 60 years. Being a part of the SRS safety heritage is rewarding as a second generation worker, and now it's my responsibility to pass along the safety tradition," said Ferrara.

Doing the best for SRS

SRNS, DOE-SR, NNSA-SRFO ink partnership agreement

Officials from DOE-SR, NNSA-Savannah River Field Office and SRNS recently signed a partnering agreement which focuses on doing what is best for SRS in terms of open, candid communication among the three entities.

Jack Craig, DOE-SR Operations Office Manager; Carol Johnson, SRNS President and CEO; and Doug Dearolph, NNSA-SR Field Office Manager, signed the DOE-NNSA-SRNS Partnering Agreement on March 31, committing to a collaboration that promotes consistent coordination in order to achieve common goals that are in the best interest of our nation.

"Partnerships take time and hard work to cultivate and maintain, but the effort is worth it. By working together, DOE, NNSA and SRNS can achieve more than working alone," said Johnson. "The bottom line is that we want to accomplish the mission and vision of the Savannah River Site in the best way possible, especially for our nation's taxpayers."

The partnering team, which consists of approximately 40 members, committed to delivering high-quality results in an ethical manner for the best interests of DOE and the nation. The agreement also states that the team will conduct all activities in a manner that provides safety and security for the public, workers and the environment; honors commitments; minimizes surprises; and responds to unexpected challenges with cooperation and professionalism.

The team also committed to working together to communicate as a unified voice for SRS, recognizing partnering and project successes, enhancing stakeholder relationships and building public trust for nuclear operations.

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"By leveraging our combined nuclear materials knowledge, expertise and assets, we can continue to create a cohesive and effective team committed to finding innovative solutions to national and international challenges," Craig said.

Additional goals include team building and face-to-face meetings to improve trust and establish a partnering behavior model for the entire workforce, and eliminating redundant and non-value added steps and processes in work environments.

The agreement also focuses on objectives that improve the priority-setting process, promote both transparency and discipline in project management, and ensure operational changes are coordinated and agreed upon by all stakeholders at SRS.

"The better you can understand your partner's perspective on a given situation, the better the likelihood we'll take actions that work in everyone's favor," Dearolph said. "The contract between DOE, NNSA and SRNS outlines what we plan to accomplish in a specific amount of time; however, partnering is a culture. The partnering agreement conveys how we're planning to operate and accomplish that contract."



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Practical experience, personal perspective

Engineering program offers unconventional training to new hires

A group of engineers newly hired by SRNS are participating in a training and development program some may find unconventional.

"Our Engineering Leadership Development Program (ELDP) is somewhat unusual because it focuses on a type of professional attention, support and respect that, quite frankly, doesn't exist in many large corporations in America these days," said Mike Hughes, SRNS manager, ELDP. "In fact, we are going to do everything in our power to ensure their first six months here are a positive and rewarding start to their career."

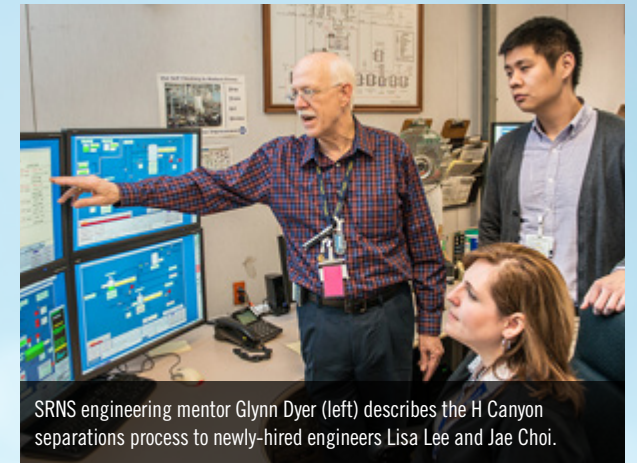
According to Hughes, recruiting and retaining engineers is a challenge for nearly every major company throughout the U.S.

"ELDP is leading the way towards shaping the future of SRNS and the Site," said Hughes. "We're developing genuine, long-term relationships, which are a key to success for any organization. In addition, we've worked hard to create a process to ease that sometimes difficult transition from college student to full-time employee. This program is focused on demonstrating that we truly care about their well-being and long-term success, both as individuals and SRNS team members. We are investing in their futures, and the future of the Site."

The core of the program involves an investment in technical engineering and operational training, combined with a series of short-term projects in a variety of facilities and processes across the Site. To further enhance this diverse process, an emphasis is placed on knowledge transfer and one-on-one quality time with experienced engineers who act as mentors. Mentoring ensures these new employees and future Site leaders gain skills and confidence in their new role.

Lisa Lee is one of the 30 new engineers participating in the ELDP. A recent graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in chemical engineering, Lee, at age 40, is starting a new career a little later in life.

"The ELDP offers a unique experience to new graduates transitioning into the engineering profession," said Lee. "In this program, experienced members of the SRNS team take the time to guide us through a variety of projects and training



SRNS engineering mentor Glynn Dyer (left) describes the H Canyon separations process to newly-hired engineers Lisa Lee and Jae Choi.

courses that prepare us for successful placement on Site. The support and guidance received in this program makes me feel that I am an important part of the team, not just another new hire. The program is definitely working."

"Since we're hiring about five engineers a month, this is an ongoing program," said Hughes. "We're investing most of our recruiting resources into local and regional colleges and universities. This strategy supports their engineering programs by providing candidates who have local ties, helping to increase employee satisfaction and retention at SRS."

Hughes also noted that the program emphasizes professional values and behaviors based upon the SRNS Standard of Excellence. "This includes safety and security, a strong work ethic, integrity, having a 'can do' attitude, exercising good judgment, delivering results, teamwork and building strong relationships based on mutual trust and respect," said Hughes.

"As engineers, we recognize that one of our key roles is to be the 'technical conscience' for our company," said Lee. "As such, we help to ensure the safe operation of our facilities and successful execution of Site missions. It is an important responsibility that we take seriously."

ATC nuclear fundamentals students get first-hand look at SRS facilities

Members of the first Aiken Technical College (ATC) Nuclear Fundamentals Certificate class recently toured SRS, including key nuclear facilities where they may one day work.

The curriculum for this new certificate was developed in collaboration with SRNS. Those students who graduate from this program could qualify for a career in nuclear operations either at SRS or one of the other major nuclear facilities in the region.

"It's one thing to be introduced to nuclear concepts in the classroom and another to visit the field where it is put into practice every day," said ATC President Dr. Susan Winsor. "We recognize the enormous value of an onsite visit where theory meets reality."

As the nuclear industry experiences major growth in the Georgia-South Carolina region, ATC will continue to offer special opportunities for area residents through the Nuclear Fundamentals Certificate curriculum and other nuclear-based education programs. Applications for summer and fall 2016 classes are being accepted. The next Nuclear Fundamentals class is scheduled to begin May 16.

According to Winsor, this program prepares ATC students for an entry-level position in the nuclear industry, blending applied chemistry, physics and engineering classes for a strong foundation for employment in today's nuclear facilities.

SRNS recently donated \$10,000 to help offset the cost to those enrolled in the nuclear fundamentals program. The donation, combined with Pathways scholarship funding, greatly reduces the



Students from Aiken Technical College recently participated in an intensive tour of SRS to learn about the Site's programs and missions.

cost of attendance expense for students. Qualifying students can receive up to \$2,000 in financial assistance from ATC to cover tuition and fees associated with the program.

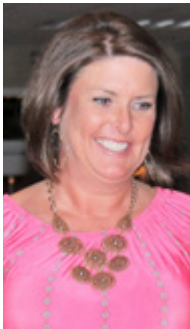
"The graduates of this ATC program will have met all our fundamental training needs, providing much needed job candidates who are ready to go to work in SRNS nuclear facilities almost immediately," said Carol Johnson, SRNS President and CEO. "A large percentage of our employees are reaching an age where they qualify for full retirement. We know those seeking retirement will rise every year throughout the near future."

For more information about ATC's Nuclear Fundamentals program, call (803) 508-7263 or visit www.atc.edu.

SRNS supports PEP 'Teacher of the Year' with gift of computer

SRNS recently assisted Public Education Partners (PEP) and the Aiken County (S.C.) School District with this year's Teacher of the Year "Salute to Excellence" celebration as the Presenting Sponsor, acknowledging the vital role educators play in the our community.

The 2015/2016 Teacher of the Year award recipient, Dr. Elizabeth Hardy, an Advanced Placement English and Literature teacher at North Augusta High School, was thrilled.



Dr. Hardy

"I am extremely passionate about what I do, and I'm amazingly overwhelmed by this honor and will do my best to represent North Augusta High School and Aiken County," she said.

The event was held at the University of South Carolina Aiken before an audience of fellow teachers. PEP is a non-profit organization that supports public education throughout Aiken County.

SRNS was once again the Presenting Sponsor for the banquet, and provided Dr. Hardy with a new laptop for her classroom.

Diana Floyd, current Board Chair of PEP, noted that SRNS also financially supports several other PEP programs annually, including the Summer Institute strings orchestra festival; the purchasing of synergistic lab modules; and various other STEM and literacy initiatives. In addition, this year SRNS has committed to being the Presenting Sponsor for the inaugural GEM Banquet honoring the school district's employees for "Giving Even More."

"It is companies like SRNS who are willing, year after year, to step up and provide major funding that helps keep our programs for Aiken County's public educators alive and well," said Floyd. "Each act of support moves us towards a more prosperous and promising future for our students and the greater Aiken-Augusta area"

Candice Dermody, Manager, SRNS Education Outreach and Talent Management, presented the computer to Dr. Hardy. "We at SRNS want to play an integral part towards supporting education outreach initiatives at all levels throughout the CSRA," said Dermody. "We would like to acknowledge all of the nominees and thank them for the role that they play in our children's lives."

Cutting the red tape

Program integration benefits from Business Council

Problem: How to implement highly important change throughout multiple SRNS organizations more efficiently and effectively, quickly driving value-added solutions and vital information from top to bottom throughout each affected business group.

Resolution: Form a group of experienced managers, one from each of the primary SRNS organizations at SRS, and empower them to investigate, develop and implement major change rapidly as one integrated team.

This team of 10 business leaders, known as the SRNS Business Managers Council, was formed by SRNS President and CEO Carol Johnson in May 2015, and placed under the leadership of Council Chair Steve Howell and Programs Integration Manager Jay Johnson.

"Our charter enables us to work together to evaluate viable solutions to cross-organization problems," said Howell. "This includes considering options related to significant business initiatives. Our goal is to make the best decisions that will sustain continual improvement and success at SRNS."

According to Jay Johnson, "Until the formation of the council, the decision-making process could take longer than desired, and implementation was often cumbersome for initiatives or issues that reached across multiple organizations or business units, sometimes stretching out for weeks to months. Now, we're able to make integrated decisions while also accelerating the pace of business."

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Recently, the Business Managers Council made key decisions that will impact over \$200 million of indirect scope for future years. The council also made recommendations to DOE to fund critical infrastructure projects towards maximizing the safe, secure delivery of SRS missions at the lowest possible cost.

The council meets bi-weekly; issues include business efficiencies, managing indirect budgets, changes in DOE directives and enterprise risks. Agenda items may involve tens of millions of dollars and can potentially affect large numbers of employees.

"We have a complex business environment with multiple programs and missions," said Carol Johnson. "The teamwork and decision-making of this council has proved to be a positive change for the company."

Fort Gordon Tour

Nineteen members of Fort Gordon's Garrison Leadership Development Program toured SRS on April 11. The tour included stops at SRNL, the Emergency Operations Center and Fire Station 1. Pictured (from left) are Garrison Commander Samuel Anderson and Executive Officer Josh Underwood. SRNL's Chuck Hunter (right) provided a briefing on the capabilities of the Atmospheric Technologies Lab.



Scenarios to solutions

SRNS IT professionals partner with Augusta University to guide students through real-world developer-client challenges

Managing the developer-client dynamic is a must-have skill for Information Technology (IT) professionals. Since 2012, IT professionals from SRS have partnered with Augusta University to help students prepare for the workforce by integrating theories learned in the classroom with a hands-on, client-based project.

Offered annually, the senior capstone course at Augusta University gives computer science majors the experience of building software applications for mock “clients” from SRNS.

“It’s tremendous – especially for the Information Technology field,” said Dr. Todd Schultz, Professor and Director of Computer & Information Sciences, Augusta University. “The client-based project model can be challenging for professors to simulate in the classroom. You need outsiders to bring in real problems to solve.”

The professor of the capstone course, Dr. Onyeka Ezenwoye, schedules three sessions during the semester. This year, teams comprised of two to four students initially met to discuss their various project scopes with their SRNS “clients” in January.

“While working on the project, students may get lost,” added Dr. Schultz. “After the students realize they’re lost, they can ask for directions to get back on track. Solving problems on their own prepares them for the workplace. I appreciate the IT professionals from SRNS for crafting the project scenarios for the students and interacting with them throughout the semester.”

The mock clients from SRNS include Jim Posnick, Karla Bunch, Tracy Waller, Kent Weymouth, Pamela Fair and Chuck Messick. Each member presents a scenario based on real needs at SRS, and the student teams are called to proactively search for solutions.

“We try not to consider how the students will use technology to develop a solution,” said Chuck Messick, SRNS Information System Security Officer. “We intentionally provide vague requirements to force discussion and questions so they better understand the problem. Then, we allow them to provide their solution.”



Augusta University computer science majors present a prototype to SRNS “clients.”

After the first meeting, the students write a requirement proposal, which details the client’s current situation. The SRNS clients review, comment and come to an agreement on the final product. From there, students research, develop and implement a prototype, and the SRNS clients provide feedback.

“Our client has been fantastic,” said Miranda McDonald, Augusta University student. “We email him our ideas, and he provides a lot of insight into the complexity of the scenario for our project. He’s been helpful in a way that’s letting us take control, and he’s guiding us in a positive way.”

During the final meeting, the students present the application to the clients and professor. The students will defend how the application meets the original requirements.

The partnership has also provided a pipeline to SRS for interns and full-time employees from the region. As a result, three graduates who took the capstone course work full-time in the IT department at SRNS, and three former students are currently interning for the company.



SRNS employee Yara Soto-Toledo (left) measures a tower designed and built by Kelly Rios-Perez from Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and Christina Brown from Westminster Schools of Augusta during “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.”

Girls explore engineering topics during annual event at USCA

SRNS, in partnership with the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center and the Society of Women Engineering, hosted 55 students from 27 middle schools throughout the greater Aiken-Augusta area for “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.”

Girls who have shown an interest in engineering were invited from schools in Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Edgefield in South Carolina and Columbia and Richmond Counties in Georgia.

Volunteer engineers presented interactive demonstrations, such as freezing flowers and marshmallows with liquid nitrogen, and placing Mentos into a two-liter diet soda so that the bottle erupted into a geyser.

“I would recommend this to any girl who lives in Georgia or South Carolina,” said Carly Burgess, an eighth grader at St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School in Aiken, S.C. “Today, I’ve learned more about engineering as a whole and some of the jobs you can have with a degree in engineering or science.”

Some of the hands-on activities that topped the agenda included building “puff mobiles” made from hard candy and paper, and racing to construct the tallest tower with only a single piece of newspaper.

“Before this event, these young women may not have been aware that certain career paths in engineering exist,” said Candice Dermody, Manager, SRNS Talent Management and Education Outreach. “In a few hours, they can interact with dozens of engineers from different areas of expertise, which may help inspire these middle school students to pursue a career in engineering.”

The day concluded with a visit to USC Aiken’s planetarium within the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center, where students learned about the International Space Station.

SRNS honored for safety by S.C. Chamber of Commerce

SRNS was recently recognized by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce for exemplary safety performance at a ceremony in Columbia, S.C.

“I am proud of the SRNS team for their daily contributions to make SRS a safe and reliable neighbor to the surrounding community as well as all of Georgia and South Carolina,” said SRNS President and CEO Carol Johnson. “We are a team that believes that safety is at the core of who we are.”

The company was recognized by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce for completing 2015 with four lost-time cases in the operations division and zero lost-time injuries in the construction division.

SRNS has received recognition from the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce each year since SRNS became the Site’s prime contractor in 2008.

“For a company that conducts the highly technical and hazardous work that we do, the fact that SRNS employees worked nearly 10 million hours safely in 2015 speaks to the safety culture we hold dear. I am very proud of their commitment and find the safety culture at SRNS to be nothing short of inspirational,” said Mary Flora, SRNS Deputy Director for Environmental Stewardship, Safety and Health.

LEAP helps out at recent Special Olympics event

More than a dozen Leaders Emerging Among Professionals (LEAP) members volunteered at the Special Olympics on April 16 at Midland Valley High School in North Augusta, S.C., which drew about 800 athletes with intellectual and physical disabilities. The event began with a “sorting” of volunteers with athletes from the Aiken-Augusta area, followed by a parade of local schools and opening ceremonies. The LEAP volunteers were “buddies” for preschoolers from Gloverville Elementary School, assisting the children as they played games and made arts and crafts. LEAP is a peer-led organization whose members are full-time employees at SRNS and have earned, at a minimum, an associate’s degree within the past seven years. In addition to providing networking and professional development opportunities, LEAP organizes community outreach events for its members through organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House and Golden Harvest Food Bank.

Environmental management, solar energy promoted at SRNS exhibits during Aiken’s Earth Day

It was all about our planet during this year’s Earth Day celebration in Aiken. SRNS was one of three principal sponsors for the event held April 23.

“We consider this annual showcase of excellent and diverse environmental information to be an opportunity to demonstrate to the community the good work we do in the fields of research, energy, waste reduction and recycling at SRS that is a part of our of everyday lives,” said Kim Cauthen, SRNS Program Management and Integration, Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Projects. “It is a day to be proud of what we do and to share that knowledge to benefit others.”

Working with city officials, SRNS employees developed two informative and interactive displays featuring solar energy and composting, while partnering with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control to promote effective recycling techniques, materials and equipment at a third exhibit.

“We at SRNS have an extensive environmental program, both regarding regulatory compliance and in areas such as continuous improvement, waste management, greenhouse gas reduction and several other key areas, so it just makes sense for us to participate each year,” said Cauthen. “This is not only an enjoyable event, but I’m confident that through these efforts we will help reduce environmental issues throughout Aiken.”

According to Cauthen, the decision to support Earth Day in Aiken goes back to DOE’s mission to help others understand effective environmental management and help shoulder the responsibility of being good stewards of our nation’s natural resources.



SRNL’s Dr. Elise Fox explains how solar power works to Earth Day attendees.

“I’ve learned today that SRS is putting a lot of emphasis into solar energy, and the importance of educating people about the steps needed to increase the use of residency solar energy in South Carolina,” said Tom Rolka, Aiken resident and event visitor.

The recycling program at SRS has been highly successful for many years under the management of SRNS.

In 2015, SRS employees diverted 685 tons of non-hazardous solid waste for recycling, preventing at least 50 percent of that waste from entering a landfill. Also in 2015, SRS met its goal towards reusing or recycling 100 percent of their electronics that were no longer usable.

Heart Association presents ‘Fit-Friendly’ gold award to SRNS for successful Heart Walk campaign

The American Heart Association recognized SRNS employees for a successful Heart Walk campaign during a recent celebration at SRS.

In spring 2016, SRNS employees raised \$73,383 for the American Heart Association, which was 122 percent of the company’s goal. SRNS also provided \$10,000 in philanthropic giving. Overall, SRNS was the second highest contributor for the CSRA Heart Walk and is the top non-medical company in South Carolina.



SRNS Heart Walk campaign chair Amy Meyer began the celebration by recognizing the top teams and “super surfers” (top walkers).

“SRNS is proud to support the American Heart Association for such an important cause,” said Wallis Spangler, SRNS Senior Vice President, NNSA Operations and Programs. “Thank you to Amy Meyer and Kim Baker for their dedication in leading our company’s campaign. Also, I want to extend a special thanks to this year’s captains who did an outstanding job collecting contributions and organizing group fundraisers.” The American Heart Association concluded the celebration by presenting the “Fit-Friendly” gold award to SRNS.

“SRNS continues to be a top contributor to the CSRA Heart Walk, and the fundraising achieved by SRNS employees goes towards advances in research, advocacy and education for heart health,” said Andi Van Airdsale, Executive Director, American Heart Association of the CSRA. “South Carolina and Georgia require all high school students to successfully complete a CPR training course, and this is one recent example of advocacy that hits close to home and wouldn’t be possible without the generosity of CSRA Heart Walk participants like the employees at SRNS.”

AMP ‘buddies up’ with the T-RecS

SRNS Aspiring Mid-Career Professionals (AMP) volunteers recently “buddied up” with kids from the T-RecS Adaptive Baseball Skills group for a special baseball game. T-RecS is organized by the RECIing Crew, a special leisure and recreation association for individuals with disabilities in the Central Savannah River Area.

During the April 16 game, AMP volunteers, or “buddies,” were paired up with children and helped with warm-up exercises, batting, running the bases, fielding a hit ball and pitching. Each buddy also provided emotional support and encouragement to the children. Following the game, AMP sponsored a pizza lunch for the children and their families.

The AMP group offers networking, professional development and outreach activities for SRNS employees who have between seven and 20 years of career experience.



Patti Bennett, SRNS Geotechnical Engineering and Girl Scout STEM Camp Coordinator; and Lindsey Sease, Vice President, Columbia Region, Girl Scouts of South Carolina

SRNS makes donation to support Girl Scout STEM Camp

SRNS and one of its parent companies, Honeywell, are sponsoring an adventurous summer camp on the University of South Carolina Aiken (USCA) campus to help high school girls understand the value of a STEM-based education (science, technology, engineering and math).

“The mini-camp is called Girls Get SET, where SET stands for science, engineering and technology,” said Patti Bennett, Program Coordinator for the Aiken Girl Scout Service Unit. “We also want to help them ‘get set’ for college, careers and life.”

The participants, high school girls from Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell and Edgefield counties, will engage in hands-on activities related to STEM topics. Registration is open to girls entering grades 9-12 who live in Aiken, Edgefield, Allendale or Barnwell County. Girl Scout membership is not required. Registration for the June 9-11 camp is open: visit www.gssc-mm.org or contact Patti Bennett at pattiben@bellsouth.net.

The three-day, two-night event also features a dinner forum with scientists and engineers from SRS and nearby companies to provide career exploration opportunities.

A \$7,500 donation from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions covers the costs of housing, meals, supplies and a stipend for camp counselors.

Bennett expressed her gratitude to SRNS and Honeywell for sponsoring the event. “They strongly supported the concept from the beginning. In fact, the volunteer support from SRS employees has also been outstanding.”

SRNS Family Scholarships

SRNS has announced the recipients of the 2016 SRNS Family Scholarships. The recipients were selected based on their ability, leadership, community service, scholastic assessment and achievement. These recipients are sons and daughters of SRNS employees. An awards ceremony will be held in May to recognize the students and their families.

- Timothy Dolin**, son of David Dolin of Engineering
- Kiana Franklin**, daughter of Tracey Franklin of NNSA Operations and Programs
- Devin Fulmer-Key**, son of Todd Woodsmall of NNSA Operations and Programs
- Lydia Hicks**, daughter of Barney Hicks of SRNL
- Alexander Karius**, son of Kenneth Karius of Engineering
- Kristen Livingston**, daughter of Ronald Livingston of NNSA Operations and Programs
- Tristin Nguyen-Tu**, son of James Nguyen of Engineering

- Mohsin Rizvi**, son of Mark Barnes of SRNL
- Caroline Schaade**, daughter of Jeffery Schaade of Engineering
- Jack Serkiz**, son of Steven Serkiz of SRNL
- Michael Serkiz**, son of Steven Serkiz of SRNL
- Caroline Sharpe**, daughter of Thomas Sharpe of Technical Services
- Steven Sheets**, son of Laura Sheets of Engineering
- Logan Skidmore**, son of Thomas Skidmore of SRNL
- Sallie Walkup**, daughter of Gregory Walkup of Technical Services

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