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Over 7,000 Area Students Attend College Night 2013

Greatly exceeds last year's attendance as \$15,000 in scholarships were awarded to area students

AAiken, S.C., (Sept. 13, 2013) — Over 7,000 high school students and educators from the greater Aiken-Augusta area recently met with recruiters from more than 150 colleges and universities during this year's CSRA College Night.

"We were thrilled with this year's attendance," said Gladys Moore, Program Coordinator, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS). "We broke last year's attendance by more than one thousand students. At times, the arena was packed, wall to wall, with enthusiastic students eager to obtain much needed information."

A large number of College Night volunteers are employees working at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site near Aiken, S.C. The U.S. Department of Energy-Savannah River is a major sponsor of this event.

Kiana Aguilar, a junior attending AR Johnson High School in Augusta, said CSRA College Night was exciting and informative. "Each booth was like taking a mini trip to the university," said Aguilar. "Some of them even had gifts. It was worth the experience."

Scholarships, each worth \$1,000, were awarded to 15 students attending the event recently held at Augusta's James Brown Arena.



Helping to prepare for the drawing of fifteen \$1,000 scholarships at this year's CSRA College Night are (from left) Tamara Baldwin, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Senior Nuclear Engineer, Whitney Shepard, SRP Federal Credit Union, Marketing Specialist, and volunteer Tori Shekastehband, South Aiken High School.

CSRA College Night Scholarship Winners:

Amber Johnson

Burke County High School

John Brown

John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet High School

Victoria Brown

Butler High School

Cindy Jones

John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet High School

Chase Morris

Evans High School

Kyle McBride

Lakeside High School

Andrew Buist

Fox Creek High School

Kali Coleman

Midland Valley High School

Brooke Pollard

Greenbrier High School

Ashton DeRemigio

Midland Valley High School

Jennifer Moore

Grovetown High School

Justin Gray

Midland Valley High School

Brandi Ray

Grovetown High School

Marlia Spann

South Aiken High School

Taisha Whitehead

Grovetown High School

According to Moore, this is the twentieth consecutive year for this event. “Over the years, more than \$275,000 in scholarship funding has been offered to tens of thousands of students attending CSRA College Night. We greatly appreciate the generosity that makes this event a success year after year.”

“The CSRA College Night committee helps make this event a success year after year. The members possess the passion and drive to continue to volunteer for this worthy cause that benefits so many students, parents and guidance counselors. Some of the members have been a part of this committee since its origin,” said Moore.

To qualify for a College Night scholarship, students must be high school juniors or seniors and graduate with a GPA equal or above 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). Students must also attend and register in person at CSRA College Night to be eligible.

CSRA College Night sponsors include the U.S. Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, SRP Federal Credit Union and Clear Channel Media + Entertainment. Other contributors include: Aiken County Public School Career Specialists and Counselors, WSI-Savannah River, Augusta Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Communigraphics, Augusta Marriott Hotel and Suites, South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers (Aiken Chapter), and American Association of Cost Engineers International (CSRA Section).

For more information, visit our web site at <http://www.srs.gov>, click on Outreach, then Educational Outreach Programs, then CSRA College Night:

http://www.srs.gov/general/outreach/edoutrch/coll_night.htm

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