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More Than 100 Students Complete Summer Internships at SRNS

AIKEN, S.C. – (August 22, 2014) – It was a whirlwind of exciting activities, educational challenges and rewarding experiences as more than 100 Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) intern students ended a fulfilling summer working in nuclear facilities across the Savannah River Site (SRS).

Paired with mentors holding titles such as manager, scientist, engineer and physicist made life at school seem far away and the prospect of quickly approaching post-graduate job responsibilities near.

SRNS Intern Liz Johnson, a Georgia Regents University student working on a degree in nuclear physics, enjoyed the three months at SRS helping to develop a new method to analyze gasses used within the production process at the SRNS H Canyon facility.

Johnson explained that this effort has been an important improvement initiative, upgrading equipment within the same facility that once produced nuclear material to support NASA's deep space missions.



SRNS President and CEO Carol Johnson (right) speaks with interns about their SRNS experiences.

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“I got a really good view on how new processes and measuring instruments are developed,” said Johnson. “It was pretty exciting.”

SRNS President & CEO Carol Johnson noted that Liz’s level of high quality experiences while working at SRS as an intern is not unusual.

“We feel that SRNS has an obligation to help grow and train our future scientists, engineers and professionals. And our investment into these young minds brings a spark, a fresh set of ideas and additional enthusiasm to our company. In fact, we’d like our interns to return as employees sometime in the future,” said Johnson.

Carol Johnson also noted that an important goal of the SRNS internship program is to treat each intern like a full-time employee, providing a well-rounded experience.

Industrial mathematics major Ashley Elizondo, attending the University of South Carolina Aiken, stated that she obtained a new set of skills over the summer at SRS as well. “I had the opportunity to apply math and computer programming principles I learned in school to my summer internship at SRS,” said Elizondo. “I’ve learned so much.”

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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