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Jeff Griffin
SRNS President and CEO

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Venezuelan fuel container is transferred from British vessel to truck for overland transport to SRS.

Welcome

to the July 2026 edition of

SRNS Today

This month, we highlight the Site's key role in the successful removal of the last highly enriched uranium from Venezuela's RV-1 research reactor—a major international nonproliferation milestone achieved in partnership with the NNSA and global partners. SRS' technical leadership and specialized facilities reinforced its expertise in nuclear material stewardship and advanced global efforts to reduce weapons-usable nuclear materials.

Our Solid Waste and Deactivation Management team recently completed a flammable gas analysis campaign on challenging legacy, high dose rate transuranic (TRU) waste containers—an essential step for safe, compliant shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. This accomplishment highlights the team's commitment to safety and environmental stewardship, consistently surpassing shipment goals despite increasing TRU waste management complexities.

Embracing digital transformation, our Information Technology team earned national recognition from the NNSA Chief Information Officer for modernizing critical infrastructure, installing over 40,000 linear feet of fiber optic cable and expanding secure AI capabilities through ChatSRS, which has assisted with more than 44,000 user topics.

Our commitment extends beyond the Site, with nearly 400 employees attending this year's Wellness Fair, interns supporting Golden Harvest Food Bank and over 700 participants attending our Small Business Opportunity Day.

Enjoy this month's issue of SRNS Today, celebrating the work our employees do to show that Every Day Matters.



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Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor and HII partnership company, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina. The SRNS corporate and community offices are located in the renovated 1912 "Old Post Office" building in Aiken. We make the world safer by delivering nuclear materials to the National Nuclear Security Administration and Department of War that support our Nation's nuclear deterrent; and leading legacy environmental clean-up.

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Environmental Management team members conduct flammable gas analysis on transuranic waste containers.

Flammable gas analysis in TRU waste management

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management (EM) will resume shipping remote-handled transuranic waste drums from SRS to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico for permanent disposal after a flammable gas analysis confirmed the containers met safety requirements for transport to the underground waste repository.

Flammable gas sampling is not simply a box to check for regulatory purposes; it is a critical safety measure. By analyzing the gases present in each waste container, particularly hydrogen, methane and volatile organic compounds, the EM team can accurately assess the risk of internal combustion and verify that each drum is safe for transport and disposal.

The analysis is especially important for legacy waste drums, which have been stored for many years and may generate flammable gases due to their age and contents. Some of these containers are also remote-handled, presenting additional challenges due to elevated radiation levels.

Transuranic waste consists of manufactured radioactive elements heavier than uranium on the periodic table. The remote-handled waste has higher radioactivity levels than the contact-handled waste and requires specialized machinery operated at a distance to shield workers from radiation.

Anthony Carraway, SRNS Solid Waste and Deactivation Facility manager, emphasized the importance of the analysis, a vital step in a complex process that ensures safe, compliant and efficient shipment of transuranic waste to WIPP.

“The characterization of these transuranic waste containers is essential to meet our mission of shipping them out of South Carolina and getting them to permanent disposition at the WIPP facility,” he said. “Our team does great here ensuring that we follow all the right procedures and controls to keep everyone safe and to keep the mission moving forward.”

Completion of the analysis is particularly noteworthy given evolving challenges in transuranic waste management. In recent years, SRS has shipped most legacy transuranic waste at the Site to WIPP. The more challenging legacy drums remain at SRS for processing, and many of them are more difficult to handle and characterize. Despite these obstacles, the team has consistently exceeded an annual goal of 12 shipments to WIPP, with 18 completed last year and 24 the year before.

Since the beginning of the SRNS contract in 2008, the contractor has successfully completed 929 shipments of transuranic waste to WIPP, reflecting a sustained commitment to safely and efficiently removing legacy waste from SRS.

“This recent flammable gas analysis campaign is a testament to the team’s professionalism, resilience and unwavering commitment to safety,” Carraway added. “As the challenges of transuranic waste management grow, so does the significance of each milestone. The team’s achievements not only protect workers and the public but also advance the broader mission of responsible environmental stewardship and safe, permanent waste disposition.”

Operational excellence through Y-12 collaboration

Members of the SRNS PPOP Readiness Team recently traveled to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to participate in a benchmarking visit during the Y-12 National Security Complex's Contractor Readiness Assessment of their new calciner process.

As the PPOP organization prepares to start up operations, the Readiness Program will become a more prominent focus for all involved. Readiness is the process of achieving, demonstrating and verifying the people, plant, processes and procedures needed for safe start up and operation of a new nuclear facility are in place. The benchmarking of operations at the Y-12 facility provided PPOP personnel key insights for consideration during the SRS Pit Production readiness phase.

This visit allowed the SRNS team—comprised of Director, Project Integration and Readiness Tom Cowlam and Senior Readiness Assurance Specialists Michael Lanier Sr. and Jonathon Stein—with valuable opportunities to analyze readiness strategies against those of the Y-12 Readiness group, observe the implementation of a mature Readiness Certification Assurance Process Tracking System program and evaluate Y-12's rigorous approach to readiness verification.

Throughout the week, the Readiness Team took part in daily facility walkdowns and observed demonstrations of the new Y-12 calciner process in Building 9212, which ensures the successful transition of uranium processing operations to the Uranium Processing Facility and enduring Y-12 facilities, reduces risks associated with processing uranium and de-inventories and transitions the current facility to DOE's Office of Environmental Management. Through these activities, the team gained firsthand insight into Y-12's Conduct of Operations, safety protocols and procedure compliance. These experiences will enable PPOP to identify best practices and strengthen the Site's own readiness processes.

"By the conclusion of our visit, we had established positive relationships with members of the Y-12 Readiness Team," said Lanier. "These relationships will be crucial for facilitating future knowledge sharing as we work toward achieving operational readiness for pit production at SRS."



SRNS PPOP Readiness Team members Jonathon Stein, Senior Readiness Assurance Specialist; Tom Cowlam, Director, Project Integration and Readiness; and Michael Lanier, Sr, Senior Readiness Assurance Specialist



Plutonium handling

Downblending of Swiss Gap items in KAC

SRNS K Area Operations recently achieved a milestone by downblending 16 Swiss Gap Material Removal Program items in less than a month. This Swiss material marked the first set to be downblended under the Gap Program, which began in 2022. The program's mission is to remove and eliminate weapons-usable nuclear materials worldwide that the NNSA identifies as threats, focusing on materials not covered under existing U.S.-origin or Russian-origin removal programs. Each campaign within the program presents unique challenges, requiring careful planning and adaptability. So far, the K Area Complex has received gap material from six countries.

Building on the first Swiss downblending campaign in 2022, the team used several innovative and cost-saving measures. They reactivated specialized high-heat procedures for unique operational needs and repurposed seven glovebags from the previous campaign, reducing setup time and costs. A newly designed mockup glovebag frame was introduced for training, enabling efficient skill-building without disrupting active operations.

Cross-shift collaboration was also key to the campaign's success. Day-shift experts provided focused training to other shifts, ensuring all team members were well-prepared. This collaborative approach minimized delays and fostered operational continuity.

Phil Kestin, SRNS K Area Nuclear Materials Program Director, praised the team's adaptability, expertise and collaboration in overcoming challenges while maintaining safety and efficiency. "The campaign reflects a strong balance of operational efficiency and cost savings, demonstrating K Area Operations' commitment to resourcefulness and teamwork," he stated.

With the downblending of the Swiss gap materials complete, the remaining gap materials are planned to be downblended over the next couple of years. The remaining material includes items with long-term storage and safety concerns, as well as low plutonium content not suitable for industry.

Jay Johnson, SRNS Deputy Senior Vice President of Business Services and Chief Contracting Officer, welcomes more than 700 attendees to the event.



>700 attend Small Business Opportunity Day

On June 11, SRNS hosted its annual Small Business Opportunity Day at the Augusta Convention Center, drawing more than 700 attendees including small businesses and diverse suppliers; 35 SRS stakeholders; four mentor-protégé companies; and nine small business resource partners. The event spotlighted upcoming procurement opportunities, strategic partnerships and capacity-building resources available to current and potential business partners.

Since 2018, SRS has played an important role in revitalizing the nation's pit production capability, key to NNSA's nuclear stockpile sustainment strategy. As SRNS expands its national defense missions while continuing to advance enduring DOE-EM responsibilities, building a reliable, innovative and diverse supplier ecosystem is critical to meeting the scale and urgency of mission needs.

"DOE and NNSA are driving federal contractors to innovate faster, accelerate schedules and reduce costs. That's the type of partnership we're looking for today," said Jay Johnson, SRNS Deputy Senior Vice President of Business Services and Chief Contracting Officer. "SRNS is embracing a new delivery framework, shifting toward commercial standards and emphasizing cost-effective, timely project delivery."

Attendees traveled from states as far as California and Washington to learn how their capabilities might support SRNS in areas such as infrastructure, IT, machining, warehousing, classified storage, engineering and administrative services. The event included one-on-one supplier matchmaking sessions, an exhibit hall featuring more than 50 booths, and a supplier partnering discussion panel.

"This is not just another supplier conference," said Jana Chavous, SRNS Supply Chain Strategist and one of three event organizers. "This is an opportunity for businesses to meet directly with the programs and projects that procure these goods and services, as well as with major partners like Fluor and Oak Ridge National

For the first time, SRNS also introduced the Small Business Program Awards, recognizing high-performing suppliers who exemplified urgency, excellence and partnership in FY25.

- **Woman-owned Small Business of the Year:** Eastern Power Technologies
- **Veteran-owned Small Business of the Year:** Omega Technical Services
- **Small Disadvantaged Business of the Year:** BVB Tech
- **Small Business of the Year:** Stratagon

Laboratory. This kind of meaningful engagement strengthens our supply chain, deepens collaboration and supports SRNS' mission to deliver safe, efficient operations for DOE and NNSA."

Keynote speaker Freddie Grimm, Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning and Integration, noted SRNS' strategic shift toward commercial standards and the opportunity for small businesses to partner with major contractors. "There is a national need right in our backyard, and NNSA is pushing a clear sense of urgency that we've fully embraced," Grimm said. "By identifying new scopes, securing the right funding, and connecting contractors with local businesses, we can exceed project delivery together."

Panelist Bob Conner, Vice President and Director of Technical Services for CRC Technologies, discussed how the SRNS DOE Mentor Protégé Program has strengthened CRC's position as a woman-owned small business supporting DOE prime contractors. "As a supplier, we must be clear about the value we bring and what gaps we fill for SRNS. For us, that meant getting closer to the source to offer both cost and process efficiencies," he said.



Landmark Venezuelan fuel receipt

IN A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE for global nuclear security, the United States, partnering with international allies, has completed the removal of all remaining highly enriched uranium from Venezuela's legacy RV-1 (Reactor Venezolano 1) reactor.

The NNSA, Office of Environmental Management and SRS were essential to the success of this complex, multi-agency mission.

NNSA's Office of Nuclear Nonproliferation coordinated the operation through its Office of Nuclear Materials Removal and Minimization, whose mission includes reducing risk of nuclear terrorism by eliminating weapons-usable materials worldwide.

SRS, recognized for its expertise in nuclear material management and its longstanding support of NNSA's nonproliferation initiatives, provided technical leadership support, specialized facilities and operational excellence needed to bring the mission to completion.

The RV-1 reactor, constructed in the 1960s under the Atoms for Peace program, supported decades of scientific research before its shutdown in 1991. While most of its used fuel was

removed in 1999, the remaining 20 U.K.-origin assemblies, along with two U.S.-origin fuel plates and six coupons, continued to pose a proliferation risk.

An SRNS team led a site assessment in Venezuela in March, evaluating equipment, logistics and regulatory requirements.

The assessment clarified what needed to be completed, identified the necessary collaborators, and established the timeline to ensure all logistical, physical protection, safety, documentation and regulatory compliance requirements were met in the United States and in Venezuela.

With a British vessel identified for transport, the SRS team rapidly reactivated maintenance activities, retrained operators and prepared specialized equipment to receive the cask upon arrival.

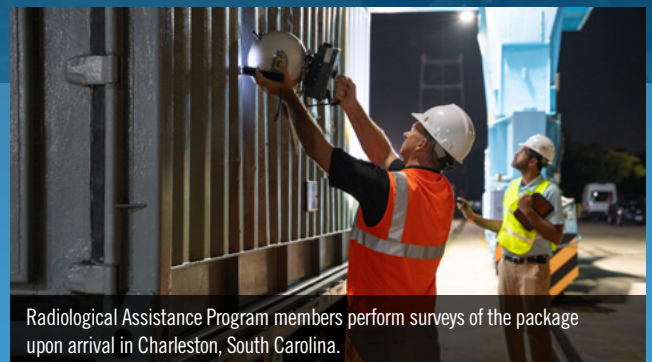
In Venezuela, SRNS personnel supported the cask-loading process, ensured all required radiological surveys were completed and verified documentation for material acceptance in accordance with Site requirements. The cask was then shipped to the U.S., where the SRS Radiological Assistance Program team provided further surveys at the Charleston, South Carolina, port prior to overland transport to SRS.



The cask was received at L Area at SRS and is securely stored. The material will later be sent to the Site's H Canyon—the only operating, production-scale, radiologically shielded chemical separations facility in the U.S.—to recover highly enriched uranium from the used nuclear fuel and convert it to high-assay low-enriched uranium, which is used to fuel advanced nuclear reactors, supporting America's energy independence.

"This achievement underscores the dedication and expertise of our team at SRS," said SRNS Environmental Management Operations Senior Vice President Janice Lawson. "By working hand in hand with our international partners, we have not only removed a significant nuclear risk but also reaffirmed our commitment to global security and nonproliferation. The safe and secure handling of this material is a testament to the operational excellence and collaborative spirit that define our mission at SRS."

The successful removal and processing of the highly enriched uranium from Venezuela not only eliminated a significant proliferation risk but also showcased the critical role of SRS in advancing U.S. nuclear security and nonproliferation objectives. SRS continues to serve at the forefront of global efforts to secure nuclear materials and protect future generations.



Radiological Assistance Program members perform surveys of the package upon arrival in Charleston, South Carolina.



Members of the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services compare survey data.

SRS wins NNSA CIO Achievement Awards

The NNSA Office of Information Management (NA-IM) and Chief Information Officer (CIO) recognized SRS teams during the 2026 CIO Achievement Awards, honoring their significant contributions to information technology, cybersecurity and enterprise collaboration across the NSE. The ceremony was held at the NNSA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in June.

NNSA CIO Jamie Wolff described the awards as an opportunity to celebrate projects that deliver measurable mission impact, strengthen national security and advance technology capabilities across the enterprise. “The most impactful work is what we want to recognize,” he said. “For us, impact means improving mission execution, increasing security and enabling deterrence across the NSE.”

“Receiving multiple awards is a testament to the innovation, professionalism and mission focus of our workforce,” said Jeff Griffin. “These teams are strengthening the digital backbone that supports national security by modernizing critical infrastructure, advancing responsible AI and improving enterprise-wide collaboration. Their work accelerates our readiness for the future and reinforces our commitment to delivering secure, resilient capabilities for the DOE and NNSA.”

“It is an honor to see our teams recognized by NNSA for their outstanding achievements in IT and enterprise collaboration,” said Bruce Page, SRNS Senior Vice President and CIO. “These awards reflect the dedication, expertise and forward-thinking mindset of our workforce. By modernizing our fiber infrastructure, advancing responsible AI solutions, and participating in streamlining enterprise-wide access, we are not only supporting the mission of SRS but also strengthening national security across the enterprise.”



NNSA recognized multiple SRS IT teams during the 2026 NNSA CIO Achievement Awards ceremony.



Operational Excellence & Efficiency: SRS Fiber Infrastructure Upgrade Team

The SRNS Information Technology (IT) department was recognized for completing a major modernization of the Site's fiber infrastructure, one of the most significant communications upgrades in decades. The team installed more than 40,000 linear feet of new 288-strand fiber optic cabling, creating a dedicated high-capacity connection between the Central Data Center and facilities supporting the Site's pit production mission. This new circuit delivers the speed, redundancy and data throughput required to support modern digital manufacturing and the data-intensive missions ahead. Completed ahead of the 2027 deadline and within budget, the upgrade positions SRNS to handle 6–10 terabytes of data per work package for a growing workforce in this area.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) Honors: SRNS AI Integration Team

SRNS also received recognition for major advancements in responsible AI implementation across SRS during FY25. The SRNS IT team expanded ChatSRS, the Site's secure generative AI platform, to full sitewide availability. Employees leveraged the tool across 44,000 distinct user topic types, supporting research, text analysis, writing workflows and rapid access to institutional knowledge. The team also launched several specialized AI-enabled services and integrated AI tools into software development, analytics and technical operations. A key highlight was the successful proof-of-concept that automatically classified 300,000+ requisition items, paving the way for improved procurement analytics and future automation.



Cross-Organizational Collaboration & Enterprise- wide Solutions: One NNSA Access (ONA) Team

Many SRS employees also contributed to the ONA Team, recognized for creating the first enterprise-wide credential verification and physical access framework across all NNSA labs, plants and sites. The initiative, jointly led by the NA-IM and NNSA Office of Defense Nuclear Security (NA-70), established a standardized process enabling online pre-registration for HSPD-12 badge holders. Personnel now register once per facility for the lifetime of their credential, eliminating redundant paperwork and unnecessary visits to badge offices.

Employee selected for Weapon Intern Program

A SRNS employee was recently selected to participate in the Weapon Intern Program (WIP) hosted by Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Luke Hamrick, a Reservoir Engineer with SRTE, is the sole representative from SRS chosen for this prestigious, 11-month educational program focused on advancing nuclear weapons knowledge.



Luke Hamrick, Reservoir Engineer

The annual program offers 24 participants the opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge of nuclear weapons from leading engineers and subject matter experts. The curriculum features classroom instruction covering a wide range of nuclear weapon topics, as well as visits to laboratories, plants and sites across the NSE. In addition, participants will complete class projects and presentations.

Hamrick, who begins the program in September, expressed his enthusiasm to collaborate with peers across the NSE on improving processes and addressing shared challenges.

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program, building meaningful relationships with colleagues from other sites and working together to find innovative solutions to common issues."

According to SRTE Reservoir Engineering Manager Todd Woodsmall, the program has a strong reputation for supporting the professional growth and development of participants throughout the organization.

"Having engaged with numerous SRS participants both before and after their involvement in the program, as well as connecting with many others from across the complex, it is evident that this opportunity consistently elevates high performers. The program not only sharpens their skills but also increases their value and contribution to our shared mission."

The WIP was created in 1998 to accelerate the learning process and transfer decades of knowledge and experience in all aspects of nuclear weapons.

Filling the bench: Engineering Academy strengthens workforce of tomorrow

The Engineering Staffing and Development (ESD) organization's Engineering Academy Program continues to support engineering readiness across SRNS through the Bench Strength Program.

As part of the Engineering Academy, the Bench Strength Program develops newly-hired engineers after the Engineering Leadership and Development Program (ELDP). Through facilitating mentorship opportunities, engineers within the cohort gain valuable experience and participate in hands-on training by supporting organizations such as: Facilities and Services Engineering, Fire Protection Engineering, Design Engineering, Packaging and Transportation Engineering, and Nuclear and Criticality Safety Engineering.

The Bench Strength Program engineers have the opportunity to support various operational facilities at SRS, including H Canyon, L Area, K Area, SRTE and SRPPF, to gain an understanding and skills required to support the mission of any program where they are needed. This diverse experience provides options for permanent placement ensuring the right engineers go into the right openings on-site.

Becca Rice, Engineering Academy Bench Strength Manager, stated that the cohort helps ensure development of a bench of engineers who are well-prepared, resilient, and ready to adapt to any challenge they may encounter in their careers in engineering at SRS.

"We have so many incredible engineering applicants that go unnoticed because managers don't have the time or vacancies to hire a new person every time someone impressive applies. This program helps alleviate the stress of the hiring and onboarding process as we train such new hires separately and facilitate placing them in positions where they can thrive," explained Rice. "The engineers we've trained are all eager and excited to be here. It gives me confidence about the future growth of our workforce."

Since July, the program has grown to 21 engineers. Eight have agreements for their final placements in the Engineering organization following their completion of the program. The first two engineers will complete the program in September.

Wellness in focus

Employee fair puts health center stage

Defense Waste
Processing
Facility

Sanctuary Facility
and Disposal Units

Sanctuary Facility

● Solid Waste
Management



Employees connect with community vendors to explore wellness and health resources.

On June 16, SRNS hosted its annual Wellness Program Fair, providing nearly 400 employees with access to a diverse array of health, wellness and community resources. This year's event featured 38 vendors, offering services such as free blood pressure checks and vein/artery scans by Site Medical and Vein Guys. Dr. Jimmy Hewitt from the Center for Primary Care in North Augusta answered health questions, while Family Pharmacy offered vaccinations for flu, pneumonia and shingles.

Fitness was highlighted by Orange Theory Fitness, which provided rowing machine demonstrations and fitness tips. Most SRNS benefits vendors, including First Sun Employee Assistance Program (EAP), Hinge Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina, Health Savings Account Bank and others, participated to inform employees about their benefits and wellness programs.

Site organizations such as the Wellness Program, EAP, Safety and Security, the Savannah River Site Fire Department and Emergency

Medical Services and the Leaders Investing for Tomorrow organization contributed information on maintaining workplace health and safety. Employees also engaged with local organizations like the American Heart Association, South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Nuclear Care Partners, Georgia Cancer Center, the Tobacco Cessation Program, VIA Cognitive Health, Spine Doctors, Sheppard Blood Center and several recovery and support centers.

Bryan Ortner, Senior Vice President of Workforce Services and Talent Management, praised employee engagement at the fair, emphasizing the company's commitment to employee health and well-being. "Events like these highlight the value we place on our workforce, giving team members access to health screenings and resources that empower them to take charge of their well-being," Ortner said. Wellness Specialist Erica Schlachter noted the event's success and announced plans for an expanded fair next year, aiming to offer even more wellness opportunities for employees.

Fluor interns visit SRS



Interns with Fluor stand in front of the SRPPF during their June 10 visit to SRS, which included tours and briefings covering the Site's various national security missions.



Kiran Karanth

AT SRNS: Program Manager, Fuel Receipt Programs

IN THE COMMUNITY: Volunteers with the Hindu Temple Society of Augusta, Garden City Rescue Mission, National Day of Prayer for Mental Health, National Public Lands Day Conservation

THE PEOPLE OF SRNS

With a decade of dedicated service at SRS, Kiran Karanth currently serves as the Program Manager for Fuel Receipt Programs in Environmental Management Operations. Over his 10 years at SRS, Kiran has built a distinguished career, previously contributing as a Project Engineer at Savannah River National Laboratory and as a Senior Engineer with SRNS.

Karanth's favorite aspects of working at SRS include the ideal work culture, a strong work-life balance and a family-like environment fostered by friendly coworkers. He values the supportive community and the opportunities for professional growth that SRS provides.

One of Karanth's most memorable experiences at the Site occurred during a processing campaign involving Japanese-owned casks. When a major operational issue arose, the Japanese technical team proposed a recovery method that differed from the approach developed by SRNS engineering and rigging groups. Karanth played a pivotal role in aligning both NNSA customers and Japanese counterparts on a single, safe solution. Despite language barriers, trust and patient collaboration led to agreement. The team executed the recovery safely, resolved the issue without complications and returned the casks on schedule.

He encourages new employees to be professional and persistent as they begin their careers. Outside of work, he is an active community member, volunteering with his two sons—one of whom is a Scout. He emphasizes to young people that volunteering should be about giving back with purpose, not just fulfilling hours.

Also, Karanth has taken up woodworking, inspired by colleagues and online resources, further reflecting his passion for learning and craftsmanship.

No small potatoes: SRNS interns volunteer at Golden Harvest

SRNS interns recently joined forces with community members for a morning of service at the Golden Harvest Food Bank of Augusta.

Approximately 40 volunteers, with half of those being SRNS interns and members of Leaders Emerging Among Professionals (LEAP)—an SRNS organization focused on professional development—came together to support the food bank's mission. The event began with a briefing on how volunteers would assist by organizing and sorting bags of potatoes for elderly members of the CSRA community.

Interns collaborated with students from groups such as Augusta University's Medical College of Georgia. Throughout the morning, volunteers shared conversations about career preparation and enjoyed friendly competition as they worked alongside each other.

SRNS Internship Program Lead Felicia Hartzog said that this has been one of the largest intern turnouts in SRNS history.

"Our group of interns came early and ready to help while having a great time," Hartzog said. "This has been a wonderful opportunity for them to network with LEAP and other students from the community."

The SRNS personnel involved were proud of the work accomplished in just a short amount of time and were excited about future opportunities.



SRNS interns and volunteers help the community at the Golden Harvest Food Bank.

"The volunteer event was a great opportunity to see current and potential future SRNS employees come together for a great cause," LEAP Steering Committee member Sarah Bass said. "Even after a couple of hours, there's still plenty of more work for us to return to, alongside Golden Harvest, to better serve our community."

Events like this reflect SRNS' ongoing commitment to serving the community and making a positive difference. By encouraging employees and interns to give back, SRNS continues to strengthen its ties with the region and support those in need.

FEATURE FRIDAY

The following employees were highlighted as part of the SRNS Feature Friday series on social media.



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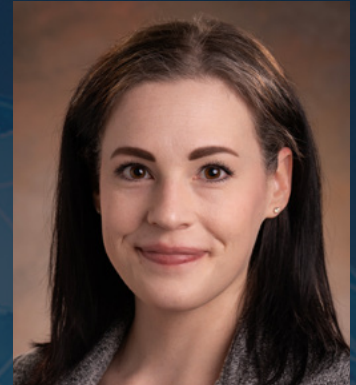
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