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SRNS Helps Honor Aiken County Teacher of the Year

Presenting Sponsor SRNS provided a special gift for the Public Education Partners' "Teacher of the Year" event

AIKEN, S.C. – May 3, 2016 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) recently helped sponsor the Aiken County School District Teacher of the Year “Salute to Excellence” award celebration, presented by Public Education Partners (PEP.)

“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 Diana Floyd, current PEP board chair. “In turn, helping our teachers to better reach and more effectively teach our children. Each act of support moves us towards a more prosperous and promising future for our students and the greater Aiken-Augusta area as a whole.”

The 2015/2016 Teacher of the Year award recipient, Dr. Elisabeth Hardy, an Advanced Placement English and literature teacher at North Augusta High School, expressed her gratitude.

“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,” said Hardy.

The event was held at the University of South Carolina Aiken Convocation Center before an audience of fellow teachers.

SRNS was once again a presenting sponsor for the banquet, acknowledging the vital role educators play in the community.



Dr. Elisabeth Hardy, an AP English and Literature Teacher at North Augusta High School, is this year’s winner of the Aiken County’s “Teacher of the Year” event. Candice Dermody, Manager, SRNS Education Outreach, presented Hardy with a new laptop computer, recognizing her extraordinary work.

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Candice Dermody, Manager, SRNS Education Outreach and Talent Management, represented SRNS and presented Hardy with a new laptop computer to show SRNS' appreciation for her extraordinary work and years of dedication towards the scholastic achievement of numerous students.

"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."

Each year, every public school in Aiken County names its Teacher of the Year, who is also nominated for the countywide award. Each nominee is invited to attend the award ceremony. During the award banquet, five of these educators are acknowledged as the honor court from which the County Teacher of the Year is selected.

Floyd, the PEP chair, noted that SRNS also financially supports several other PEP programs, including the Summer Institute, the Garcia Orchestra Festival, the purchase of synergistic lab modules, and 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.

The other members of this year's Honor Court are:

- Amanda Burnside, eighth-grade science teacher, Paul Knox Middle School
- Carrie Clark, fourth-grade teacher, Hammond Hill Elementary School
- Lisa Colquitt, science teacher, South Aiken High School
- Kathy Linton, physical education teacher, East Aiken School of the Arts

Public Education Partners is a non-profit organization that supports public education throughout Aiken County.

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