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Mark Your Calendars: CSRA College Night Celebrates Years of Service to Area Students on September 15

- Over 130 colleges and universities expected to attend (James Brown Arena)
- Approximately \$13,000 in scholarships to be awarded

Aiken, S.C., July 26, 2016 — High school students will have an opportunity to meet recruiters from more than 130 colleges and universities and win scholarships totaling approximately \$13,000 at CSRA College Night, to be held Thursday, Sept. 15, 5-8:30 p.m., at the James Brown Arena, Augusta, Ga. Admission is free and open to the public.

“We’re pleased to provide a venue that offers a diverse selection of college and university recruiters from across the nation all in one location,” said Candice Dermody, SRNS Manager, Education Outreach and Talent Management. “Working with our co-sponsors and volunteers, College Night continues to provide a valuable resource for area students throughout the greater Aiken-Augusta area.”

Each year, nearly the entire arena is filled with students and information booths – colorful exhibits manned by representatives from colleges, universities and technical schools from throughout the U.S., as well as members from local professional societies, who gear up to share beneficial information relative to the college selection process. Last year approximately 8,000 CSRA students, parents and guidance counselors attended the event.



Representatives from numerous universities will be available and scholarships totaling \$13,000 featured at this year's College Night, Sept. 15, 5-8:30 p.m.

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College Night provides a way for CSRA students and parents to:

- Obtain information on educational opportunities, admission requirements and tuition;
- Speak with representatives from various professional societies who will be on hand to provide information in areas such as engineering, management, chemical science and nuclear science;
- Attend seminars to get information about HOPE and LIFE scholarships, financial aid and essay writing for college admissions, time management, learning styles, scholarships and joint enrollment;
- Visit a counseling center that will be open throughout the evening where students and parents can seek advice about the college application process from high school advisors and admissions professionals; and
- Visit a career exploration area where students can discover their options after college. Students will be able to participate in a quick “card sort” interest inventory to validate their career choice.

“It’s amazing,” said Gladys Moore, SRNS employee and event coordinator. “The atmosphere is almost electric; you can actually feel the excitement in the air. It’s one of those events that has to be experienced to be fully understood.”

A large number of the 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.

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 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 iHeart-Media. Other contributors include: Aiken County Public School Career Specialists and Counselors, CENTERRA, 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 www.srs.gov, click on Outreach, then Education Outreach Programs, then CSRA College Night:

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

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