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## **Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Family Scholarships Awarded** *\$45,000 in college scholarships presented to employees' sons & daughters*

AIKEN, S.C. – (May 12, 2017) – Since 2009, more than \$400,000 in scholarships have been presented to area students as a part of the Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Family Scholarship program.

On Wednesday, May 10, fifteen students each received a \$3,000 scholarship at a special ceremony held at Newberry Hall, in Aiken, S.C. The winners are sons and daughters of SRNS employees.

This program rewards graduating high school students on the basis of general ability, leadership and scholastic achievement, recognizing the top students participating in the competition.

“The amazing range of academic accomplishments achieved and long-term dedication displayed by each of these students is extraordinary,” said Stuart MacVean, SRNS President and CEO. “And, as if that wasn’t enough, the list of nonprofit agencies, charitable organizations and philanthropic events supported by these conscientious young men and women is equally impressive. It’s truly an honor for us to contribute to their pursuit of a college degree. And hopefully, they will one day consider pursuing a career at SRS.”



Stuart MacVean (far left), SRNS President and CEO stands with (front row, from left) Maxwell DiPrete, Greenbrier High School; Garrett Godbee, Greenbrier High School; Fredericka Tucker, Aiken High School; Andy Nguyen, Lakeside High School; Emily Mullner, North Augusta High School; Connor Sweeney, Aquinas High School; Frelicia Tucker, Aiken High School; Kaitlyn Vu, Lakeside High School; (back row, from left) Garrett Jones, Greenbrier High School; Shannon Shuford, Mead Hall Episcopal School; Justin Tran, Aquinas High School; Brian Schaade, North Augusta High School; Brice Smoker, North Augusta High School; Ethan Pifer, Midland Valley High School; Kyle Xiao, Lakeside High School; and Carol Barry, SRNS Senior Vice President, Workforce Services.

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Through the Family Scholarship Program, SRNS employees see the value their company places on the importance of a high quality education.

“I’m really thankful that SRNS is giving back to the community. They’re investing in the youth of the region and, because of that, investing in the future,” said Brice Smoker, North Augusta High School, who plans to pursue a degree in medicine. “I’m honored to be selected for the scholarship. Knowing I can concentrate more on academics rather than focusing so much on how I’m going to pay to get through school is definitely a big help.”

## 2017 Winners:

- Maxwell DiPrete, Greenbrier High School, son of David and Cecilia DiPrete (Savannah River National Laboratory)
- Garrett Godbee, Greenbrier High School, son of Kendra Godbee (Business Services)
- Garrett Jones, Greenbrier High School, son of Dwight Jones (NNSA)
- Emily Mullner, North Augusta High School, daughter of James Mullner (Engineering)
- Andy Nguyen, Lakeside High School, son of Tuan Nguyen (Engineering)
- Ethan Pifer, Midland Valley High School, son of Terry Pifer (ESS&H)
- Brian Schaade, North Augusta High School, son of Jeffery Schaade (Engineering)
- Shannon Shuford, Mead Hall Episcopal School, daughter of Cristie Shuford (Technical Services)
- Brice Smoker, North Augusta High School, son of Brian Smoker (SRNL)
- Connor Sweeney, Aquinas High School, son of Chad Sweeney (SRNL)
- Justin Tran, Aquinas High School, son of Michael Tran (Engineering)
- Fredericka Tucker, Aiken High School, daughter of Alisha Johnson (Technical Services)
- Frelicia Tucker, Aiken High School, daughter of Alisha Johnson (Technical Services)
- Kaitlyn Vu, Lakeside High School, daughter of Thanh Vu (Engineering)
- Kyle Xiao, Lakeside High School, son of Steve Xiao (SRNL)

“This program shows how much SRNS really cares,” said Ethan Pifer, Midland Valley High School, whose goal is to obtain a degree in environmental engineering. “I’m very grateful for this scholarship, because it’s so stressful finding ways to pay for college. SRNS has relieved a lot that stress. And one day, I’d love to come back and work at SRNS.”

*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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