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Stuart MacVean
SRNS President and CEO

Welcome

to the November 2017 edition of

SRNS Today

November starts the holiday season and with it comes opportunities to express gratitude. I am thankful for the talented employees and great work they accomplish at the Savannah River Site every day.

On Veterans Day, SRNS gave thanks to the veterans who now work for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions with a reception. These employees gave to their nation in the military, and we are grateful for their sacrifice. They continue to give to our nation through their work at SRS, helping to make the world safer.

SRNS appreciates the small businesses that help keep our site running. Improvements in the supply chain approach have led to significant gains in small business subcontracting. SRNS small business managers also held an information session for local small business owners in Barnwell, S.C. Attendees learned about various contractor procurement practices and how to qualify for potential opportunities.

We are also grateful to our employees who find more cost efficient and better ways to do work. A recent effort in K Area extended the design life of a material shipping package there, preventing hours of work to repack the material. SRNS also developed an innovative technology that is capable of maintaining communication and location monitoring for remote workers to ensure their safety.

Our employees do not only show their gratitude through their work, but through their philanthropic endeavors, too. The Aspiring Mid-Career Professionals (AMP) recently spent time at South Aiken High School hosting a "Career Assessment Day" for ninth- and tenth-grade students. Our Leaders Emerging Among Professionals (LEAP) group also recently volunteered at the Faith Food factory in Augusta.

I count myself lucky to work among such great people on such a great mission. I hope you have a happy holiday season.



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USC Aiken Chancellor Dr. Sandra Jordan and SRNS President and CEO Stuart MacVean display a symbolic check of \$100,000, the final installment toward an endowed engineering professorship at USCA.

Investing in the future

SRNS completes funding for USCA endowed engineering program

SRNS made another investment in the region's developing workforce on Nov. 27, when Stuart MacVean, SRNS President and CEO, presented the final installment of the organization's \$550,000 endowed engineering professorship to the University of South Carolina (USC) Aiken.

"We recognize the importance of creating and maintaining strong relationships with local colleges and universities," said MacVean. "We have a great partnership with USC Aiken."

"Though our close ties with USC Aiken go back decades, we continually seek new ways to mutually support one another with the shared goal of ensuring the success of every graduating student. We know that in time, the success of each student could easily be contributing to the future achievements of both USC Aiken and SRNS."

SRNS has been a critical partner to the university since the inception of USC Aiken's industrial process engineering program.

During the development of the program, the university and SRNS helped identify current and anticipated workforce requirements and how the program might meet those needs in the region. In addition to providing technical insight and expertise, SRNS has generously

given the largest single donation to the university's engineering program, launched fall of 2015. With the financial support of SRNS, the program now has three dedicated faculty members and an initial cohort of students who will graduate in May.

"We are extremely grateful for the tremendous support of SRNS," said Dr. Sandra Jordan, USC Aiken Chancellor.

"SRNS has been an invaluable partner to the university – not only through its financial gifts but through its scientists' expertise in the development of many of our programs, including our signature engineering program; the insightful mentorship SRNS professionals have provided our students; and the enriching internship opportunities our students experience at SRNS."

"It's great we don't have to go out of state to pursue this engineering degree," said Adrianna Gladney, USCA Senior, Industrial Process Engineering Program. "I also think it is wonderful that we can have this opportunity at a small campus where we receive more one-on-one interaction with our teachers. For SRNS to want to help us and ensure the graduating of quality engineers, I think is amazing."

SRNS has also demonstrated its support in the past for USC Aiken by annually providing multiple engineering scholarships and assisting with the development of the University's cyber curriculum.



Surveillance activities in the K Area Complex

Life extension

K Area Complex extends shipping package design life

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Working with SRNL, engineers in the Savannah River Site's K Area Complex (KAC) have recently extended the life of shipping packages used to hold plutonium oxide, proving the success of the SRS K Area surveillance program.

Plutonium oxide is stored in K Area in shipping packages called 9975s, which were designed by Savannah River National Laboratory. The physical attributes of the 9975s, primarily structural and thermal, ensure the safe storage of the plutonium oxide. The plutonium oxide will eventually be dispositioned out of state. Until that time, it is KAC's responsibility to ensure the 9975s maintain their structural integrity and that they are in a secure location.

“The shipping packages were due to reach the end of their design life, the period for which the packages were expected to function at their designated capacity, beginning in July 2017,” said Jeff Jordan, KAC Process Engineering Manager. “We knew we needed to work on extending the life of the packages to ensure the facility did not have to repack them.”

As part of the surveillance program for the shipping packages, several 9975s are opened each year and examined to check for and evaluate any signs of degradation. SRNL and KAC engineering used this data along with the results of aging studies performed by SRNL and extensive structural and thermal modeling to determine that the drums can last an additional five years before needing to be repackaged. With the insight gained from this evaluation, there are now efforts underway to increase the life well beyond 20 years.

Repacking the drums is costly and time consuming. Each drum repack requires significant effort from Operations, RadCon, Engineering and SRNL. Extending the life of these drums results in a savings in annual operational costs as well as avoiding significant personnel exposure.

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Employees at SRS are accustomed to working remotely, but for some that means sharing work locations with wildlife and other environmental hazards. To ensure the safety of those conducting remote work, SRNS developed an innovative technology that is capable of maintaining communication and location monitoring for the Site's most secluded employees, and could be of benefit to other Department of Energy sites across the nation.

“Some of our employees access areas far away from co-workers or site-wide announcements. Whether they are wading through swamps next to potentially dangerous wildlife to collect our much needed environmental samples, or conducting prescribed burns to maintain the health of our vast forested landscape, our remote workers face a spectrum of risks associated with their job duties,” said Kliss McNeel, SRNS Senior Vice President, Environmental Stewardship, Safety and Health division.

SRNS has made impressive strides to bridge the divide between employees located in the farthest reaches of the Site, which is approximately one-quarter of the size of Rhode Island, through the development of a smart tool called the Remote Field Worker Application.

This new application puts remote workers at the fingertips of a dedicated team who continuously monitors their locations and time in the field from the SRS Operations Center. In the control room, remote employees are displayed on an electronic map, showing their location and their contact information. The tool alerts when a field worker is overdue to check back in from the field and can be helpful in directing emergency services to their location if necessary.

“The Remote Field Worker Application that we have developed modernizes and improves our ability to monitor all SRS employees in remote locations with little room for error,” said Stuart MacVean, SRS President and CEO. “This technology has the potential to be deployed across DOE to help strengthen the safety posture of other site contractors who routinely send employees into isolated areas.”

Oak Ridge cleanup contractor UCOR is one DOE contractor who hopes to utilize the application at their site, where they are working to implement a remote worker program for personnel entering areas that have been decommissioned. SRNS has worked in partnership with them to package the software and provide support to ensure its success at the site, which is located in Tennessee.

“Smart tools like the Remote Field Worker Application are assets to companies who strive to achieve an injury-free work environment,” said MacVean. “With technology continuously evolving, SRNS employees are encouraged to suggest innovative approaches that strengthen our safety posture and business operations. We are proud to share those advancements that have a common benefit with our counterparts at other sites across the complex.”

Photo: Remote worker Kaley Kirkland collects fish for analysis of contaminants in the SRS A-01 Constructed wetlands.

Remote possibilities

‘Smart tool’ offers ability to monitor location of workers in far corners of SRS



Small businesses are big winners in supply chain revamp

Small businesses working for SRS are the big winners as a revamp of SRNS' supply chain approach is yielding significant gains in small business subcontracting in addition to a suite of other improvements.

Following a nearly three-year effort to improve the performance of its supply chain organization, SRNS has exceeded every socio-economic subcontracting goal in FY 2017, including more than doubling its goal for subcontracting to small, woman-owned businesses.

"Our supply chain is a vital part of our success at SRS and exceeding these small business goals is a reflection of our emphasis on continuous improvement," said SRNS President and CEO Stuart MacVean.

The effort to improve performance of the supply chain organization began in 2014, a time when SRNS had a backlog of more than 5,400 requisitions. SRNS took several initial steps, including establishing a set of metrics to measure performance, increasing training and driving decision-making down to the lowest accountable level, said Mike Newman, SRNS' Senior Director for Supply Chain Management, who joined SRNS in 2014 from Honeywell's Kansas City Plant.

SRNS has also benchmarked with industry leaders in supply chain to ensure delivery of high value services at a competitive price to the government, while increasing quality, speed and efficiency, Newman said. For example, SRNS supply chain managers traveled to the Kansas City facility to discuss electronic purchasing and cost/time materials processes, bringing best practices back to SRS.

"There's only so many ways in the government system to go buy products and services—it's really more about knowing how to go do what you need to do most effectively," Newman said.



Barnwell small business owners hear about opportunities at SRS

Small Business managers from SRS spoke recently in Barnwell, S.C., at an information session for local small business owners. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about various contractor procurement practices and how to qualify for potential opportunities. Alex Agyemang, Manager of SRNS Small Business Programs and Supplier Partnering, is pictured addressing the group. This event was sponsored by Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance, the Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce and the S.C. Promise Zone.

Exceeding our goals by the numbers

Actual	vs Goal (%)	
71	52	Overall Subcontracts to Small Businesses
18.8	13	Small Disadvantaged
23.9	11.4	Small Woman-Owned
2.7	2.5	HUBZone
4.3	2.0	Service Disabled Veteran

Within a few months, SRNS had eliminated the backlog of 5,400 requisitions and was able to shift the focus to institutionalizing longer-term improvements, including:

- Putting in place strategic agreements instead of completing repetitive buys for the same good or service;
- Taking one hour each week to train staff on procedures and efficient approaches;
- Setting clear business rules and measuring performance with appropriate metrics; and
- More effectively using EM's Strategic Sourcing Initiative, under which EM prime contractors work together to leverage common commodities, thus enabling pricing and processing efficiencies.

The SRNS Supply Chain organization was recognized by DOE-EM in May 2017 for significantly driving a \$16.9M cost savings in FY16, which exceeded the goal by 88 percent.

Additionally, SRNS has made marked improvement in two key metrics, improving on-time delivery by 20 percent since 2014 and decreasing receipt to delivery cycle time by 50 percent over same period.

Going forward, Newman said SRNS will focus on increasing its performance against small business subcontracting goals even more, with additional staff assigned to that effort in FY 2018. SRNS will also put significant emphasis on furthering partnerships with vendors.

"Sharing the best practices that we've incorporated with our vendors will help ensure all of us are in the best possible position to support the SRS mission," Newman said.

Degree of success

Graduates of Aiken Tech's Radiation Protection Program find opportunities at SRNS

SRNS supports nuclear operations within multiple facilities at SRS, all requiring the leadership and expertise of radiation protection inspectors to ensure the safe and successful conclusion of each day's assignments.

"Radiation protection inspectors are the frontline of our nuclear safety at SRS," said Greg Tunno, SRNS Director, Radiological Protection Department. "We depend on them and greatly appreciate their daily contributions to our company operations."

Tunno noted that through normal attrition there is an ongoing need to hire inspectors at SRS. "I'm confident that we'll be hiring radiation protection inspectors every year, at a minimum, for at least the next five years. It's degree programs like the Radiation Protection and Control Program at Aiken Technical College (ATC) that we're working closely with to fill these needs. We've hired most of the Radiation Protection and Control Program graduates interested in working at SRS. I don't see that changing any time soon."

SRNS Regulatory/Radiation Protection Training Manager Cristie Shuford, a former radiation protection inspector at SRS, explained that the pay and benefits at SRNS are highly valued and the opportunity for promotion is exceptional due to the large size of the organization and variety of missions and programs. "I'm an example that committed hard work for a good company pays off," said Shuford. "There's not just radiation protection jobs, but a potential career here at SRNS that we are offering."

"We've been impressed with the ATC graduates," added Shuford. She explained that ATC has revised their curriculum to closely match the training used by SRNS when hiring candidates with no experience or education in radiation protection. Last year alone, more than 20 applicants found employment at SRNS as radiation protection inspectors.

"Growing up, I always wanted to do something to help people, but not as a doctor. I've found that a career in this field gives me the ability to help people by protecting them from the hazards of radiation. Radiation Protection workers are important to the future of nuclear operations. Hopefully many other students will join us in this wonderful program," said ATC Radiation Protection student Cassie Jennings.

Tunno noted that at least four or five students who recently joined SRNS as radiation protection inspectors are the sons and daughters of current and former SRNS Inspectors. "This indicates to me that



Radiation Protection students Cassy Jennings (left) and Chungu Sellers listen to their professor Beth Ashley as other students work in the background.

their parents have found this job rewarding and have passed that on to their children," he said.

"There's a lot of job security and growth opportunity with this set of skills and abilities," said Tunno.

According to information from Aiken Tech, the Associate Degree in Applied Science with a Major in Radiation Protection Technology builds the skills necessary to evaluate a nuclear work site where radiation must be monitored and managed.

Students will learn how to minimize exposure to radiation for workers; how to perform required surveys for radiation and radioactive contamination; and how to analyze data to find and correct potential errors at nuclear facilities.

Aiken Technical College offers several financial aid options including South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance for eligible South Carolina residents. Students enrolled in Aiken Tech's Radiation Protection and Control Program may also apply for a \$2,000 Workforce Opportunities in Regional Careers grant.

"Our mission is to provide citizens of greater Aiken County with opportunities for educational and workforce development. We've worked closely with SRNS to help identify workforce needs and create academic programs to educate and prepare students for careers in the nuclear industry," said Dr. Forest E. Mahan, President, Aiken Technical College.

Win-win

How STEM at SRNL impacts the nation

In the following, originally published to the U.S. Department of Energy's STEM Rising blog, SRNL Director Dr. Terry A. Michalske shares how SRNL creates win-win opportunities for students, the DOE National Labs and the nation.

There is a tremendous effort in our educational system to introduce young students to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and encourage them to pursue these fields. And rightfully so. We need these bright, energetic minds poised to answer our nation's biggest challenges.

While igniting the passion for STEM is crucial, it is equally important to provide students with the advanced training and experience they need to become successful engineers and scientists. This is the guiding philosophy of STEM engagement at Savannah River National Laboratory, where We Put Science to Work™ to provide innovative, cost-effective solutions to our nation's environmental, nuclear security, energy and manufacturing challenges.

Each summer, our researchers work with university students on real-life problems to ensure they have the tools and skills needed to make immediate impacts when they join the workforce. This year, Savannah River hosted its largest, most diverse, and most productive intern program with 58 students representing 26 colleges and universities from 12 U.S. states and territories. More than 50 of our scientists, engineers and technicians guided these students in completing real work on behalf of our nation.

I can't tell you how impressed I was with the work these students accomplished. It was evident at the public poster session that marked the end of this summer's program that these young researchers moved scientific discovery ahead in many key areas such as materials science, environmental science, robotics, radiochemistry and energy.

I was inspired by work from student researchers like Rachel Yanoschak from Virginia Tech who explored graphene as a passivation barrier for hydrogen isotopes and Jacoby Shipmon from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University who studied the water infiltration rates on waste caps at the Savannah River Site. And there's countless other examples, like Aimee Gonzales from the University of Nevada Las Vegas who studied the degradation of liquid scintillation standards for nuclear materials and Michael Stewart from the University of South Carolina who assessed the impact of cloud cover on the energy output of the Southeastern U.S. solar power grid.



By Dr. Terry A. Michalske

SRNS Executive Vice President and Director, SRNL



Aimee Gonzales
from the University of Nevada Las Vegas

Beyond hosting STEM internships here in South Carolina, Savannah River National Lab supports STEM research opportunities nationally through the Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management's Minority Serving Institution Partnership Program (MSIPP).

Managed by our lab on behalf of DOE's Office of Environmental Management, the MSIPP program provides DOE National Laboratory internship opportunities to STEM students enrolled at minority serving institutions (MSIs). MSIs are institutions of higher education enrolling significant percentages of minority students or serve certain populations of minority students, such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Tribal Colleges and Universities.

This summer a total of 40 MSIPP interns were placed at six DOE National Laboratories including Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, Pacific Northwest, Idaho and Argonne. Savannah River hosted 11 of these MSIPP interns from MSIs as far away as the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez. Our MSIPP interns conducted research in areas including environmental modeling, environmental sciences, biotechnology, analytical development, advanced characterization and process technology.

While I like to tout these numbers as a way to quantify the impact we have on the development of young researchers, the real impact of the MSIPP program is what happens after the summer is over. Not only have these students gained invaluable insights into their research areas, they have also gained the hands-on experience and confidence they need to begin their professional careers.

In fact, two summers ago we hosted Bryt'Ni Hill, an MSIPP intern from Newberry College, who was able to move directly from her internship into a position at our lab as an associate scientist in our Science and Technology directorate. Today, she is conducting important work for the nation by determining the corrosion chemistry control limits for radioactive liquid waste stored in large, carbon-steel tanks here at Savannah River Site and at the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington.

This is what our investment in STEM is really about. Creating "win-win" situations for students, our National Labs, and our mission.



SRNS honored the hundreds of veteran employees within the company during a reception at SRS.

On Veterans Day, SRNS holds reception to thank those who have served our country

On Nov. 11, veterans across the country were honored with parades, 21-gun salutes and other traditions to pause and acknowledge their willingness to serve. In honor of Veterans Day, SRNS paid tribute to the hundreds of veteran employees within the company during a reception at SRS.

"I want to thank our veterans for their past service, as well as those who continue to be active in the reserves," said Stuart MacVean, SRNS President and CEO. "I'm grateful for your time, energy and sacrifice. It can be a big strain on family life, especially when you get deployed. I also appreciate your important work at the Savannah River Site to support our missions, as we protect our nation and the rest of the world by recovering nuclear materials."

Maranda Glass-Shelhorse is one SRNS employee veteran who attended the event. She served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years. The first person in her family to join the military, Glass-Shelhorse served two tours in Iraq and lived in England for four years, where she had the opportunity to visit 25 countries.

"When you interact with people here at work, you don't really know who is a veteran and who isn't," said Glass-Shelhorse. "This event has enabled me to connect with fellow veterans, talk about shared experiences and help build a network to lean on and ask questions, which can help ease the transition from military to civilian life."

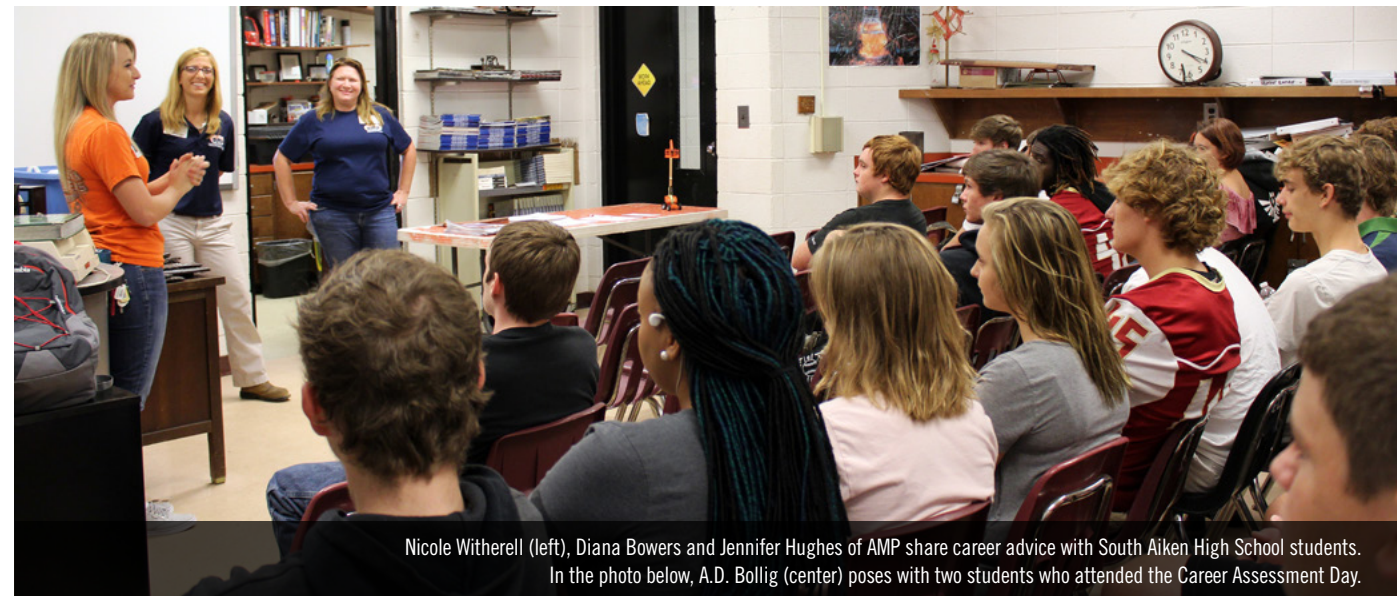
Her role as a talent management specialist at SRNS is her second job after retiring from the Air Force, and she relied on her coworkers and another veteran in her group to become acclimated to work life at SRS.

"There's a lot of focus on mentoring in the Air Force just like we have at SRNS," she added. "You find someone who has been there before you to help navigate your path, and it's equally important to mentor those coming along behind you, so they know what struggles you faced and how you overcame certain obstacles."

Also transitioning from military to civilian life is Mark Davis, Deputy Director of NNSA Operations and Programs. Davis, who served in the U.S. Navy for 36 years, began immediately working at SRNS after retiring in June 2017. "Overall, I've been fortunate to work with a mission and purpose during my recent transition from military to civilian life," said Davis. "All of the attributes that are important in the Navy are equally important here. My co-workers at SRNS operate at a high level, are dedicated and focused, pay very close attention to detail, and see the value in keeping commitments and having integrity."

During the past year, SRNS has targeted recruiting for veterans at career fairs throughout the Central Savannah River Area. As a result, 11 percent of full-service employee hires were veterans in 2017, exceeding the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs' goal of 6.8 percent.

Ten percent of the SRNS workforce are veterans, and the company has veterans represented in all job categories. The top three professional groups are "Operations/Technical Specialists I" with 76, "Program and Planning Services" with 33 and "Computer I" with 32 veterans. The non-exempt job with the highest number of veterans in their group is "Production Operators" with 36.



Nicole Witherell (left), Diana Bowers and Jennifer Hughes of AMP share career advice with South Aiken High School students. In the photo below, A.D. Bollig (center) poses with two students who attended the Career Assessment Day.

‘We are the example’

AMP hosts career day for South Aiken High School students

SRNS Aspiring Mid-Career Professionals (AMP) recently spent their Friday off at South Aiken High School and hosted a “Career Assessment Day” for ninth- and tenth-grade students.

During the event, AMP members shared their career choices, obstacles in their professions and life lessons as they led six sessions throughout the day reaching 410 students, guidance counselors and teachers.

“There were a ton of students! It was nice having so many fellow AMP members there to help,” said Carter Hopkins, AMP Outreach Committee. “We had folks with many different backgrounds: military, scientists, engineers, business majors, IT, craft—you name it.”

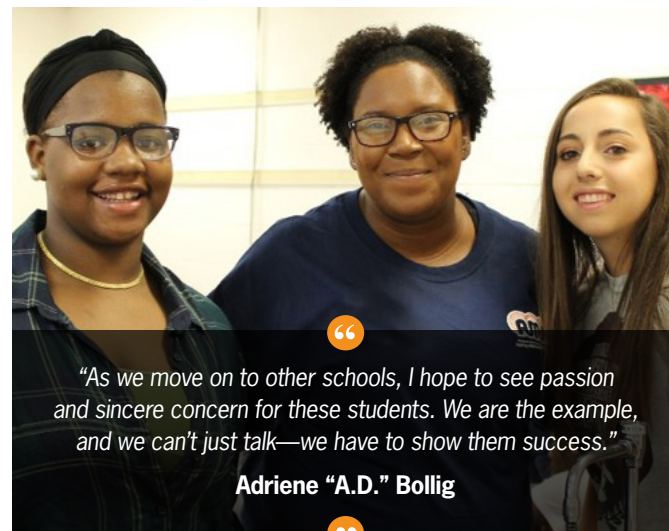
The AMP members engaged with the students by playing the card game “Deal Me In.”

“‘Deal Me In’ helps students walk through possible career preferences and choices,” AMP member David Vargo said. “Because of other things I do outside of work, such as drama and music, I was able to help guide the students in fields they have interests in. I stressed to them that soft skills such as attendance, appearance, organization, integrity are just as important to secure a job.”

The students also got to experience a construction and trades session, which aimed to help the students see the many jobs available that would not require a four-year degree.

“I hope to inspire students to check out other professions, such as skilled trades,” said Diana Bowers, AMP Professional Development Committee. “Not all professions require an advanced degree. I want students to know what opportunities exist, such as local apprenticeship programs and vocational education.”

“I think it’s important to note this wasn’t AMP recruiting strictly for SRNS,” added Hopkins. “Our goal is to not only make the company



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Adriene “A.D.” Bollig

stronger, but we also want to make the community stronger.”

Based on the success of this event and feedback from the students, the AMP Outreach team plans to host future lunch and learns, career assessments, classroom panels and mentoring sessions.

“I’m excited for the students in our area and what we can offer them,” said Adriene “A.D.” Bollig, AMP Outreach Committee. “As we move on to other schools, I hope to see passion and sincere concern for these students. We are the example, and we can’t just talk—we have to show them success.”

AMP serves SRNS full-time employees who have between seven and 20 years of work experience. In addition to providing networking and professional development opportunities, the organization offers outreach events for its members



LEAP members inspect and sort over 3,500 pounds of canned and non-perishable foods destined for local distribution centers.

LEAP volunteers spend a Saturday helping out at Faith Food Factory

The Golden Harvest Food Bank received some extra help from SRNS Leaders Emerging Among Professionals (LEAP) at the Faith Food Factory in Augusta, Ga.

In just four hours, the LEAP volunteers inspected and sorted over 3,500 pounds of canned and non-perishable foods destined for shipment to distribution centers around the region.

“We learned that operating a food pantry the size of Golden Harvest is no simple task,” said Andrew Boggess, LEAP Outreach Chair. “With 96 percent of all monetary donations going directly toward fighting hunger, only a handful of full-time staff operates the organization. Without volunteers, Golden Harvest would not be able to serve the region and would fall short of their mission of no child or family going hungry.”

The sorted goods the LEAP members worked on will ultimately arrive at one of over 300 partner hunger relief agencies and programs located in the communities of those in need.

Golden Harvest is a faith-based organization that serves a 500-square mile portion of the southeast. Since its inception 34 years ago, Golden Harvest has distributed over 200 million pounds of goods to area families in need.

“With year-round programs like the Backpack and Weekend Gap program for children, the Senior Food Box program, the mobile food pantry and the Master’s Table Soup Kitchen, the Golden Harvest relies on volunteer labor and donated goods from the community to work toward accomplishing their mission,” Boggess added.

LEAP is a peer-led organization whose members are full-time employees at SRNS and have earned, at a minimum, an associate’s degree within the past seven years.

Eugene White named manufacturing employee of year

SRNS employee Eugene White was recently recognized by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce as a 2017 recipient of the Manufacturing Employee of the Year award at a ceremony held in Greenville, S.C.



Eugene White

This award is bestowed upon South Carolina workers and showcases their contributions in the areas of innovation, teamwork, community service and leadership.

“Eugene’s contributions to performance excellence at work are impressive and appreciated,” said Kliss McNeel, SRNS Senior Vice President for Environmental Stewardship and Safety and Health. “What is even more noteworthy is Eugene carries that same level of energy into the community where he applies his talents to improve our local area.”

As a Program Planner for the Environmental Stewardship organization, known as Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Projects, White has maximized available resources to deliver innovative results for SRS Environmental Remediation.

“Eugene is not one to accept the status quo. He demonstrates a commitment to exploring ways to conduct our work more efficiently. He is also a strong leader who becomes very engaged in team success,” said McNeel.

Outside of the office, White applies those same character traits to philanthropic work, with desire to improve the quality of life for citizens in the CSRA.

White is the current president of the Aiken County Branch of the NAACP. He is also an advocate to Pour Un Mieux Vivre, an organization that provides financial and legal services to French and Creole speaking immigrants. He is also involved with Taekwondo2Xcell, an alternative juvenile correction program that teaches taekwondo to at-risk youth, and serves on the Aiken County Public Schools Area One Advisory Council.



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