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Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Allen University and Benedict College Strive to Increase Career Opportunities Through Beneficial Agreement

AIKEN, S.C., September 14, 2020 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), Allen University (AU) and Benedict College (BC) have agreed to an individual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will provide a wide variety of resources to each Historically Black College and University donated by SRNS for the benefit of their students, including monetary donations in support of scholarships and paid internships.

“Since the first day of the contract in 2008, SRNS has continued to support the valued heritage established at SRS in support of all levels of education throughout the region,” said SRNS President and CEO Stuart MacVean. “Over the last four years alone, SRNS has donated more than \$260,000 to area colleges and universities.”

U.S. Congressman James Clyburn (SC-06) applauded the SRNS MOUs with both institutions and their potential impact,

“An internship can be a game-changer that opens doors, builds experience and offers an excellent ‘test-drive’ for both students and employers. This is an outstanding, comprehensive effort to prepare students for the many current and future career opportunities right here in South Carolina, at the Savannah River Site.”



U.S. Congressman James Clyburn (SC-06) applauded the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding agreement between Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Allen University (AU) and Benedict College (BC) that will provide a wide variety of resources to each Historically Black College and University donated by SRNS for the benefit of their students. Seated from left are BC Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Leandra Hayes-Burgess, SRNS President and CEO Stuart MacVean and AU President Dr. Ernest McNealey.

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The MOU agreement with AU and BC includes:

- Offer an annual tour of SRS for students and faculty and provide students subject matter experts to serve as advisors and/or mentors;
- provide two staffing workshops per year that will educate students on the process of applying for jobs and internships at SRNS;
- Provide two resume writing/job interview workshops per year that will help prepare potential candidates for panel interviews and possible full service hiring at SRNS, while coordinating with SRNS hiring managers concerning applicant qualifications in order to broaden the opportunity scope of position availability;
- promote and create awareness of specific careers and related degree programs pertaining to current and potential future workforce needs associated with cybersecurity, engineering and business management using the SRNS website at www.savannahrivernuclearsolutions.com; and,
- the college is to collaborate with SRNS to integrate additional information or modify existing programs to more closely align with SRNS workforce requirements.

“We realize the importance of working with SRNS personnel to determine how our programs can be aligned to optimally meet their job-specific needs in multiple occupations found at SRS,” said Allen University President Dr. Ernest McNealey. “There are many rewarding careers to be pursued at the Savannah River Site.”

With the MOU agreements signed by Allen University and Benedict College, SRNS officials have established MOUs with 13 local colleges, universities and veteran programs.

“Our MOU with SRNS directly aligns with Benedict’s strategic plan and commitment to produce a highly-skilled minority talent pool for the region’s workforce. This partnership is a great example of how we can work with area companies and organizations to provide a broad array of services and opportunities for our students while simultaneously helping to fuel the economy,” said Benedict College President and CEO Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis.

SRNS has provided more than five million dollars for education outreach since 2008, impacting more than 260,000 students and educators throughout the seven counties near the SRS.

Last year, more than 30,000 students and educators directly benefited from 12 SRNS Education Outreach annual programs and events prior to the closure of school buildings

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