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2014 Regional Science and Engineering Fair Competition: Leading Area Students to Careers in Science, Technology and Engineering

Students from a six-county region, within the greater Aiken-Augusta area, competed for this year's blue ribbons and a trip to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair competition

AIKEN, S.C. – (March 18, 2014) With the support of the U.S. Department of Energy and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), hundreds of Central Savannah River Area science-savvy students recently participated in the 2014 Savannah River Regional Science and Engineering Fair competition.

More than 200 students representing schools from a six-county region located within the greater Aiken-Augusta area put their project on display at the University of South Carolina Aiken (USCA).

Each year, approximately 7 million high school students around the globe develop original research projects and present their



High school students (from left) Thondiwe Brown, second place winner, Reese King, first place winner, and Israel Oluwasakin, third place winner, proudly display their awards won during the recent 2014 Regional Science and Engineering Fair Competition.

work at local science and engineering fair competitions with the hope of making it to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

“The diversity of project themes and variety of experimental topics are always interesting,” said Candice Dermody, SRNS Manager, Education Outreach and Talent Management. “The students’ passion for this event and use of creativity within each project continues to impress me.”

With the support of co-sponsor USCA, SRNS is coordinating the competition for the seventh year, ensuring an educational and rewarding experience for each student competitor.

“The Savannah River Regional Science and Engineering Fair gives young people from the area the opportunity to explore the world of science and technology and develop their scientific investigation skills by planning, developing their own ‘hands-on’ science projects,” said Kim Mitchell, Science Fair Coordinator and SRNS employee.

Projects were judged for scientific reasoning, creative ability, thoroughness, technical skill and clarity. This event promotes students’ interest in science and engineering by providing public recognition of outstanding work and by giving students the opportunity to interact with community scientists and engineers.

“We are pleased to provide a variety of initiatives and valued programs that create a definitive and positive impact on local school systems, including institutions of higher education throughout the Central Savannah River Area,” said Dr. David Moody, Manager, U.S. Department of Energy—Savannah River Office.

Forty volunteers from the Savannah River Site, USCA and the community typically participate as officials and judges for this competition.

Only the best and brightest—1,600 winners of local, regional, state, and national competitions—are invited to participate in the week-long international competition held each year. At this event, these young innovators from around the world share ideas, showcase cutting-edge research and compete for more than \$4 million in awards and scholarships.

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