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APPROXIMATELY \$18,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT CSRA COLLEGE NIGHT

Aiken, S.C., Sept. 9 — High school students will have an opportunity to meet recruiters from more than 160 colleges and universities and win scholarships totaling approximately \$18,000 at CSRA College Night, to be held 5-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public.

In addition to \$10,000 in scholarships awarded by SRP Federal Credit Union, one lucky student will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship provided by Washington Group International. This scholarship will be the first one drawn, so parents and students are encouraged to attend the event as early as possible.

To qualify, 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 CSRA College Night to register.

“The CSRA community provides a tremendous amount of support, both financially and with in-kind donations of service,” says WSRC Education Outreach Manager Barbara Smoak. “The community partnerships that have been forged through participation in this event allow our committee to provide more resources for the students and parents each year.”

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

- Learn about a variety of colleges and interact with recruiters and representatives from more than 160 colleges and universities;
- 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 and the SAT;
- 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

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- A career exploration area where students can come discover their options after college. Students will be able to participate in a quick “card sort” interest inventory to validate their career choice. Professionals from various occupations will also be available to speak with the students and provide information such as “what type of college degree(s) they have,” “what made them decide to enter this career,” “what is their salary range,” etc. The careers will be broken into career clusters to aid the student in locating the person(s) they want to speak with.

New this year, SRP Federal Credit Union personnel will provide a seminar, “The Financial Jungle, Surviving College with Good Credit,” where students will learn information such as “what is a credit report and credit score?” “what is good credit and why is it important?” “what are the dangers of too much credit card debt?” “what are the dangers of credit card solicitations?” and “who should you turn to for help with credit decisions?”

CSRA College Night is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office, Westinghouse Savannah River Company and its partners (Bechtel Savannah River Inc., BNFL Savannah River Corporation, BWXT Savannah River Company and CH2SRC) SRP Federal Credit Union and Clear Channel Radio/Power107; in partnership with Washington Group International, Augusta Area Independent Schools, Aiken Tech Prep Consortium, Wackenhut Services, Inc., Augusta Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Communigraphics, Phoenix-Commercial Printing, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, State Farm Insurance Agencies (Aiken and North Augusta), Instrumentation, System and Automation Society (Savannah River Section), Society of Women Engineers (Savannah River Section), Aiken Jr. Woman’s Club, Security Federal Bank, BNG America, Parsons, American Chemical Society (Savannah River Section), South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers (Aiken Chapter), Wackenhut Protective Force Union (Savannah River Site) and Augusta State University Division of Continuing Education.

For more information, visit our web site: <http://www.srs.gov>, click on Outreach, then Educational Outreach Programs, then CSRA College Night.