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## **Department of Energy Summer Interns Excel in Scholars Program**

AIKEN, S.C. (July 12, 2016) –This summer, the Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Operations Office (SR) welcomed 18 interns to the Savannah River Site (SRS) as part of the DOE Scholars Program that introduces college students and recent graduates to DOE’s missions, SRS operations and “real world” on-the-job experiences.

DOE Scholars are provided with unique opportunities to showcase and further develop their education, talent and skills within their chosen field during the 10-week summer internship program at SRS.

Shirley Johnson, Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist in the DOE-SR Office of Civil Rights, has been the local coordinator for the DOE Scholars Program since 2008. Johnson said that the internships are a win-win as the Department benefits from energetic, creative young minds sharing new ideas while Scholars’ participants gain the invaluable benefits of networking and on-the-job experiences in preparation for future career endeavors.

The 2016 DOE Scholars Program class at DOE-SR hails from esteemed establishments such as the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, The Citadel, University of South Carolina Aiken, Augusta University, Charleston Southern University, University of Georgia, Fort Valley State University, Morris College, Clayton State University, Macalester College, Kennesaw State University, Florida A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, Florida State University, Texas Tech University, Michigan State College of Law and the University of Tulsa. Student areas of study include environmental biology, communications, history and more.

Anna Lee, a recent graduate of Macalester College in St. Paul Minnesota, said that she is enjoying the opportunity to develop “good professional relationships with [her] mentor and other interns and gain a realistic perspective on how government agencies work.” Lee is interning in the Office of Integration and Planning, under mentor Jennifer Nelson, Acting Assistant Manager for Mission Support.

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DOE-SR Assistant Manager for Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship and mentor, Angelia Holmes, said that the lessons and skills learned by interns are useful during their summer workplace experience and beyond. Holmes said that as a mentor she “helps [interns] not only while they’re here, but helps to plan for life.”

DOE-SR is proud to invest in helping to groom and prepare the next generation workforce through the DOE Scholars Program. Additional information on the DOE Scholars Program can be found at <http://orise.ornl.gov/doescholars/>, along with visiting [www.srs.gov](http://www.srs.gov) for details on SRS missions and operations.



Participating as summer interns in the 2016 DOE Scholars Program at DOE’s Savannah River Operations Office are (left to right): Thomas Hang, Austin Strickland, Dehani Gordon, Ryan Chase, Lauren McGahee, Bryston Roberts, Kaitlin Wilms, Steven Copeland, Amber Cuyler, Sara Profetto, Asante Lloyd, Anna Lee, Sharita Wiley, Owen Hennessey, Federica Staton, Kimberly Garvin, Jaylen Taylor and Elysia Ortiz.

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