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SRNS Contributes to Professional Society Scholarships

Contribution ties former Ellenton resident, her son and grandson to SRS through support of area students

AIKEN, S.C. – (June 1, 2012) Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) recently provided funding for the purchase of a laptop computer for the grandson of a former cold war era resident of Ellenton.

Alstyne Martin, now 71, clearly remembers the day her family was notified that they would need to move to make way for the new “bomb plant.” Ironically, she now has a new memory associated with the same Department of Energy site; her grandson recently received a scholarship in the form of a new laptop computer from SRNS.

Marquis Martin, Alstyne Martin’s grandson, and Aliyah Gaines each received a laptop computer funded by SRNS through the Savannah River Site (SRS) National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) 20th Annual Award Celebration. In addition to Martin and Gaines, six other worthy applicants received a laptop computer from other corporate sponsors at this event.

According to SRNS Project Manager and NSBE member, Marie Coleman, multiple college scholarships have been presented at their society’s award celebrations for over 15 years.

“Our professional society uses this funding to fill the gap in schools consisting of those students who



SRNS Executive Vice President & COO Fred Dohse (left) stands with SRNS scholarship winners Aliyah Gaines and Marquis Martin; Admiral Bruce Grooms was the featured speaker at the event.

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are not at the top of their graduating class, and yet, are highly qualified and enthusiastic students in need of some financial assistance to succeed in college,” said Coleman.

Martin’s grandmother was present at the award ceremony and finds this interesting twist of events amazing. “I was eight years old and living near Ellenton when we were asked to move, but it all worked out well,” said Martin. “Today, I am so thankful to SRNS for their nice gift. In fact, my son, many years ago, received a scholarship from the folks running SRS, and he now has a doctorate in chemical engineering from UCLA.”

In addition to the computer, each winner received computer accessories, software and a printer.

Applications are distributed each year throughout the Central Savannah River Area resulting in numerous applicants who are selected primarily through the quality of a submitted essay, academic achievement and community service.

“This is another example of the priority we at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions place on the value of a good education,” said Fred Dohse, SRNS Executive Vice President & COO. “We recognize and deeply appreciate the contributions made by our site’s various professional societies towards the benefit of area communities and charitable organizations.”

Martin is a graduate of North Augusta High School and is currently attending the University of Alabama at Huntsville where he is studying aerospace engineering.

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