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Thursday: CSRA College Night welcomes over 100 colleges and universities to connect with students at the Augusta Convention Center Scholarships totaling \$15,000 to be awarded

Aiken, S.C. (September 10, 2024) — Recruiters from over 100 colleges and universities will be available to meet with high school students and parents at this year's CSRA College Night. The event will take place Thursday, Sept. 12, 5-8:00 p.m., at a new location, the Augusta Convention Center. Seniors will have an opportunity to win one of 15 \$1,000 scholarships. Admission and parking are free and open to the public.

When: Sept. 12, 5-8:00 p.m. Where: Augusta Convention Center; 901 Reynolds Street, Augusta, GA 30901



Attending students will meet with more than 100 representatives from colleges and universities who will be available during this year's College Night, Thursday, Sept. 12, 5-8:00 p.m., Augusta Convention Center.

According to Cindy Hewitt, SRNS Education Outreach Specialist, College Night provides a valuable resource especially for area students in the nearby counties of Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg,

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Edgefield and Orangeburg in South Carolina and Columbia and Richmond Counties in Georgia, though invitations are sent to all high schools within a 150-mile radius.

"This is an incredible opportunity for students to find out what they want to do in their future careers and connect with the right representatives," said Hewitt. "In addition to over 100 college representatives, this event offers a one-stop shop to connect with counselors, financial aid assistance, admission professionals, apprenticeship programs, and the SRNS Career Exploration opportunity."

The center will be filled with <u>seminars</u>, <u>career exploration</u>, <u>counseling centers</u>, and helpful exhibits manned by representatives from colleges, universities, and technical schools throughout the U.S. In addition, members from local professional societies will be prepared to provide beneficial information in areas such as engineering, management, chemical and nuclear science.

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

- Obtain information on educational opportunities, admission requirements and tuition;
- Attend seminars about HOPE and LIFE scholarships, SC and GA financial aid information, SRS apprenticeships and financial literacy;
- Visit a counseling center to seek advice about the college application process from high school advisors and admissions professionals;
- Visit the SRNS Career Exploration area to "card sort" career interest and validate choice;
- High school seniors may register in person at CSRA College Night to participate in a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship. To qualify, a high school seniors must graduate with a GPA equal or above 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.

Some of the colleges and universities attending this year:

Aiken Technical College	Mercer University
 Augusta University 	Mississippi State University
Augusta Technical College	Morris College
The Citadel	Newberry College
Claflin University	Paine College
Clemson University	South Carolina State University
Coastal Carolina University	Spelman College
College of Charleston	University of Alabama
Denmark Technical College	University of South Carolina
Georgia State University	University of Florida
Georgia Southern University	University of Georgia
Kennesaw State University	Winthrop University
Lander University	Wofford College

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Click <u>here</u> for more information, or contact Cindy Hewitt at <u>cynthia.hewitt@srs.gov</u>.

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