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Sixteen Scholarships Awarded as Thousands of Area Students Attend CSRA College Night

An army of volunteers, sponsors and school reps assure yet another successful event

Aiken, S.C., Oct. 17, 2018 — More than 5,000 high school students, parents and educators from the greater Aiken-Augusta area recently met with recruiters from over 130 colleges and universities during this year's CSRA College Night. Scholarships, each worth \$1,000 were awarded to 16 students during drawings held throughout the evening at Augusta's James Brown Arena.

"I can remember the first year we held a College Night over 20 years ago. It was in the gym at North Augusta High School," said Jay Jefferies, CSRA College Night Master of Ceremony. "We had about 200 to 300 students and we were amazed with the turnout. And, now, we're filling the James Brown Arena wall to wall."

Highly valued as a "one-stop shopping" opportunity, College Night can help reduce the number of planned college visits for students, potentially saving them thousands in travel costs.

The event is now entering its third decade of service to area high school students. Over \$300,000 in scholarship funding has been offered to the tens of thousands of students who have attended College Night in the past. "The generosity of our scholarship sponsors and much appreciated help from more than 100 volunteers are major reasons why this effort is consistently so successful each year," said Moore.



Representatives from more than 130 universities provided information and guidance to thousands of students during this year's CSRA College Night where scholarships totaling \$16,000 were awarded.

CSRA College Night 2018 Scholarship Winners

School	Student's Name	Grade
Butler High School	Sierra Cody	11th Grade
Denmark-Olar High School	Caylor Moody	12th Grade
Fox Creek High School	Jacob Johnson	12th Grade
Greenbrier High School	Carter Daly	11th Grade
Grovetown High School	Makena Collier	12th Grade
Hancock Central High School	Kertavious Culver	12th Grade
Home School	Hanna Eckerman	12th Grade
Lakeside High School	Carson Smith	11th Grade
Midland Valley High School	Alyssia Long	12th Grade
North Augusta High School	Imani Rodgers	12th Grade
South Aiken High School	Daniel Pope	11th Grade
South Aiken High School	Akira Salley	12th Grade
South Aiken Christian Baptist School	Ethan Lei	12th Grade
Thompson High School	Jamiah Lane	12th Grade
Westside High School	Maya Bryant	11th Grade
Westside High School	Jermya Hollins	12th Grade

“It’s rewarding to see so many students having the opportunity to meet with college representatives of their choice, knowing this night could have a significant impact on their post high school education,” said Gladys Moore, Program Coordinator, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS). “To see the joy and excitement in the faces of those receiving one of our college scholarships makes all the work worthwhile.”

Some of the colleges and universities attending this year:

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| Aiken Technical College | Georgia Southern University | University of Michigan |
| Auburn University | Lander University | University of South Carolina |
| Augusta Technical College | Mississippi State University | University of Tennessee |
| Augusta University | Paine College | Valdosta State University |
| Clemson University | Purdue University | Vanderbilt University |
| College of Charleston | Seton Hall University | Virginia Tech |
| Denmark Technical College | University of Alabama | Winthrop university |
| Furman University | University of Georgia | Wofford College |

Moore acknowledged the contributions made by the members of the CSRA College Night Committee who put in many hours of work prior to a long evening at the huge arena. “They have seen firsthand the positive impact of the resources provided to students from throughout the region. Their enthusiasm and dedication is truly inspiring,” she said.

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