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SRNS Employee Launches New Engineering Course for Area Students

AIKEN, S.C. – June 17, 2013 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) engineer Roger Duke is using his passion for teaching to help fill a growing need for an introduction to engineering course at the University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie (USC-S) campus in Allendale, S.C.

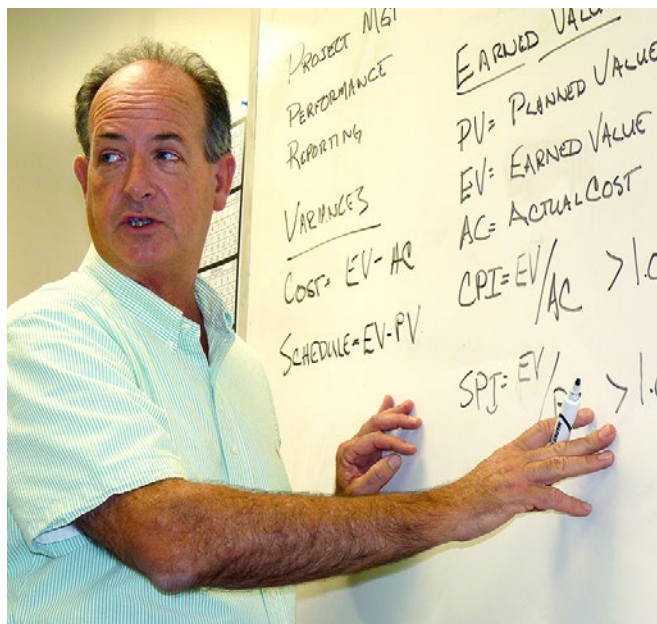
The USC-S administration has recognized a growing need for engineers not only nationally, but locally as well, especially at the nearby Savannah River Site. With the decision made to create an introductory program for potential engineering students, all that was needed was to hire a qualified professor to teach and lead the new initiative.

“My manager approached me recently to help determine who may be interested in this outreach opportunity,” said Duke. “I told him, ‘look no further, I’ll do it.’”

Duke readily acknowledges his love of teaching and his passion to help college students graduate on time with minimum debt, which helped lead to his quick decision. He is also an adjunct professor in the Georgia Regents University Hull School of Business and teaches Introduction to Project Management where his students’ class project is to “Graduate and Get a Job.”

Duke’s class is patterned after the one taught at the University of South Carolina’s main campus. Those USC-S students who successfully complete this three-hour credit class and the other prerequisite core classes will be eligible to transfer into the engineering program at the main campus in Columbia, S.C.

Beginning this Fall semester, Duke’s class will be much more than an overview of the field of



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions engineer Roger Duke is helping students attending the USC campus in Allendale, S.C., to become the future engineers needed to fill the shortage now existing within many Central Savannah River Area companies.

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engineering. For example, he will place a high value on the importance of career planning and committing early to a specific degree program.

“While teaching classes at GRU, I was surprised at how many students graduate and hit the job market without networking or obtaining experience and key certifications,” said Duke. “I want to share my knowledge and experience to help these students wisely plan all aspects of their college careers.”

“We appreciate all of the support we have received from SRNS,” said Dr. Ann Carmichael, Regional Campus Dean, USC-S. “With Roger’s proven teaching skills and extensive real-world engineering experience obtained at SRS, we are confident that this new program will greatly benefit our students as well as area industry.”

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