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Student tour advances SRNS IT Youth Apprenticeship

AIKEN, S.C. – (April 9, 2024) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Information Technology (IT) Youth Apprenticeship opportunity is underway after 16 area high school students toured IT facilities at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

“We have worked closely with the Aiken County Public School District to give each of these high-performing tech students the chance to become the first IT Youth Apprentice,” said Tim Arnold, SRNS Senior IT Manager. “Employed students will complete their high school curriculum while gaining hands-on experience alongside our employees.”



Prospective students for the IT Youth Apprenticeship recently toured the Savannah River Site Central Computing Facility that houses the Site's primary servers and core network infrastructure.

North Augusta High School (NAHS) students enrolled in the Advanced Computer Services and Repairs, Dell Student TechCrew, perform daily tasks in advanced computer repair and diagnostics. In the past three years, NAHS TechCrew students have successfully repaired nearly 2,000 devices for the school district.

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“This life-changing opportunity with SRS seemed fitting for my students who are eager to gain employment their senior year,” said Michelle O’Rourke, NAHS Instructor. “All students on the TechCrew are Dell-certified and have a ton of experience repairing computers for our school district.”

SRNS Education Outreach coordinated the tour of the PC Administration Facility and the Central Computing Facility for participating students. Students learned how computers are assembled, configured, and prepared for distribution to employees across the Site.

“The ultimate goal for this program is to hire youth apprentices to learn the ins and outs of our IT department,” said Sean Alford, Executive Vice President and Chief of Administration. “Any chance we have to connect with students at the high school level is a benefit to our organization and the job pipeline we are building, year after year.”

After the tour, SRNS personnel visited NAHS to train students in proper interview etiquette and the SRS hiring process.



North Augusta High School's Dell Student TechCrew students Connor Mohn, Renee Womack and Sterling Glover repair a laptop.

Jacob Lott, a prospective candidate for the apprenticeship, stated that he enjoys the complexity of computer repairs and was eager to tour some of the important IT facilities at SRS.

“I feel extremely honored to not only tour the Site, but to have the chance to interview for a paid-apprenticeship experience” said Lott. “I’ve spent my entire life building computers from scratch with my

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family and playing games like Minecraft and Terraria. This apprenticeship is a rare opportunity that will allow me to utilize my computer skills.”

SRNS plans to make their selection for the Youth Apprenticeship by June 2024. The 12- to 15-month program will allow the participant to complete on-the-job IT training. After completing the program, the apprentice will earn a certificate from the Department of Labor. In 2022, SRNS established [the first Youth Apprenticeship](#) that successfully graduated two high school students.

For more information about SRS Apprenticeship School, click [here](#).

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor and HII partnership company, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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