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SRNS Ensures Continued Success for “Camp Success”

Seventh and eighth grade students from the Aiken-Augusta area recently attended Camp Success, held on the campus of University of South Carolina Aiken at the Ruth Patrick Science and Education Center. Camp Success educators partner with local industry leaders to allow students to experience state-of-the-art engineering, technology and future challenges first hand.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Education Outreach Program Manager, Barbara Smoak, recently presented a check to the Silver Crescent Foundation in the amount of \$4,000 in support of their mission to capture the imaginations of young people and foster a desire to become the designers, engineers and manufacturing leaders of tomorrow.

“Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) sees the time and resources that we place into supporting educational programs like Camp Success as an investment in area youth, which in time, results in a dividend for our company as many of these bright young students graduate and join our company, which not only helps us, but also bolsters the Central Savannah River Area economy,” said Barbara Smoak, SRNS Manager, Education Outreach.

Students attending Camp Success spent a day at the SRNS Center for Hydrogen Research where Dr. Scott Greenway gave a presentation on hydrogen fuel and the challenges associated with its use as an energy source. During a demonstration, the students acted as fuel cell components, representing hydrogen, oxygen and electrons, symbolically coming together to form the fuel of the future.

SRNS engineer, P.K. Hightower, then provided a hands-on example of how engineers are tasked with problems in a competitive world and where delivery and customer satisfaction are real time issues. Using only tape and straws, teams were challenged to build the tallest, yet strongest, tower of the group.

According to Tony Smith, a representative of the Silver Crescent Foundation, “Every day, our world faces challenges in many different areas—such as the environment, transportation, food production, and healthcare—and someday our children will need to answer these challenges. Camp Success participants will experience how engineering allows them to have fun, be creative and find real solutions to real problems.”

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