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## **SRNS Hosts Job Shadowing Event for Special Needs High School Students**

AIKEN, S.C., (Feb. 11) – Eight students from Richmond and Columbia county high schools recently participated in the annual High School “High Tech Job Shadowing” event at the Savannah River Site.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions hosted the students, who are participants of Georgia Department of Labor’s High School High Tech program. High School High Tech provides career development and enhancement opportunities specifically for high school students with disabilities in Richmond and Columbia Counties.

Students were paired with SRS “mentors” who work in occupational areas the students have expressed an interest in pursuing, such as environmental science. Through shadowing professionals for a day, coupled with hands-on experiences, students get a glimpse of their future career.

“We take pride in making educational opportunities, such as job shadowing day, available to students within the Central Savannah River Area,” said Barbara Smoak, Education Outreach Programs Manager. “These students represent a segment of our society that’s often overlooked or forgotten, and our employees are excited about being their mentors for a day.”

The SRS High School High Tech Job Shadowing event is coordinated through an existing Memorandum of Agreement with the Richmond County School System. Other participating partners include the Georgia Department of Labor -Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the Columbia County Board of Education.

“Programs like High School High Tech prove that, even with limitations, students with special needs can and will achieve their career goals,” said Smoak. “I’ve had the privilege of hearing many success stories of former students, some of whom are now educators themselves.”

The Savannah River Site is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy. The management and operating contractor is Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC.

Picture caption: Two of eight students from Richmond and Columbia County High Schools visiting the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C., Tichanna Collins (left) and Cory Alexander (seated) experience the duties of a corporate television producer/director as workplace host, Lesha Bryant, looks on.

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