

## ***CITIZENS FOR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS***

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### **THREE AREA HIGH SCHOOLERS WIN 2019 CNTA ESSAY CONTEST**

Three area high school seniors each earned a \$1,000 cash prize in the 2019 Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) High School Essay Contest.

The winners of the 13<sup>th</sup> annual writing contest included:

- Shelby Coleman, South Aiken High School, for “How the Field of Medicine Benefits from Nuclear Technology.”
- Zaenab Sanadiki, Greenbrier High School, for “The Contributions of Nuclear Energy to the Betterment of Earth.”
- Charlton Hill, Aiken High School, for “Modern Uses of Nuclear Technology in Medicine.”

In addition to the \$1,000 prize, the winners’ schools each received \$500 for classroom supplies and equipment. The teachers awarded include Laura Hendrick (AP Biology) at South Aiken High School, Lesley Yarnell (Environmental Science) at Greenbrier High School, and Brian Spensley (Chemistry/Physics) at Aiken High School.

Jim Marra, CNTA Executive Director, said the quality of this year’s nuclear-themed essays was promising. “The submissions to this year’s contest demonstrated that the students are knowledgeable, passionate, and astute about nuclear technology,” said Marra. “It’s a growing industry, not only in our area, but worldwide. I’m hopeful that this will provide a spark to the students to pursue a career in the nuclear field.”

Each student picked one of three topics for this year’s contest: the application of nuclear science and technology in modern medicine; nuclear career opportunities; or, sustainability and the future of nuclear energy.

The contest was open to high school juniors and seniors in Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell counties in South Carolina and Burke, Columbia and Richmond counties in Georgia; homeschool students; and students of CNTA member families.

The winners, their families, and a teacher of the winner’s choice will be honored at the upcoming Teller Lecture and Banquet tentatively scheduled for October 16, 2019 during Nuclear Science Week.

The winning essays are available on the CNTA website at <https://cntaware.org>. For further information, call CNTA at 803-649-3456 or email at [cnta@bellsouth.net](mailto:cnta@bellsouth.net).

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues.