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**Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness Recognizes 2019 Educator Grants Winners**

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) recently held a recognition night for three local high school teachers who were awarded grants to help fund science-related curriculum in their classrooms.

The grants, each about \$500, will be used to fund projects that promote an increased understanding of atomic and nuclear fundamentals, radiation and nuclear materials safety, and applications of nuclear technology.

The 2019 grant winners are:

- Jack Overholser, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade chemistry, South Aiken High School;
- Kacee Poppy, Honors & AP Chemistry I, South Aiken High School; and,
- Andrie McFadden, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade welding, TW Josey High School/MEB Career Center.

In addition to CNTA, sponsors of the CNTA Educator Grants Program are Huntington Ingalls Industries, Savannah River National Laboratory, SRS-Community Reuse Organization, plus a private foundation and an anonymous donor.

A reception honoring the three teachers was held at the SRS Heritage Museum in Aiken on Tuesday June 11, 2019. Representatives from the grant sponsors, recipients' schools, as well as CNTA board members and education committee members attended.

CNTA plans to launch the 2020 Educator Grants Program in October 2019. Teachers at High Schools in the South Carolina counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Edgefield, and Orangeburg; and in the Georgia counties of Columbia, Richmond, and Burke will be invited to submit proposals.

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues. For more information, contact CNTA at [CNTA@bellsouth.net](mailto:CNTA@bellsouth.net) or call 803-649-3456.



Tagline: Dr. Jim Marra, Executive Director of CNTA (left) & Dr. Marissa Reigel, CNTA's Education Committee Chair (Right) present award to two of the winners. Kacee Poppy of South Aiken High School & Andrie McFadden of TW Josey High School/MEB Career Center.