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2020 Robert Maher Memorial Scholarship Winner Announced

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) and Savannah River Remediation (SRR) announced South Carolina State University student Shai'Anthony Huff as the winner of the 2020 Robert Maher Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is sponsored by SRR, the liquid waste contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

Huff, who is from Eastover, South Carolina, is a nuclear engineering student at S.C. State University. CNTA Executive Director Jim Marra said CNTA is proud to award this \$5,000 scholarship to such an ambitious, enthusiastic, and deserving student.

“Shai'Anthony has a great passion to pursue nuclear research, continue her education, and grow her knowledge and experience in the field,” Marra said. “All these go-getter qualities make Shai'Anthony the ideal candidate to award this scholarship. No doubt she will be an exemplary addition to the nuclear industry.”

Huff recently participated in an independent research project in partnership with Clemson University. The project involved Sequential Extraction Procedure for the Speciation of Particulate Trace Metals in radioactive soil. Last summer, she held an engineering intern position conducting research in the Medical Physics Department at the University of Wisconsin.

“The jobs of physicists have always been intriguing, from the complexities of data analysis and evaluations, to applying laws of science to devise methods and develop experiments. More specifically, health physicists and the basis of radiation safety,” Huff said.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree, she plans to obtain her doctorate degree in health physics. She aspires to be Nuclear Reactor Health Physicist.

“My number one concern is workers within these nuclear facilities maintaining proper radiation usage and that their exposure is minimal; nuclear is our future, past, and present,” Huff said.

The Robert Maher Memorial Scholarship is a joint project of CNTA and SRR. Maher, Vice President and General Manager for Strategic Mission Development at SRS, passed away in 2002 after a 48-year career at the Site. A visionary with a broad view of the Site's potential, Maher helped shape SRS.

The annual scholarship was established in Maher's memory to support students pursuing science and engineering degrees in preparation for careers in the nuclear field. Details on the scholarship can be found at: <https://cntaware.org/maher-memorial-scholarship/>.

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