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### **Six Area High Schoolers Win Scholarships from 2022 CNTA Essay Contest**

Six area high school students won scholarships resulting from their winning entries in the 2022 Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) High School Essay Contest. Two students won \$1,000 apiece, two won \$750 apiece, and two students won \$500 apiece.

The winners of the 16th annual writing contest are:

#### \$1,000 Winners

- Dillon Hammell, Aiken High School, for “Isotopes in Medicine: How They are Used and Where we get them”
- Adam Wallace, Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School, for “Nuclear Energy and Space Exploration”

#### \$750 Winners

- Matthew Miller, Spring Valley High School, for “Uses of Radioisotopes in Medicine and U.S Dependence on Foreign Supply”
- Tyler Sims, Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, for “The battle for power: Nuclear energy vs. fossil fuels”

#### \$500 Winners

- Kaytlin Sturkey, Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School, for “Nuclear Technology and Space Exploration”
- Azaria Martin, Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School, for “Discuss how electricity generated from nuclear power versus fossil fuels can impact global warming.”

The goal of the CNTA Essay Contest is to increase high school student awareness of nuclear technologies and their impact on society. Each student picked one of four topics for this year’s contest:

1. *This past year has seen much progress toward sustained fusion power ... discuss the progress and remaining roadblocks.*
2. *Discuss the use of nuclear technology in space exploration (past, present, and future).*
3. *Discuss the importance of isotopes in today’s medicine and the U.S. dependence on foreign supply.*
4. *Discuss how electricity generated from nuclear power versus fossil fuels can impact global warming.*

“We were very impressed with the quality of the essays we received from all the students this year,” said Dr. Marissa Reigel, Chair of the CNTA Essay Committee. “It was exciting to see the breadth of information the students included in their essays.”

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 winning students, their parents, and school representative will be honored guests and recognized at an upcoming CNTA event later this year.

Over the course of the Essay Contest program, CNTA has awarded over \$65,000 to deserving students.

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