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Eight Area High Schoolers Win Scholarships from 2024 CNTA Essay Contest

Eight high school students representing six schools across the area have been awarded a scholarship from Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) for outstanding essays on a nuclear topic.

The scholarship awards ranged from \$500 to \$1,000. Each student picked a topic ranging from a comparison of greenhouse gases to nuclear power, use of isotopes in medical procedures and diagnostics, or nuclear technology on Mars.

The winners of the 18th annual CNTA Essay Contest are:

\$1,000 Winners

- Sonal Kapuria, Greenbriar High School, for “The transformational role of radioisotopes in medicine”
- Grayson Fleury, North Augusta High School, for “The bright future of nuclear power”
- Zhengyu “Jerry” Lu, Lakeside High School, for “Nuclear Medicine: Its Isotopes & Innovations”

\$750 Winner

- Coralyn Carins, Lakeside High School, for “Radioisotopes in Medicine: 21st Century Technology”

\$500 Winners

- Megyn Bolen, Home School, for “Radiation Rocks”
- Paige Dayton, SC Governors School for the Arts, for “Nuclear Energy & the Colonization of Mars”
- William Seigler, North Augusta High School, for “90 seconds”
- Chassity Williams, South Aiken High School, for “The uses of medical isotopes”

The goal of the CNTA Essay Contest is to increase high school student awareness of nuclear technologies and their impact on society, according to CNTA Executive Director Allison Hamilton Molnar.

“We were very impressed with the quality of the essays we received from all the students this year,” Hamilton Molnar said. “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 \$80,000 to deserving students.

For more information, call CNTA at 803-649-3456 or email at cnta@bellsouth.net. CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing facts about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues.

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