

2024 Annual Report



A YEAR IN REVIEW: CNTA's 2024 Accomplishments

Updates from the Board of Directors



- CNTA's Board of Directors spent 2024 updating our Bylaws
 - Updated version can be found on our website
- 2026 will be a year of strategic planning for the organization

Education Outreach Activities

- DIG STEM Festival in Williston
- SEED at USC Aiken
- Fall Fission Festival at the SRS Museum
- Family Earth & Sky Night at USC Aiken
- Furman University Teacher Workshop
- USC Aiken Center for Lifelong Learning Courses
- Aiken County Induction Teacher Celebration and Resource Fair
- Dozens of visits with area classrooms



2024 Grants and Awards

2024 Essay Contest Winners

\$1,000 Winners

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

\$750 Winner

- Coralyn Carins for “Radioisotopes in Medicine: 21st Century Technology”

\$500 Winners

- Megyn Bolen for “Radiation Rocks”
- Paige Dayton for “Nuclear Energy & the Colonization of Mars”
- William Seigler for “90 seconds”
- Chassity Williams for “The uses of medical isotopes”

2024 Educator Grant Winners

- **Rus George & Stephanie Ford, Westabou Montessori School**
- **Amanda H. Waymer, Aiken Scholars Academy**
- **Gwen Fundak, Jefferson Elementary School**
- **Amy Wolfe, Mossy Creek Elementary School**
- **Regina Dunbar, Paul Knox Middle School**

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2025 Essay Contest

Topics were:

1. There are numerous applications of nuclear technology in the medical industry, such as radioisotopes for medical diagnostics, or therapies. Some of them have been around for many years, and others are being developed. Discuss at least two (2) uses of nuclear technology in medicine and their impact.
2. Explain what spent nuclear fuel is and the pros and cons of the United States having one central interim repository for these materials.
3. How is the United States' security linked to comprehensive deterrence? What role does our nuclear deterrence play in our overall security and how are we working to enhance our global position?

2025 Educator Grant Winners

- **A Dorothy Hains Elementary School- Marco Villegas**
- **Aiken Scholars Academy- Amanda Waymer**
- **Blythe Elementary School- Rhonda Smith**
- **Community Christian Academy- Kayla Long**
- **McBean Elementary School- Randall Scott Williams**
- **Recliffe Elementary School- Harley**


Communications Committee

In 2024:

- 22 press releases written
- 17 articles published
- 2024 Nuclear Science Week Insert
 - Take a copy today!
- Thousands of hits on our website & social media accounts

For 2025:

- Revamp of brochures
- Revamp of cntaware.org website
- Nuclear Science Week Magazine
 - Advertising information available!



2024 SCORECARD

- Interacted with thousands of community members, educators, and students at STEM events
- Awarded over \$15,000 in scholarships and grants to area students and teachers
- Awarded a \$120,000 grant to investigate how the terms we use changes support among the public for projects like an interim spent nuclear fuel repository
- Secured representation in various media outlets through press releases and articles written by CNTA or its members, including professional opinion requests. 22 press releases written about CNTA activities!
- Expanded our free membership to **K-12 teachers & all students**
- Raised over \$20,000 for CNTA outreach and education initiatives at the Charity Golf Tournament
- Over 200 people utilized our free membership for young professionals, teachers, and students
- **33 local businesses supported CNTA's mission this year with business memberships**
- Held 6 Up & Atom and 3 Tap Into Nuclear Events
- Taught a series of classes at the Center for Lifelong Learning in both the spring and fall semesters
- Hosted the 33rd Annual Teller Lecture featuring John Williams of Southern Nuclear
- Published insert in the *Aiken Standard* for Nuclear Science week that went to area households and has been viewed thousands of times online



Nuclear Science Week

Oct. 21 - 25
2024

CNTA
Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness

An advertising partnership publication between CNTA and the Aiken Standard



Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA)

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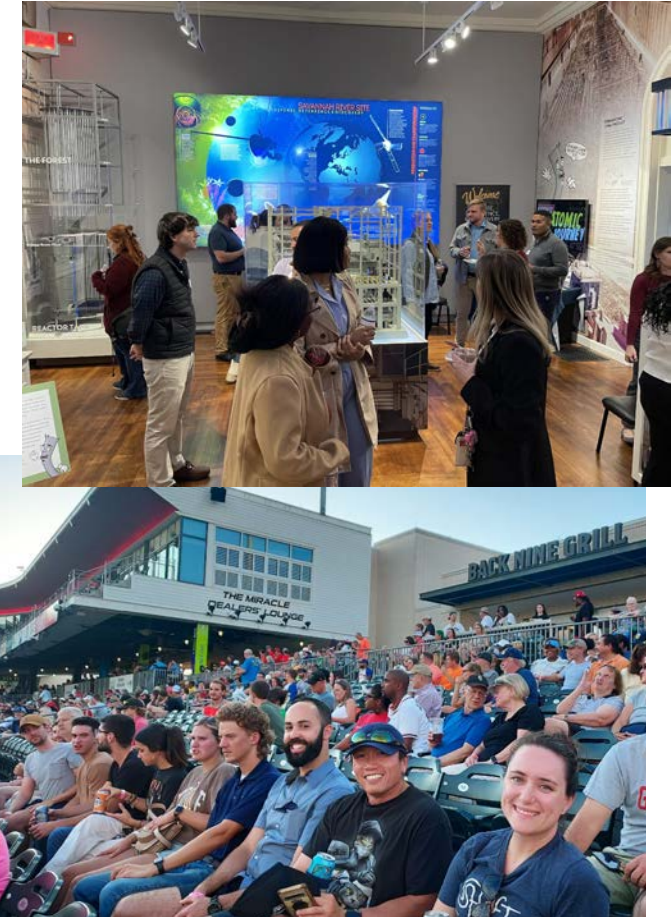
Young Professionals Committee

In 2024:

- Hosted 3 Tap Into Nuclear Events
 - Over 200 people attended these events
- Had to cancel our Annual Oyster Roast due to Hurricane damage
- Over 200 young professionals, students and teachers utilized the free membership

For 2025:

- Have hosted:
 - Tap Into Nuclear with the Aiken Chamber of Commerce- over 50 attended
 - Litter pickup with CleanUp Aiken- 25 people supported
- June 5th is our annual “Night at the Greenjackets”
- October 11th is the 7th Annual Oyster Roast
- Need ideas and volunteers to support the committee





Micah Holston, Kennesaw State University (KSU) was the 2024 Maher Memorial Scholarship Winner

Maher Memorial Scholarship

- **2024 was the last year of the \$5,000 Maher Memorial Scholarship**
- **Replacing with a \$10,000 SRMC Science Scholarship**
 - **Details will be released in April 2025**

2024 Distinguished Scientist Award



Dr. David DiPrete
Savannah River National Laboratory

Dr. DiPrete serves as the technical lead for the radiochemistry team in Savannah River National Laboratory's (SRNL) Analytical Development's Nuclear Measurement Group. His expertise in nuclear chemistry has led to the development of innovative analytical capabilities that have strengthened SRNL's reputation and impact.



Kent Rosenberger
Savannah River Mission Completion

2024 Nuclear Service Award

Honored in recognition of his 34-year career advancing nuclear technology, waste management, and safety. Rosenberger currently serves as Deputy Director of Environment, Safety, Health, and Quality at Savannah River Mission Completion (SRMC), where his expertise has been instrumental in regulatory framework development, waste disposal assessments, and the closure of multiple radioactive waste tanks at Savannah River Site (SRS).

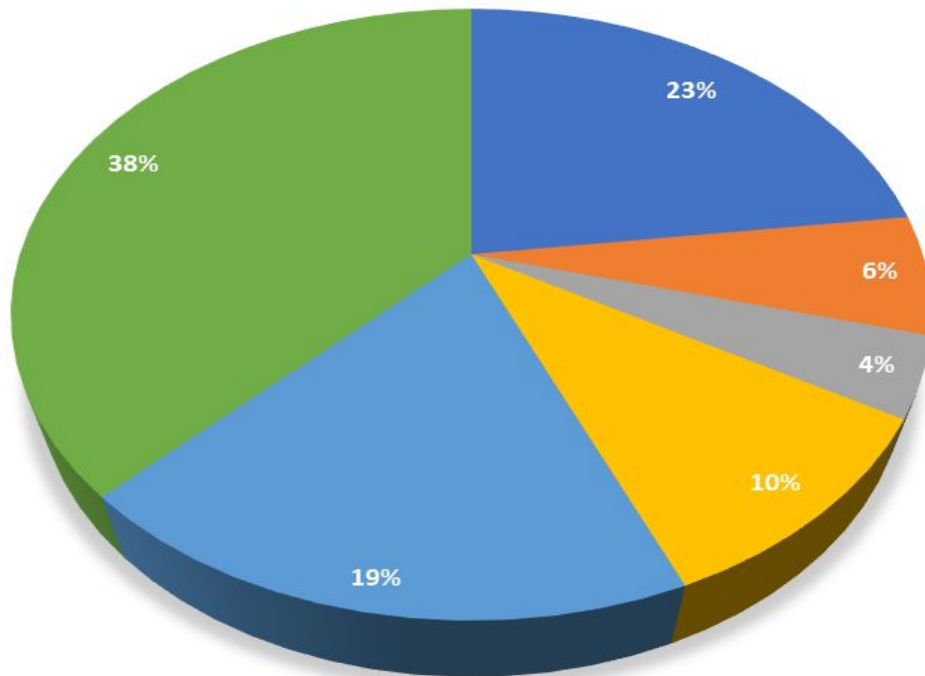
CNTA's Financials

Expenses



- Salaries, Taxes & Benefits
- Programs
- Rent & Utilities
- Office Supplies
- Other

2024 Income Sources



- Business Memberships
- Individual Memberships
- Education Committee Sponsors
- Golf Tournament
- Other Programmatic Income
- Grants

CNTA Assets (as of 12/27/24)

Checking	\$	43,401.72
Money Market	\$	62,463.91
Endowment	\$	124,445.46
6-mo CD	\$	65,804.45
Total:	\$	296,115.54

Grant Updates

CNTA's grant research language and collaborative-based siting runs until July 2025

Project has included:

- Nuclear Roundtable discussion on terminology
- Article in the NSW Insert
- Teller Lecture
- Essay Contest Topic
- Public opinion poll with experiments on terminology
 - Collected over 200 responses at Waste Management Symposia
 - Will collect a random sample of SC residents later this spring

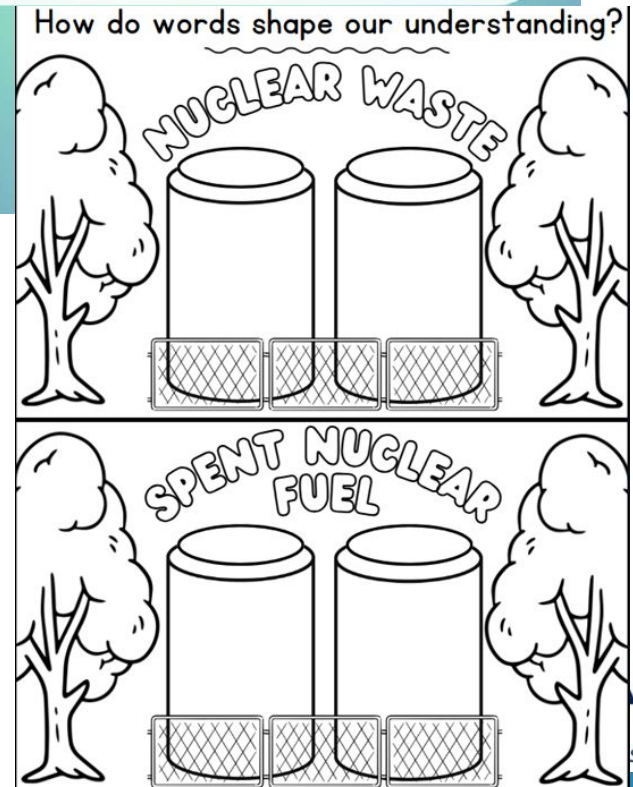


CNTA is proud to be a partner in the NuWaDi Consortium, a part of the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy's Consent-Based Siting Initiative.

CNTA is researching how language and word usage affects the understanding of and support for nuclear topics, such as opinions on a permanent geological repository for spent nuclear fuel.

For more information, visit:

<https://cntaware.org/nuwadi-consortium/>



Golf Tournament

- 22nd Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament raised \$33,000
 - Many thanks to our sponsors, players, and volunteers!
- 23rd Annual Tournament is May 9, 2025
 - Only have 1 team spot left!
 - Goal is to raise \$34,000 this year

2025 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 9, 2025



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SRS- Community Reuse Organization

Savannah River Site Museum



Upcoming Activities & Events

CNTA 2025 Calendar

- **April 5, 2025-** Earth Day Aiken. 10-2pm on Newberry Street in Aiken SC.
- **April 17, 2025-** Up & Atom “Nuclear Energy and the future of Space” with Kate H. Kelly, Director for Space and Emerging programs for BWXT Advanced Technologies LLC. 7:30am at Houndslake Country Club in Aiken SC.
- **May 3, 2025-** DIG STEM Festival in Williston SC.
- **May 9, 2025-** 23rd Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament. Houndslake Country Club.
- **May 15, 2025-** Up & Atom “Nuclear Technology in Medicine” with Amy Yarshen, Associate Professor & Program Director Nuclear Medicine Technology at Augusta University. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- **June 5, 2025-** Night at the Ballpark. Join CNTA at the Augusta Greenjackets. 7:05pm first pitch.
- **July 23, 2025-** Up & Atom “SRS Interns”. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- **September 20, 2025-** SEED. 10-3pm at USCA.
- **October 11, 2025-** 7th Annual Oyster Roast & LCB. Hosted by CNTA’s Young Professionals. 6:30-9pm at Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken SC.
- **October 18, 2025-** Fall Fission Festival. Details TBA.

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because you
support our
mission to be
the voice of
truth on
nuclear
matters**