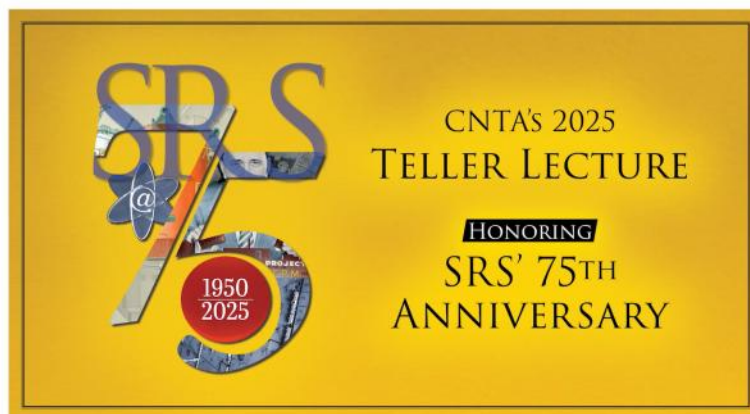


# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



**Dedicated to Nuclear Education Since  
1991**



**Presented at the Membership Appreciation Breakfast  
January 28, 2026**

## Message from the Executive Director



CNTA Executive Director  
Allison Hamilton

CNTA had an incredibly successful 2025. While there was uncertainty at times, our community continued to collaborate and support one another and our mission.

Being a non-profit organization dedicated to sharing the truth on nuclear technologies is a unique niche, and CNTA has been holding strong for 34 years. While the community, the Savannah River Site, and opinions on nuclear technology have changed, we continue to educate the public and advocate for safe and effective uses of nuclear.

In this report we highlight our community outreach, our advocacy, our educational programs, and more. All of the awards and scholarships highlighted for 2025 will be awarded again in 2026.

CNTA recorded over 150 volunteers, who committed approximately 3,000 hours combined to support CNTA's mission in 2025. Community members not affiliated with CNTA donated in support of the Dan Iverson Memorial. These funds are being used to modernize our education outreach. We also welcomed hundreds of new faces at Up & Atoms throughout the year. CNTA support also contributed \$1,250 back into our community through the Community Gift Card Program.

I want to thank every member, every volunteer, and every person who came to one of our events in 2025. The successes highlighted in this report are a direct result of your dedication to this organization and its important mission. You may not realize the impact you have, but we do, and so thank you!

While we celebrate 2025, our focus has shifted to what lies ahead in 2026. Our office consolidation will be complete by March, and we invite you to stop by and visit the new SRS Historical Library that CNTA and the SRS Museum are creating in the basement of the Old Post Office.

As always, CNTA exists because of our members. If we can support your advocacy of nuclear technology, please let us know!

-Allison

## CNTA Advocacy

The communications committee of CNTA published 22 press releases about CNTA's events and programs this year. We were in the press dozens of times.

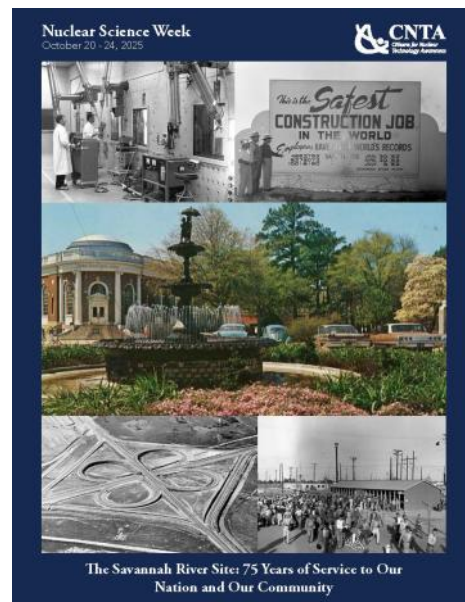
CNTA members participated in several public outreach activities this summer. Jim Marra, Allison Hamilton, and Christopher Noah joined many other CNTA members at the Waste Management Symposia in Phoenix. CNTA was proud to be a part of the symposia and many came to visit our booth in the exhibit hall.

Allison Hamilton, Amber Bolen, and Grace Peach represented CNTA at ETEBA's Savannah River Federal Business Opportunities Forum in June and Jim Marra spoke at several events this year including the Aiken Mid-Day Rotary. CNTA volunteer Paul Ebel lead a tour of AGNS in Barnwell in November and has been assisting SCSU with their teacher workshops.

In October, as part of Nuclear Science Week, we published our Nuclear Science Week Magazine! The digital edition can be found online at: <https://cntaware.org/nswmagazine/>

Finally, CNTA members participated in the 5th annual Community Gift Card Program. This fundraiser helps support CNTA and our local businesses and helps the business community know we are here.

**Since 2020 this program  
has raised over \$9,000!**



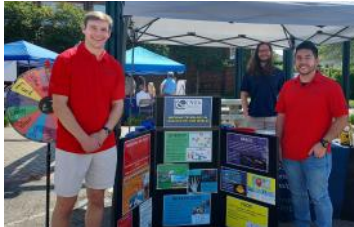
## CNTA Outreach

### Education Outreach

CNTA participated in 25 education outreach events this year. They ranged from small classroom activities, to teacher workshops, to events with thousands of people like the Waste Management Symposia and SEED (Science Education Enrichment Day) at USCA.

Through these efforts we interacted with and helped educate over 9,000 community members and students.

These efforts would not be possible without our volunteers, so many thanks to them!



## Awards and Scholarships

### 2025 Essay Contest

The goal of the CNTA Essay Contest is to increase high school student awareness of nuclear technologies and their impact on society. Successful essays require students to integrate science, technology, social understanding, and language arts.

Winning students received between \$500 and \$1,000. \$5,500 total was awarded to 8 students.

### Nuclear Scholarship at Aiken Technical College

The recipient of this annual award, funded by CNTA, is a deserving second year student enrolled in a nuclear program at Aiken Technical College (ATC). The award was started in celebration of CNTA's 25th Anniversary in 2016.

The winner for 2025 is Tori Rutland of North, South Carolina. Tori anticipates graduating with her Radiation Protection Technology Associates Degree in Spring 2026.



### 2025 Educator Grant Program

CNTA's program provides funding for projects that promote an increased understanding of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); atomic and nuclear fundamentals; radiation and nuclear materials safety; and applications of nuclear technology. The program is open to K-12 teachers across the CSRA.

The program awarded \$3,000 to area teachers in 2025.

### 2025 SRMC Science Scholarship



The winner of the 2025 SRMC Science Scholarship is University of South Carolina (USC) student Zachary Gardiner.

Gardiner, a senior from Hummelstown, PA, is pursuing a bachelor's degree at USC in chemical engineering with a minor in nuclear engineering, energy concentration.

This past school year, Gardiner served as the vice president of the American Nuclear Society student chapter at USC, as well as the president of the American Chemical Society student chapter.

Over the Summer of 2025, he participated in an internship program at the Savannah River National Laboratory working in the Hydrogen Isotope group on tritium technology.

Gardiner's career goal is to obtain a degree in chemical engineering, and to enter a nuclear engineering or related PhD program.

**Information on all of CNTA's Awards and Scholarships can be found online at:**

<https://cntaware.org/scholarships-and-awards/>



## 2025 Teller Lecture

CNTA proudly hosted the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Edward Teller Lecture at the Amentum Center for Performing Arts in downtown Aiken, SC, on November 21, 2025. We joined with the Savannah River Site (SRS) and the SRS Museum for this year's lecture to celebrate the Site's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Over 175 people attended to help us celebrate!

The highlight of the evening was a roundtable discussion that replaced the traditional lecture given at this event. Three community members, who were here for the construction of SRS 75 years ago, spoke on their memories of the time. Margaret Rountree, a former Dunbarton native; Ellyn McNair, who came to Aiken as a High School Senior and whose dad worked at SRS; and Walt Joseph, who was a newly married young professional from Penn State, who took a job at the burgeoning site. The discussion was moderated by Mary Beth Reed, Principal Investigator for the Savannah River Site History Project.

Photos from the evening are available on a [shared Google Drive](#). If you need assistance viewing them, please let us know.

The video from the evening can be found at:  
<https://cntaware.org/teller/>  
It is a must watch!



## 2025 Distinguished Scientist Award Winner



**Dr. Olin E. (Gene) Rhodes, Jr**  
**Director of the University of Georgia's Savannah River Ecology Lab**

Dr. Rhodes has served as the Director of the University of Georgia's Savannah River Ecology Lab (SREL) since 2012 and as Director of the University of Georgia Research Institute since 2021. He is also a Professor at the Odum School of Ecology at the University of Georgia and an Adjunct Professor at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources.

Dr. Rhodes received his B.S. in Biology from the Furman University in 1983, his M.S. in Wildlife Biology from Clemson University in 1986, and his Ph.D. in Wildlife Science from Texas Tech University in 1991. He has to his credit 258 publications as author or co-author.

## 2025 Nuclear Service Award Winner



**Mindy Mets**  
**Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (Retired)**

Mets is recognized for her fifteen years as the Vice President of Strategic Initiatives for the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) in which she supported and advocated for missions at the Savannah River Site (SRS). At the SRSCRO, Mets directed the Nuclear Workforce Initiative (NWI®); managed workforce development grants; established the NWI® Staffing Committee; established the Regional Nuclear Science Week Committee; established the annual STEM Career Connections® event; and coordinated the development of Microburst Learning Tools. These initiatives help sustain qualified workers at SRS and counter the challenge of an aging workforce.

Mets received her B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University in 1985 and is the author of numerous articles and publications related to nuclear workforce development.

## Young Professionals Activities

The 7th Annual CNTA Oyster Roast hosted by the Young Professionals Committee was held October 11th at Palmetto Golf Club. Over 150 people attended the evening and helped support our ongoing efforts to provide professional development opportunities to those in our professions under 40.

With this event we raised over \$18,000 and will be able to continue our free membership for those under 40, teachers, and students for 2026!

The young professionals committee also hosted the AYP kickoff with the Aiken Chamber of Commerce, partnered with Clean Up Aiken for a trash pickup, visited the Augusta Greenjackets for a baseball game and more! If you want to participate in this committee, contact CNTA.

## Up & Atoms

- **March 20, 2025-** Annual Report & 2025 Plans
  - CNTA's Annual Membership Appreciation Breakfast
- **April 12, 2025-** Nuclear Energy & The Future of Space
  - Kate H. Kelly, Director for Space and Emerging programs for BWXT Advanced Technologies LLC
- **May 15, 2025-** Growing Season: Cultivating the Nuclear Medicine Field
  - Amy Yarshen, MBA, CNMT, NMT Program Director at Augusta University
- **June 18, 2025-** Using Innovation to Safely Accomplish the Liquid Waste Mission
  - Dr. Thomas D. Burns, Jr., President and Program Manager for Savannah River Mission Completion
- **July 23, 2025-** SRS Interns
  - Alexander Smith (SRMC), Colette Towles (SRNL), and Kevin Yulkowski (SRNS)
- **September 11, 2025-** SRNS— Building on a Legacy; Preparing for the Future.
  - Dr. Jeffrey C. Griffin, President and CEO, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.
- **November 6, 2025-** Savannah River National Laboratory Overview.
  - Dr. Johnney Green Jr. Director, SRNL, and President and CEO of Battelle Savannah River Alliance.

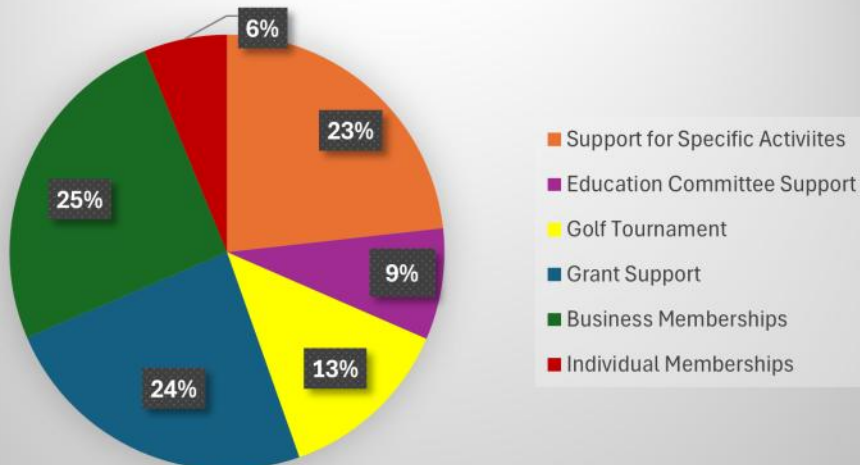


Copies of event presentations available at:

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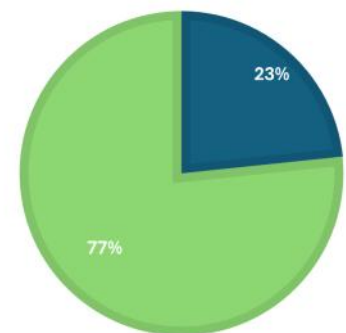
## CNTA Finance

### Income



### EXPENDITURES

■ Administrative Costs ■ Programmatic Spending



### Assets as of 12/31/2025

Checking	\$ 19,599.11
Money Market	\$ 102,313.38
Endowment	\$ 132,653.02
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 254,565.51</b>

## 23rd Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament

The 23rd Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament was one of the most successful years for the fundraiser since its inception.

"We had a total of 112 golfers, participating this year," said Allison Hamilton, CNTA Executive Director. "This tournament is a favorite for our members, volunteers, and sponsors. It's one of CNTA's largest fundraisers and the net proceeds of over \$35,000 this year will be help CNTA promote and educate the public on nuclear technology."

"We couldn't do it without the support of our business partners and members," Hamilton said. "CNTA exists as a grassroots organization, and events like these would be impossible without them."



### Congratulations to Our Winners!

- First Low Net- Parvati Government Services
  - Kelsey Forde, Tim Stirrup, John Marra, Pete Marra
- Second Low Net- Savannah River Ecology Laboratory
  - Brian Morton, Gene Rhodes, Chris McBride, David Scott
- Third Low Net- Centerra-SRS
  - Demetrick Drumming, Norris Bunch, Jimmie Crawford
- Low Gross- Wesworks
  - Jerry Faulk, Daniel Faulk, Cory Blane, Pat Cunning



*The 24th Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Houndslake Country Club in Aiken, SC, on May 8, 2026. Details and team sign-up will be available in February 2026.*

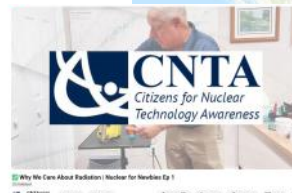
## NuWaDi Grant

CNTA partnered with Clemson University and SCUREF (South Carolina Universities Research and Education Foundation) on a grant with the Department of Energy researching Collaborative Based Siting for spent nuclear fuel. This project started in 2024 and will wrap up in 2026.

Some of the accomplishments this year include:

1. Attending Waste Management and collecting data on a public opinion poll.
2. Region-wide collection of data on public opinion on nuclear topics
3. Support for our essay contest and other CNTA activities

**With this grant's support we also laid the groundwork for our new "Nuclear for Newbies" podcast that will launch in 2026.**





## Many Thanks to Our 2025 Business Members

### DIAMOND

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions

### PLATINUM

Savannah River Mission Completion

### GOLD

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Centerra-SRS

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Parvati Government Services | Security Federal Bank

SRS Community Reuse Organization | SRS Museum

Unitech Services Group | Western SC (EDP)

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*Thank you to the members, donors, supporters, and volunteers!  
Without you CNTA would not exist.*

THANK  
YOU

### Advocate Level

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Michael Holland

Richard Izard

J. Scott Kirk

Larry Ling

Scott Poole

Booboo Roberts

Kent Rosenberger

Steve Sheetz

Robert Sindelar

Christopher Sobecki

### Champion Level Members

Jeff Allender

Jesus Mancilla

Paul Ebel

Christopher Noah

Joyce Hopperton

David Olson

Ben Kinlaw

Wayne Rickman

### Join the Voice of Truth on Nuclear Matters

CNTA members advocate and educate on all things nuclear while providing networking & mentorship opportunities

Scan to find out more about membership & how to support!



Membership is free to those under 40, students, & K-12 educators

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has been dedicated to nuclear education since 1991

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## Mission

CNTA serves to educate the public by providing objective information on the value of nuclear technology with respect to our health, economy, environment, and national security.

## Vision

CNTA will become the recognized avenue for the collective engagement of its members in increasing the awareness and support of nuclear technology and its benefits to the public.

## Value

Through inclusiveness and engagement, CNTA and its volunteers create a voice to provide the public with factual, objective information on nuclear subjects, while also providing opportunities for its members' personal and professional growth.

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## CNTA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **January 28, 2026-** Up & Atom “CNTA’s Membership Appreciation Breakfast.” 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- **February 18, 2026-** Up & Atom “Computational Modeling to assist SRS Missions” Presented by DBD International. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- **March 19, 2026-** Up & Atom presented by Southern Nuclear. 7:30am at Houndslake Country Club in Aiken SC.
- **May 2, 2026-** DIG STEM Festival. Details TBA. Williston SC.
- **May 8, 2026-** 24th Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament. Houndslake Country Club in Aiken SC.
- **June 4, 2026-** CNTA’s Night at the Greenjackets. Details TBA. SRP Park in North Augusta SC.
- **July 23, 2026-** Up & Atom “SRS Interns” 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- **September 19, 2026-** “SEED” Science Education Enrichment Day at USCA.
- **October 17, 2026-** Fall Fission Festival with the SRS Museum.

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