

CITIZENS FOR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS

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Aiken Young Professionals and CNTA Partner for Networking Event

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) and the Savannah River Site (SRS) Museum recently hosted the 2026 Kickoff Event for Aiken Young Professionals (AYP), a part of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce.

“Aiken Young Professional events are a great way for up-and-coming community members to network and be introduced to professionals from all different backgrounds,” said Whitney Goodwin, Director of Communications for the Aiken Chamber of Commerce. “We appreciate CNTA hosting our kickoff and think it is a great start to a year of collaboration and development for our members.”

Around 40 people participated in the event, which was tailored for young adults ages 22-39. The event began with networking time at Café Scientifique, which is located on the bottom floor of the old Aiken Post Office, and was followed by allowing participants to tour the new exhibits at the SRS Museum.

“This event allowed me to meet people from different professions around Aiken and learn more about the history of the Savannah River Site,” said Caroline Herlong Turner of The Herlong Financial Group LLC, in Aiken. “I am hopeful that the connections I made from this and other AYP events will lead to long-standing relationships with my peers and community members.”

“I believe in CNTA’s mission of educating the public by providing objective information on the value of nuclear technology” said Caroline Herlong Turner of The Herlong Financial Group LLC, in Aiken, an AYP member who recently joined CNTA’s Board of Directors. “I personally wanted to have a better understanding of nuclear technology and, so far, CNTA has been a wonderful group to be a part of. I have enjoyed attending their Up & Atom breakfasts and hearing interesting guest speakers in different areas of nuclear science (e.g. medicine, space, energy, etc.). I now have a better understanding of the benefits of nuclear technology in addition to meeting many interesting people.”

CNTA Executive Director Allison Hamilton said that CNTA is a proud, long-time member of the Aiken Community and looks forward to this partnership each year. “This is the third year we have hosted this event,” she said. “We appreciate the Aiken Chamber for allowing us the chance to introduce our important mission to the next generation of professionals who will make an impact on the Aiken community. Our members also benefit from these types of events by making connections with people from the business community. It’s a win-win event!”

AYP is a young professionals' network established to attract, retain and engage other young professionals. A program of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce, AYP is dedicated to helping establish a young professional community in Aiken. For more information, visit www.aikenchamber.net/ayp.html

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues. For more information on CNTA, including how to join, visit www.cntaware.org



Members of CNTA and Aiken Young Professionals enjoy the 2026 AYP Kickoff Event.