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## **Augusta Technical College holds graduation ceremony for inaugural Nuclear Operator Apprenticeship program**

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Augusta Technical College held a graduation ceremony for the inaugural cohort in the Nuclear Operator Apprenticeship program.

The program is a partnership between Augusta Technical College and the Savannah River Site Apprenticeship School where students have on site training coupled with academic coursework requirements.



Coursework includes Math, Physics, Nuclear Physics, Instrumentation and Controls, Mechanical Science and Electrical Science. The program consists of 530 hours and is an intensive 7-month program. Graduates are employed in Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Operations and Savannah River Nuclear Laboratory, Operations.

“We’ve established a fantastic partnership with Augusta Technical College, and we’re proud to celebrate the success of this inaugural cohort. The graduates have laid the groundwork for lifelong careers and this graduation marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the graduates and our regional partnerships,” stated Dr. Dorian Newton, Site Training Director, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

Graduates include:

### **Savannah River Nuclear Solutions- Operations**

Jaxsen Briatico  
Ryan Carter  
Bradford Charlton  
Lauren Ham  
Lauren Holley  
Brandon Jordan  
Terry Leverett  
Jacob Murphy

Joshua Patterson  
Trevor Taylor  
Karter Wheat  
Anthony Wiles  
Stephen Young

### **Savannah River National Laboratory Operations**

Jennifer Clark  
Morgan Fulcher  
Drew Platts  
Jonathan Short  
Patrick Sparbel  
Christopher Yancy

"Augusta Tech is proud to partner with Savannah River National Solutions and Savannah River National Laboratory to form a pipeline of nuclear operators. This program is intense, but also life changing for these graduates. The apprenticeship program provides the practical hands on training and the academic coursework they need to not only be ready to work, but successful in their field," stated Julie Langham, Vice President for Economic Development.

[Click here to view graduation photos.](#)

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Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a public postsecondary institution that provides academic and technical education, customized business and industry training, continuing education, student support, economic development, and adult education services to its service area (Burke, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Richmond Counties) at a competitive financial value. Associate of Science Degrees, Associate of Applied Science Degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit are provided through traditional and distance delivery methods. For more information, visit [augustatech.edu](http://augustatech.edu).

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