



Central Savannah River Section

Mark your Calendars:

UPCOMING AACEI SECTION MEETINGS

8/28/08 Carlton Norwood
9/25/08 Elliot Levy, Curator, Aiken County Historical Museum

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

6/29/08 52nd Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
9/11/08 CSRA College Night – Augusta Civic Center
10/08 EVP Certification Workshop (Date TBD)
10/08 PSP Certification Workshop (Date TBD)

The next newsletter will be published in August and will have details for the August dinner meeting.



The Next AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, 8/28/08

The June Issue of Cost Engineering is now Available on-line



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AACEI-CSRA SECTION AWARDS THREE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Central Savannah River Section of AACEI was pleased to award three \$500.00 college scholarships for the Fall of 2008. Scholarship recipients were selected on the basis of academic performance, extra-curricular activities, and an essay on why cost engineering or total cost management will be important in pursuing their career goals.

Congratulations to the following!

Tanya West (Anderson University)

Tanya is a junior majoring in Interior Design and plans on pursuing a master's degree in Interior Design, working in a firm that offers both interior design and architecture services, and ultimately becoming a college professor in Interior Design.

Kristin Tempel (Presbyterian College & Clemson University)

Kristin is a sophomore pursuing a dual degree in Physics and Mechanical Engineering. Following the attainment of a master's degree, she plans on a career in the manufacturing industry.

Wesley Ryan (Georgia Southern University & Georgia Institute of Technology)

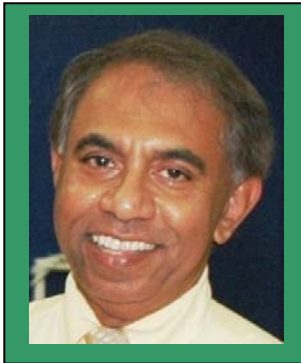
Wesley is a sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Aerospace Engineering and is planning a career in the aerospace industry.

Check out our Section's Web Site!

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President's Corner by Asoka Pillai, CCE, EVP

Congratulations to our incoming 2008-2009 AACEI-CSRA Section Board of Directors!

2008-2009 promises to be another exciting year, with **Ronny McIver** as the Section's new President. Newcomers to the Board include **Robert Gilmartin** (Marketing Director) and **CJ Plummer-Wooley** (Certification Director). **David Larsen** has an excellent variety of interesting

monthly dinner programs lined up starting in August. **Kathy Roberson** will continue building on the new www.aacei-csra.org web-site and we look forward to receiving her informative monthly newsletters. **Gary Bunker** will continue his efforts in reaching out to new members in the community and **Jim Hammond** is working on setting up the fall line-up of workshops. And last – but most important – our Treasurer, **Myron Berry** is here to make sure we all stay within budget!

I want to recognize both **Richard Selg** and **Joe Knick** for their contributions to the CSRA Section Board. Richard joined the Board in 1990 and served as the Section President for a few terms and was a Board member in various positions, throughout. He also served in the Tech Board of the AACEI International and was inducted as a Fellow. Joe joined in 2006 and served previously as the Director of Project Controls and then as the Vice-President for this past year. Thank you both for your hard work and unconditional support to the CSRA Section.

I will be representing the AACEI-CSRA Section at the Annual AACEI Conference in Toronto, Canada this month. **Kathy Roberson** and **Terry McNew** will be conducting the Toronto EVP Certification Workshop prior to the conference. Also, **Sandy Whyte** (Parsons) from our Section was nominated for the Fellowship Award for his long and meritorious contributions to AACEI and to the Project Controls field as a whole. He will be accepting the Fellow Award at the Annual meeting at Toronto. Congratulations to Fellow, Sandy Whyte!

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to all the Board members, AACEI-CSRA members and others for their dedication and support without which, I would not have been able to perform my Presidential duties for the past 3 years. AACEI is a first class professional organization specializing in the areas of project controls, and I am truly fortunate to have had the opportunity to gain the experience, knowledge and friendship that all of you have so kindly provided while fulfilling my duties. On a more personal note, I have enjoyed spending many hours both professional and personal in supporting this Section. I look forward to seeing our hard work continue in the future through the newly elected team for the next year.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK !

<p align="center">2008-2009 AACEI – CSRA LEADERSHIP TEAM</p> <p><u>President</u> Ronny McIver, CCC, EVP</p> <p><u>Vice President/Programs</u> David Larsen, PSP</p> <p><u>Communications Director</u> Kathlene Roberson, EVP</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> Myron Berry, CCC</p> <p><u>Marketing Director</u> Robert Gilmartin</p> <p><u>Memberships Director</u> Gary Bunker, CCC</p> <p><u>Education Director</u> Jim Hammond, EVP</p> <p><u>Certification Director</u> CJ Plummer-Wooley, CM, EVP</p> <p><u>Past President</u> Asoka Pillai, CCE, EVP</p>

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Future City Students Confront Urban Disasters and Engineer Hope with Nanotechnology



AACEI-CSRA awards "Best Planned City" to Local Future City Team

New Ellenton Middle School, team received the AACEI-CSRA sponsored award for the "Best Planned City" for their city Kalimdor. The team included, (left to right) Engineer Mentor Scott Williams, Teacher Mary Johnson, and Students: Taylor Dodson, Deven Moore, Shannon Harris. Myron Berry officiated as the AACEI judge for the event.

The Central Savannah River Area Chapter of AACEI presented a \$250 special award for the "Best Planned City" to the New Ellenton Middle School Team's Future City "Kalimdor." AACEI-CSRA judges Myron Berry assessed each of the 16 teams on their effective usage of advanced planning; control of scope, cost, schedule, and resources; and their ability to bring the team project in on schedule and within budget.

Future City, in its 16th year, asks middle school students to create a city, first on computer and then in a large tabletop model. Students present and defend their designs before volunteer engineer judges from the community at regional competitions in January.

Seventh- and eighth-graders in the annual National Engineers Week Future City Competition™ normally create cities with utopia in mind. This year, they were also confronting the world's worst urban disasters and there's no mistaking them for utopia.

From a small Kansas town destroyed last year by a tornado, to the war ravaged Gaza Strip, to Linfen, China, one of the most polluted cities on earth, Future City students across the country are dealing with real problems, determined to prevent them and build a better tomorrow.

Nanotechnology involves the creation of materials, devices and systems through manipulating matter less than 100 nanometers

in length. A nanometer is one-millionth of a millimeter, so engineers and scientists in nanotechnology work with items smaller than molecules, essentially atoms.

More than 30,000 students from 1,111 schools – a record number of registered schools – in 40 regions are participating this year. Working in teams with a teacher and volunteer engineer mentor, they create their cities using the SimCity 3000™ videogame donated by Electronic Arts, Inc. of Redwood City, California. They also write a city abstract and an essay on using engineering to solve an important social need – this year's theme asks students to describe how nanotechnology will monitor their city's structures and systems to keep its infrastructure healthy.

The Washington Savannah River Company (WSRC) and the Ruth Patrick Science and Education Center at the University of South Carolina Aiken are co-sponsoring the South Carolina regional competition. WSRC recognizes the important role played by the Future City Competition in its grass roots effort to encourage middle school students to consider a career in engineering.

The South Carolina Regional Competition was held at the University of South Carolina Aiken, Jan. 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Business & Education Building – Gymnasium).

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Highlights from the 5/22/08 Dinner Meeting



**Roger Duke
and
Ashok Pillai**

The CSRA Section dinner meeting was held on May 22, 2008 at the North Augusta Community Center. Our guest speaker featured Roger Duke, a certified project manager, who has implemented a community outreach initiative through the SR Chapter of Project Management Institute (PMI). Capitalizing on the PMI chapter's expertise in project management, the objective is to volunteer expertise to help nonprofits complete challenging projects, on schedule and within budget.

Roger shared his experiences on two non-profit organization projects: the Imperial Theatre Marquee and the James Brown Statue Cam. He quickly discovered that nonprofits are great at coming up with plans, but generally have trouble executing them, much less staying within budget and on schedule.

The Imperial Theatre in downtown Augusta, Georgia, now proudly displays an impressive new Marquee. The original circa 1920 marquee was replaced with an grand 8500 pound, all aluminum, neon lighted, marquee. The \$160K project included the design, fabrication and installation of the new marquee, still keeping with the general building façade and decorum of the theatre. "It was through that experience that I learned that non-



profits really can use people like ourselves, and our skills. From that experience and working a lot of other non-profit projects along the way, it became very evident that project management skills are a skill that is not very prevalent out there in different non-profits."

Roger recently assembled a team of PMI volunteers in January, 2008 to work on the James Brown Statue Cam project. Thanks to the Greater Augusta Arts Counsel (GAAC) and the Savannah River Chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI), visitors can now take their own picture with the James Brown Statue in downtown Augusta. By collaborating with local corporate partners, RedWolf, The Augusta Chronicle, and CSRA Security Solutions, the team was able to design and install the system in less than four months.

Simply dialing a phone number from a cell phone while standing next to the James Brown statue, activates a camera that wirelessly transmits the visitor's photo to a special James Brown gallery in the Augusta Chronicle "Spotted" Website. The photo can be retrieved by going to the GAAC website, www.AugustaArts.com. This innovative use of technology has attracted thousands of visitors and ensures everyone can visit the statue of the Godfather of Soul, and return home with a lasting memory of their trip to save or forward to friends and family.



Roger Duke began his career at Savannah River Site in 1977 as a Project Engineer. During his 31 years at SRS, he mostly held positions in project and program management. Four years ago, his company, BNFL, changed its name to BNG America. Roger was responsible for developing and implementing a branding campaign in the Augusta area. As part of the marketing strategy, Roger became heavily involved with nonprofit organizations by being on their boards and also volunteering for special events. BNG America was later acquired by EnergySolutions and Roger continues the campaign, but now for EnergySolutions.

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Membership is open to cost and management professionals and visitors are welcome at Section meetings.

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