

Video contest seeks the truth in nuclear myths

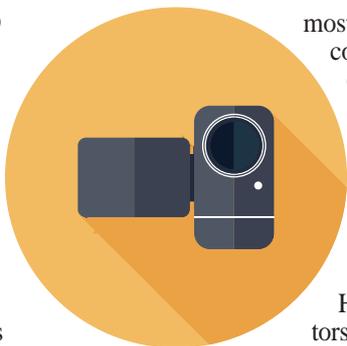
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Aiken's Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) is hosting its first annual Student Video Contest in which local high school students are being asked to explore the benefits of nuclear technology as they debunk common myths.

The deadline for submissions is January 27, 2017.

Associations with nuclear weapons and energy disasters often influence students' understanding of nuclear technology; and this contest hopes to encourage learning and positive engagement with nuclear industries, such as energy, research, and medicine.

Students participating in the contest will create short, original films that focus on the theme of Debunking Nuclear Myths in order to support awareness of the values of nuclear technology and industries. The videos that



most effectively and creatively communicate nuclear knowledge will have the opportunity to win a GoPro video camera that will be donated to the participant's school.

CNTA has utilized a similar initiative in its written essay contests in the past.

However, contest coordinators Marissa Reigel and Nora Swanson believe that supporting the use of technology will enhance students' interest and participation.

"The CNTA video contest gives high school students in the CSRA the opportunity to explore the facts about nuclear technology and allows them to be creative with how they communicate what they have learned," said Reigel. "I'm always amazed at the insight we receive from the essay contest submissions, and I think this video contest will evoke even more from these students."

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