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## [SECCA Hosts STEM Camp](#) [1]

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The Southeast Early College and Career Academy (SECCA) in Vidalia partnered with Southern Nuclear to host a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Camp for 20 area middle school and high school students.

Nora Swanson with Southern Nuclear says the camp may spark student's interest in a career in energy, "The great thing about teaching these skills is if they come to work for us, great, we know they have a really great foundation, but it's also about economic development. They're going to be successful in their communities and if we build a skilled workforce, there's nothing that can stop us."

We asked the students for their thoughts on the camp.

Logan Williams starts the ninth grade this year at Toombs County High School, "It was a fun activity to do and they teach you a lot of skills here. I liked the teachers and how helped us to build stuff."

Anovia Vann attended the camp last year and is back again. Even though she plans to be a nurse, the incoming freshman at Vidalia High School says the camp is valuable, "It helped me with other people and teamwork and how to use my mind for critical thinking."

A soon-to-be eighth grader at J.R. Trippe Middle School in Vidalia, Landry Wheeler, says "I'm learning about many different machines and technical things and I'm also making a lot of friends," and regarding the camp visit to Plant Hatch, "It was a really unique experience. I really loved seeing how all that stuff works," he said.

Southern Nuclear is starting a class at SECCA in the coming year to

attract young people to careers in energy.



The campers visited Plant Hatch where they were greeted by the Hatch Nuclear Professionals Panel in the center of the photo (L-R) Larry Allen, Joel Rodriguez, Trahmillia Clark, Savannah Thompson, Lester Sanchez and Josh Brown.

Campers from **J.R. Trippe Middle School** are Landry Wheeler, Alan Johnson, Hunter Loosbery, Blake Jones, Justice Cook, Sopie Cabe, Meghan Orate-Leon, Jada Clements and Anova Vann; from **Toombs County Middle School** Logan Williams, Adam (A.J.) Boyd, Latavia Cook, Renasha Cook, Daniel Horne and Trenton Corbitt; from **Montgomery County Middle School** Aidan and Declan Harbuck, Damon Jones and Landon Palmer and from **Treutlen Middle School** Daryl (D.J.) Smith.

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