

# SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## Savannah State University Prepares for New Students on Aug. 12

Savannah State University will welcome freshmen and transfer students to the 2008-09 academic year during New Student Orientation Aug. 12-17.

To date, the Office of Admissions staff has received 4,641 applications from first-time and transfer students, an increase of almost 10% over this time in 2007. Of the total applications, admission officials have made decisions on approximately 3,200, admitting 54% (2,156) who met our academic standards and denied admission to 26% (1,038). Last year this time, university officials had admitted 1,484 students and denied 746.

"While we cannot predict exactly the fall enrollment, indicators are we will have a substantial enrollment

increase when classes get underway later this month," said Michael Crow, director of Institutional Research and Planning.

The indicators include requests for campus housing and the number of new students who took advantage of the New STAR - Student Testing, Advisement and Registration - sessions held during the summer.

University Commons, a 742-bed complex purchased last year, is expected to open fully occupied, along with University Village and the Freshman Living and Learning Center, which can house 660 and 306 students, respectively. Savannah State can house up to 2,288 students in six residence halls, including Bowen-Smith, Bostic and Peacock.

Approximately 660 first-time and transfer stu-

dents took advantage of the five New STAR sessions held in June and July to complete testing, advisement, financial aid, registration, housing, meal and other arrangements for matriculation. More students are expected to participate in new student orientation, Aug. 12-17, which includes a series of sessions focusing on registration, academic survival, student clubs and campus activities.

Established in 1890, SSU is the oldest public historically black college or university (HBCU) in Georgia. The university's 3,169 students are enrolled in 23 undergraduate degree majors and five graduate programs in three colleges: Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Business Administration and Sciences and Technology.

## Teshawnda Shuman Certified as Masters Teacher

Teshawnda Shuman, an Effingham County teacher, joined ranks of more than 50 teachers from throughout the state who earned Master Teacher certification in 2008.



Teshawnda Shuman

Teshawnda Shuman earned the distinction by showing sustained academic progress of her students, illustrated by standardized tests among other requirements.

She teaches at Ebenezer Middle School in Effingham County.

"These 54 teachers join the nearly 300 Master Teachers before them who have clearly demonstrated their expertise in helping our children achieve at higher levels," Gov. Sonny Perdue said in a released statement. "They are experts at inspiring

She completed the Pathway to Teaching program through Armstrong Atlantic State University and embarked on a teaching career. Shuman has been teaching for six years.

Shuman said creating lifelong learners and motivating students to get excited about education were two of the things she enjoyed about being a teacher.

Superintendent Randy Shearhouse said the Master Teacher certification proves teachers are making a difference.

"The important part about being named Master Teacher is you are showing the gains of your students," Shearhouse said. "It's a great honor on her part. She is making progress with the kids."

students to learn, and I'm proud to recognize them for their outstanding work in one of our most honorable professions."

Mrs. Shuman took on education as a second career. Shuman earned an undergraduate degree in English and started working in a registrars office.

## Savannah Technical College and Imperial Sugar Celebrate Program Graduates

Savannah Technical College and Imperial Sugar proudly announce the graduation ceremony for its first group of graduates.

Beginning in June, Imperial Sugar began a major training collaboration with Savannah Technical College that would prepare employees for the industrial systems and technology expected in the new plant.

At 6:00 p.m. on the

Crossroads Campus, Thursday, August 8, 24 graduates of the Certified Warehousing and Distribution Specialist program will receive their certificates in front of peers, instructors, family and friends.

"We are so proud of our employees," explains Ginger Falconer, Human Resources Manager for the refinery. "We knew they were more than capable and are excited that they

will be ready and fully trained for the new equipment when it arrives."

Beginning Monday, Savannah Technical College welcomed the next round of employees, another 24 students began taking classes. The college is on target to assess and train an expected 300 Imperial Sugar employees in short-term certificate programs in manufacturing and logistics before the plant reopens for distribution.

## Exhibition Explores...

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tions throughout the U.S. and, more recently, in Mexico and Iceland. Bartone has been teaching drawing and printmaking for over 15 years as both a professor and through lectures and demonstrations. He has received several awards, including a Gil Society Studio Residency Fellowship to work and exhibit in Akureyri, Iceland in 2005.

An artist's reception is set for Aug. 15, from 6-8 p.m. The exhibition and artist's reception are free and open to the public. Gallery S.P.A.C.E. is located at 9 W. Henry St. Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Free off-street parking is available.

For information, visit [www.savannahga.gov/arts](http://www.savannahga.gov/arts) <<http://www.savannahga.gov/arts>> .

For information on Bartone, visit <http://www.byronroche.com> <<http://www.byronroche.com>> or

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## Heavenly Hair Beauty Academy

Ms. Denise Johnson Owner, Director of Education and Instructor of Savannah's newest Cosmetology School is now offering a 9 month Master Cosmetology Course. The School's motto "Enter to Learn ~ Depart to Serve Heavenly Hair Beauty Academy was founded by Ms. Denise Johnson who started very young with the determination and drive to succeed and share with others. Thanks



to your contributions Heavenly Hair Beauty Academy presented a full scholarship to, Ms. Brandi Jackson one of Savannah's own. Your contributions are providing an education and life changing skills to Ms. Jackson. She is now on a path to a successful career as a Master Cosmetologist. It would not have been possible without your sincere support and genuine compassion. This is how we help and encourage one another.

**To make a donation to the Thompson Johnson Scholarship please call (912) 963-2100 for more information**

**The next class is scheduled to begin in September, 2008.**

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