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Doug Banks



Steve Harvey



Michael Baisden

Clear Channel Radio. The support of these additional celebrities in conjunction with 36 Clear Channel sta-

tions nationwide, which include WLVA/101.1, WQBT/94.1 The Beat & 1230 WSOX, in Savannah,

takes us one step closer to reaching the Memorial Foundation's fundraising goal.

GMSDC Salutes National Minority Enterprise Development Month

New MBE service offerings Staff Shifts, MBE/Corporate Educational Events Extend Commitment to Minority Business Development

ATLANTA - In support of Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Month national observance, the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC) -- Georgia's authority on minority business development and supplier diversity -- announces the promotion of Tiffannie Smart to GMSDC's MBE Services Division. Smart's promotion is part of the organization's "New Day" strategy, which recently installed its new president & CEO and promises a revitalized commitment to leadership, constituent services, operational excellence and economic value creation through minority business development in Georgia. Additionally, GMSDC will also hosted a mix of business-building events during MED Month in August (go to gmsdc.org for details):

"Every month is MED month at GMSDC. We are committed to evolving our organizational offerings as



Tiffannie Smart

needed to meet the changing needs of our entire constituency," said Stacey J. Key, GMSDC President & CEO. "Tiffannie's energy, talent and experience will be fully engaged through a dedicated focus on our valuable MBE partners," added Key. Under the direction of GMSDC Corporate and MBE Services Manager Lorene Gregory, Smart will serve as a dedicated resource to GMSDC's entrepreneur based where she will manage MBE programming, development, committee activation and New Certification Orientation. Not only does this shift enhance GMSDC's ability to

address the evolving needs of ethnic minority businesses in Georgia, but it also allows for increased integration of the organization's MBE and Corporate member service platforms.

"Believe it or not, GMSDC is a non-profit and we diligently work toward realizing our mission to affect positive change on minority business development," said Gregory. "From our reloaded level of programs and events more closely tailored to the needs of our constituency to new leadership and staff re-assignments, we've all experienced tangible change and a revitalized sense of purpose as a result of it," Gregory concluded.

Reporting directly to the President & CEO, Doris Holmes also joins GMSDC to expand its office administration capacity and efficiency across its Atlanta Headquarters. Holmes comes to GMSDC with more than 20 years of office management experience in the public and private sectors including small businesses and non-profits. She most recently worked for Sheltering Arms.

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McIntosh, Montgomery, Pierce, Screven, Tattall, Telfair, Toombs, Ware, Wayne. The comprehensive Rehabilitation Program at Savannah Association for the Blind is accredited by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Training Facilities).

There are many causes of blindness: Cataracts, Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, Retinitis Pigmentosa, Glaucoma and/or Premature

Birth. Imagine one day, suddenly because of a tragic accident, you are unable to read a letter, book, or newspaper. No one is exempt from blindness; however, those of us who live in this area are fortunate because Savannah Association for the Blind, Inc. (SAB) offers help for the blind and visually-impaired.

All nonprofits have experience cuts in funding in recent years. Your support will help us continue to provide quality services. We need your help!

Please consider purchasing a banquet ticket, giving a tax-deductible donation, or getting some great bargains at the Silent Auction. Tickets are only \$75.00. Sponsorship levels are as follows: Friend - \$25.00 - \$50.00, Patron - \$100.00 - \$500.00, Table Sponsor - \$600.00, Bronze Sponsor - \$1,000.00, Silver Sponsor - \$1,500.00, Gold Sponsor - \$2,000.00, Platinum Sponsor - \$3,000.00, Corporate Sponsor, \$5,000.00 & above. No donation is too small.

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Exciting Guest Speakers

2nd Annual South Coast Regional M/WBE Conference presents

Golf Tournament, Conference, and Trade Fair

"Growing Minority & Women Owned Businesses Throughout the Coastal Region"

Tuesday, September 30, 2008 - Golf Tournament
The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf & Resort

Wednesday, October 1st, 2008 - Conference and Trade Fair
Savannah International Trade and Convention Center

Cornell McBride
CEO of McBride Research Laboratories

Dr. Eunice M. Dudley
Co-Founder and CFO Dudley Products, Inc.

Nancy J. Lewis
Progressive Techniques

Christopher C. Hanks
Innovations Publishing

Tuesday, September 30, Golf Tournament

7:00 a.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m.	Driving Range Open
7:45 a.m.	Sponsor Acknowledgements
8:00 a.m.	Shot Gun Start
1:00 p.m.	19th Hole Awards & Welcome to Savannah Reception

Wednesday, October 1, Conference & Trade Show

7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Conference Breakfast
	Guest Speaker, Cornell McBride
9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Workshop: Building Effective Relationships Through Networking with Nancy Lewis
10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.	Workshop: Creating Powerful Business Plans & Getting Your Business Funded w/Chris Hanks
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	Conference Luncheon, Guest Speaker, Dr. Eunice Dudley
	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
1:30 p.m.	Trade Show
1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions: How To Do Business With The City of Savannah
2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions: How to Obtain Your Certification
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Reception
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	

REGISTER online at www.gmsdc.org/axis08/index.htm
For Further Details & to Register, log on to www.savannahga.gov
Click Axis Savannah
Registration Contact: M/WBE Office - City of Savannah 912-651-3653

Frank Callen...

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He began the legacy enjoyed today that still graces his name, Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club Inc.

We urge the Board to reconsider and to resolve this matter as follows:

That the legal corporate name, as still on record with the Georgia Secretary of State remain Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club, Inc. The Board may then approve each dub location to carry its established name, with the subtitle:

A Unit of the Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club, Inc.

The public knows that Frank Callen's name is a plus. It is something to be proud of, and not to be discarded as if he didn't matter. Had he not done what he did for our youth, this discussion would not even be taking place. We will never forget him, and the Board should not do so either. Good names are important. Would you give up yours?

James J. Holmes/Member-Frank Callen Boys and Girls Alumni & Friends Association County Commissioner District 2

Sports...

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Relations and Advertising from SSU in 2007.

FVSU Falls To Valdosta State

Valdosta State racked up 555 yards of offense as they rolled to a season-opening 56-3 win over Fort Valley State before 4,433 fans at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium on September 23. VSU led 21-0 after one quarter and took a 35-3 advantage into the half. The Blazers scored twice in the third quarter and once in the fourth to round out the scoring. Former Savannah State quarterback Garrett Williams threw for 47 yards for the Wildcats and former SSU linebacker Trent Newton had five tackles and recovered a fumble.