

# SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## Kindergarten Express To Hold Grand Opening on September 2nd

Kindergarten Express, an all new educational alternative in Savannah, will open for operation on September 2nd.

The all-day tuition-based kindergarten program located at 5650 Skidaway Road, will give each child the opportunity to discover and learn through listening, observing, experimenting, and practicing. The program will introduce children to a wide range of practical knowledge and skills, providing experiences that promote social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth thereby giving students the success they need to meet the academic goals for first grade.

The Kindergarten Express curriculum is crafted

from various nationally certified and approved curriculums. As a whole, the emphasis of the established curriculum is creativity, critical thinking, and life-long learning. By having a specially crafted curriculum participating students will receive a balanced program consisting of Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health, P. E., Music, Art, and Computer Technology. All applications will be handled on an equal non - discriminatory basis.

For more information, contact Esther Perkins-Frazier at the school at 912 - 308-1431 or by calling 912-351-0064. Kindergarten Express - Promoting Academic Excellence in the 21st Century!

## Melissa I. F. Ilugbo Scholarship Established at Savannah State

Melissa I. F. Ilugbo was a Johnson High School 2001 honor graduate and bridged out of the Savannah State University Upward Bound Program in 2001. She attended Georgia State University where she was a honor student until her demise in November 2003. In her memory, a scholarship was established at Savannah State University by her parents, Margaret (Theodore) Ilugbo-Hunter, Clement K. Ilugbo, and Niere R. Brown, a special friend of Melissa's. This scholarship will be for students who bridge out of the Upward Bound Program and enroll at Savannah State University their freshmen year. They will receive a total of \$300 for books during the academic year.

Thirteen SSU Upward Bound graduates will be the first to receive the Melissa I. F. Ilugbo Memorial Scholarship during the 2008-2009 academic year, namely: Karl Arilla (Johnson), Jasmine Carpenter

(Windsor), Leslie Coney (Beach), Me'Kia Davis (Jenkins), Ke'Aira Davis (Windsor), Jadon Forbes (Beach), Janay Howell (Beach), Karlecia Jackson (Beach), Issac Jones (Beach), Danielle Miller (Groves), Jasmine Pendergraph (Jenkins), Courtney Pinkney (Windsor), and Albert Wright (Johnson).

In 2009, a fundraiser for this Memorial Scholarship will be planned and the proceeds will go in support of the Upward Bound students at Savannah State University.

## Voter Registration Drive/Photo ID Session

The Chatham County Voter Registration Office will conduct a Voter Registration Drive/Photo ID session on Tuesday, September 9th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the EOA Administrative Building located at 1120 May Street in Savannah.

The community is encouraged to come by for information on voter registration, photo ID requirements, absentee ballot voting, early voting and other questions pertaining to the upcoming November 4th General Election. This event is being hosted by the Economic Opportunity Authority (EOA) of Savannah-Chatham County.

## SCCPSS' 21st Century Community Learning Center Receives Grant

SCCPSS' Academic Affairs division is proud to announce that its 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grant application for the 2008-2009 school year has been awarded by The Georgia Department of Education (GDOE) in the amount of \$1,533,584 to continue eight existing CCLC centers and to establish five new programs.

The original 2004 grantees were awarded \$1,183,584 in continuation funds for their fifth and final year to continue their program at the following sites: Bartow, East Broad, Haven and Pt. Wentworth Elementary Schools, DeRenne, Hubert and Mercer Middle Schools and Beach High School.

The money awarded from the new 2008 grant,

\$350,000, will establish 21st CCLC after-school programs for Pre-K students at East Broad, Haven and Thunderbolt Elementary as well as programs at Garrison Elementary (grades 3-5) and Savannah High (grades 9-12).

The grant applications were made in partnership with the YMCA of Coastal Georgia and the Chatham Savannah Youth Futures Authority (YFA). The goal of the grant is to improve schools by providing academic enrichment activities that will support student learning during non-school hours and provide family literacy and educational development activities.

For more information about the 21st Century Community Learning (CCLC) programs, call the Title I Office at 395-5635.

## "Build The Dream" Radiothon



Tom Joyner

In celebration of the 45th anniversary of the March on Washington and the 'I Have a Dream' speech, Clear Channel Radio, along with the Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, Inc. announced the additions of renowned radio personalities, Tom Joyner, Doug Banks, Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden to an all-star ensemble of celebrities for the Clear Channel "Build The Dream" Radiothon on Thursday, August 28th. The Memorial Foundation also recently unveiled the commencement of the Verizon Phase I Site Preparation of the Memorial, a fundraising total of \$98.8 million, and a new fundraising goal of \$120 million.

The celebrity participants will be featured on select Clear Channel Radio stations sharing their thoughts about the importance of building a national Memorial to honor his ideals of democracy, justice, hope and love.

"We are honored to have such a renowned group of personalities join forces in our campaign to honor Dr. King," said Doc Wynter, SVP, Urban Programming for

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## SCMPD Citizen's Academy

If you've always wondered what the inside workings of a police department were like, or are just interested in how you can help make your community a safer place to live, the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department is accepting applications for the fall session of its annual Citizen's Police Academy.

The 2008 program starts on Thursday, September 18 and take place every Thursday night for 13 weeks. Registration is limited to the

first 30 applicants and costs only \$10. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 12. Interested people can visit

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