



Project YESS holds Summer Awards Program



Students of Project YESS pose with Founder, Mrs. Rosemary Banks (second left) and Program Director, Ms. Ailerua Crawford (right). Students pictured are Ethan Brown, Miande Priester, Deja Brown, Alexis Maynor, Christopher Coleman, Ivy Holmes, Kristina Cookianas, Devon Loucks, Lutricia Logan and Cheryl Lordnum. Not pictured are Alex Arkwright, Jared Kolley and Dion Arkwright.

Project YESS, Youth Employment Strategies Services, held its Summer 2008 Awards Program on Friday, August 22, at the St. Pius Family Resource Center. The Project, with the financial support of various businesses, allows students to gain valuable hands-on experience as they earn summer wages. Project YESS

was founded by Mrs. Rosemary Banks and the Project's Director is Ms. Ailerua Crawford.

The Mistress of Ceremony for Friday's program was student participant, Alexis Maynor. Other students on the program included: Miande Priester, Greetings; Ethan Brown, Moment of Faith; Cheryl

Lordnum, song; Deja Brown and Devon Loucks, The Difference YESS Made; and Lutricia Logan, Blessing.

Nuggets of Knowledge were offered by representatives from two of the worksites: Tanya Milton of *The Savannah Tribune* and Pam Jones of the Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club. Ms. Crawford presented certi-

icates of appreciation to the worksite representatives in attendance and Mrs. Banks gave words of thanks and recognition to Worksite Sponsors.

This year's Project YESS Worksites and Participants were: Abercorn Family Dentistry, Alex Arkwright; Ethan Brown, The Art of Ligel; Miande Priester, Cosmetology Institute-Hair; D&D Photography & Design, Deja Brown; Frank Callen Boys &

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Spirit of Excellence Accepting Nominations

The Spirit of Excellence Black Business Awards salutes the accomplishments of business leaders, professionals and extraordinary individuals. "We have soared to new horizons reaching unprecedented achievements. We are transcending the generational boundaries of yesterday and with today's innovative and creative minds, we possess new thoughts and new ideas and we are taking a new course of action," says Estelle Mannion, President Stellar Productions Advertising, LLC. "We're On The Move" and there "Ain't No Stopping Us Now."



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Achievement Award: In recognition of outstanding leadership and contributions in the business arena.

Lifetime Achievement: In recognition of twenty-five or more years in business or a profession and contributions to the economic development of African Americans.

Business of the Year Award: In recognition of a business with consistency, growth, good leadership and

Male Extraordinaire Award: Recognizes a business or professional male of noble character who exemplifies leadership, vision determination and strength and positively impacts the community.

Unstoppable Woman Award: Recognizes a business or professional woman of good character who exemplifies resilience perseverance and vision who makes positive contributions to the community.

Nominations are being accepted until September 12, 2008 for awards in the following categories.

An individual nominee must be African American and businesses must be at least 51% (percent) African American owned.

Emerging Business Award: A 2-5 year old business poised for future growth exhibiting innovative ways to adapt to today's market.

Special Achievement Award: An Entrepreneur who exhibits exceptional innovation in business through his work.

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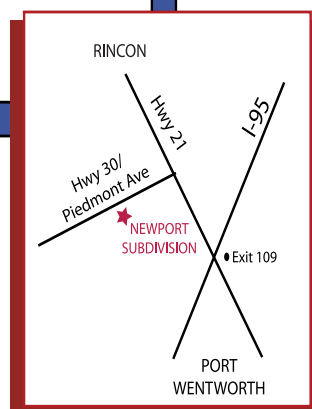
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