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City of Savannah to Present Second Employee Art Exhibit



National Arts Program Best of Show

For the second year, the City of Savannah will be participating in the National Arts Program, an annual art exhibition program for City employees and families, with close to 100 works of art on display at Gallery S.P.A.C.E.

from Nov. 7 through Dec. 12.

City employees and family members submitted original artwork to be displayed in the exhibition, with media ranging from painting and drawing to photography, ceramics, woodworking, quilting and mixed media.

The National Arts Program Foundation, based in Malvern, Penn., has been sponsoring an annual art exhibition program to encourage the development of artistic talent in city and county employees and their families for twenty-six years. The program provides an opportunity for people to present their

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Dr. Kathy Love Appointed New President of Savannah Tech

Atlanta - Technical College System of Georgia Commissioner Ron Jackson today appointed Dr. Kathy Love as the new president of Savannah Technical College. She begins the new position on January 1, 2009.

Love is currently the president of Flint River Technical College in Thomaston.

"Dr. Love is an exceptional leader and a gifted educator who has devoted her entire career to Georgia's technical college system," said Jackson. "Her long experience as a proven leader and administrator will ensure that Savannah Tech continues with its solid growth and great record of responsiveness to the coastal region's workforce and economic development needs."

Jackson's selection of Love was approved today by the state board that governs the Technical College System of Georgia during their monthly meeting at the TCSG's Atlanta office.

"I'm honored to be selected to serve as president of Savannah Technical College," said Love. "I know that I will gain as much from this experience as Savannah Tech will gain from me. I look forward to helping the college continue to be a key player in the economic development of its service area."



Dr. Kathy Love

Love has been the president of Flint River Technical College since 2002. She was the vice president of instructional and student services at Middle Georgia Technical College from 1994 to 2001 and vice president of administrative services at South Georgia Technical College from 1990 to 1994. She began her career in technical education in 1986 as the chairperson of the computer information services department at South Georgia Tech.

She has also served as the interim president of Central Georgia Technical College.

Love has a doctor of education from Northcentral University in Prescott Valley, Arizona. She earned her education specialist degree in education leadership from Columbus State University in 1994. She also has a master of science in business administration and a bachelor of science in computer science, both from Georgia Southwestern State University.

Superintendent's Student of the Month - Sequoia Franklin

The Superintendent's Student of the Month is Sequoia Franklin, a first-grader at Gadsden Elementary School. Sequoia was selected for her outstanding academic performance and excellent conduct.

This bright young student has maintained high academic status throughout her kindergarten experience, exceeding expectations in all subject areas. Sequoia is an avid reader, and while in kindergarten, she was awarded the Sand Gnats' Excellent Reader Award. Further, Sequoia has mastered the entire list of 220 Dolch high frequency sight words and has recently been recommended for the gifted program.

Throughout her school career, Sequoia has received several awards for academic excellence, good behavior and attendance.

Actively involved in extra-curricular activities, Sequoia is a Baby Blue Jackets Cheerleader for Savannah High School and an Envi Enterprises model. "Sequoia has become a classroom inspiration for other students, as well as a dedicated peer tutor. I have seen her blossom into what I consider to be a model student," says her teacher, Ms.



Sequoia Franklin

Mildred Reynolds.

The daughter of Ms. Carla Franklin, Sequoia has a positive outlook on life with a bright future. She someday hopes to become a teacher.

When asked what has motivated her to achieve academic success, Sequoia said: "...I just love doing my work and I like being in Ms. Reynolds class."

The Superintendent's Student of the Month program recognizes individual students at the monthly board meetings who have excelled in the area of academics, leadership, conduct and community service. Sequoia received a plaque award, \$100 savings bond from Wachovia and special recognition from Dr. Lockamy at the board meeting on Wednesday, November 5.

Savannah State to Perform Nora

Savannah State University will perform the

Nora on Nov 20-22, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. and Nov 23, at 3:00 p.m. in Kennedy Theatre on SSU campus. The performance is sponsored by Savannah State University; tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students/faculty.

Nora is Ingmar Bergman's retelling of the Ibsen's classic A Doll's House. Nora played by Parris Sarter, is an impulsive and materialistic woman inexperienced in the ways of the world. She has never lived alone, going immediately from the care of her father to that of her husband. By the end of the play she emerges as an independent woman.

Director and designer David I. L. Poole is thrilled to be bringing this production to life. "It is an exciting experience for the whole cast. We are dissecting the play as if we are archeologists, and with an all African-American cast to this traditionally Norwegian play shows how universal the plays themes and story are to all audiences," says Poole. Beckoned as the play that was the "door slam heard across the world" Nora's journey into becoming a free thinking woman is as inspiring today as it was in the 1890's. As also the designer Poole has brought to life the world of Victorian culture with a lavishly furnished set complete with beautifully ornate costumes and Christmas décor. This seasonal delight will be a sight to be seen just in time for the upcoming holidays. This is the second production of the 2008-2009 theatrical season at Savannah State University. Upcoming productions include Blues for an Alabama Sky by Pearl Cleage, and Pericles by William Shakespeare.

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