

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Armstrong Atlantic State's Winter Commencement Is Largest Ever

An estimated 650 graduating students will be on hand to receive diplomas during the largest winter commencement ceremonies in the history of the university. Two ceremonies will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Alumni Arena on the AASU campus, 11935 Abercorn Street, in Savannah.

Some 650 candidates receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees are expected to be on hand for the event. Ceremonies for the College of Liberal Arts and



Dr. Thomas Z. Jones

the College of Science and Technology will be held at 10 a.m. Ceremonies for the

College of Health Professions and the College of Education will be held at 1 p.m.

AASU President Thomas Z. Jones and senior members of the university faculty and administration will be on hand to confer degrees.

Kevin Fitzmaurice '99, '02, president of the AASU Alumni Association, will present the alumni welcome to the new graduates. The AASU Brass Ensemble, conducted by Mark B. Johnson, will provide the musical accompaniment and perform the national anthem and the university alma mater.

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University Bill Gates Millennium Scholars, DeAnna Bryant, Gordon Cone, and Erick Moton, and Savannah College of Art and Design student - Areya Simmons listened attentively as Keynote speaker, Sonny Dixon (WTOC-TV Anchor) shared his unique life story and emphasized the importance of getting involved with educating our youth. Also present were Maurice Jenkins - Regional Vice-President and members of the sponsoring sororities.

Please mark your calendars and SAVE-THE-DATE for this year's UNCF "Savannah's Celebrity Men Who Cook" - Sunday, December 14, 2008 -

3:00P.M. -5:00P.M. Donation is only \$25.00 and are on sale now from members of the sponsoring sororities or by calling (912) 232-6048. All proceeds will benefit The United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Your donation will help to send some deserving students to the 39 member historically Black colleges and universities. Over 200 students from Savannah are enrolled in UNCF schools.

We are looking for cooks for this exciting event. If you are one of our previous Celebrity Cooks and you have not received your packet, please call (912) 232-6048. If you have received your packet and have not



Sonny Dixon
Keynote Speaker

returned it, please do so. If you are interested in becoming a Celebrity cook this year, please call (912) 232-6048. Please support this very worthwhile event.

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Council Member James E. Mitchell Jr. as 2nd Vice President.

The Congress of Cities is NLC's annual conference for city leaders. It encourages city leaders to exchange best practices and new program ideas that provide economic opportunities, make available more affordable housing, ensure public safety, and allow more effective interaction with state and

federal agencies.

The National League of Cities is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. www.nlc.org <<http://www.nlc.org>>

Passenger Streetcars...

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with horse-drawn versions running the rails through town beginning in 1869. The first electric streetcar arrived in 1890, and allowed Savannah to dramatically expand its city limits. Streetcars flourished over the next 50 years, until they were phased out by public buses. The last day of Savannah streetcar operation was Aug. 26, 1946.

The new River Street Streetcar is part of the Dot system -- Savannah's fare-free Downtown

Transportation network. The Streetcar will share stops with the Dot's other two components -- the Dot Express Shuttle and the Savannah Belles Ferry, using three interlinked modes of transportation to get residents and visitors around the Historic District.

The Dot is a service of Savannah Mobility Management - a public-private partnership aimed at increasing downtown mobility while decreasing traffic and parking congestion.

Cat Announces Thanksgiving Schedule

Officials at Chatham Area Transit Authority announced today that the following Thanksgiving schedule will be in effect.

Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day - No bus service. CAT offices, 900 E. Gwinnett Street, and CAT Central, 124 Bull

Street, will be closed. Telephone schedule information will NOT be available.

Friday, November 28 - Regular weekday bus serv-

ice. CAT offices, 900 E. Gwinnett Street, will be open for ticket/token/ swipe card sales from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Telephone schedule information will be available from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CAT Central, 124 Bull Street, will be closed.

The public may access schedule and route information on CAT's website, [catchacat.org](http://www.catchacat.org) <<http://www.catchacat.org>>

One Warm Coat

Old Savannah City Mission is teaming up with Burlington Coat Factory, ABC's "Good Morning America" and the non-profit organization "One Warm Coat" to get the word out about the "Second Annual Warm Coats and Warm Hearts" Drive in Savannah to help people in need. The official kick off is November 24th and through January 16th coats will be collected and distributed by the Mission to children and adults in Savannah, free of charge.

Anyone wishing to donate coats for men, women, or children can do so in the drop-off box located in the Burlington Coat Factory store at 14045 Abercorn

Street. Coats should be in good condition, with working fasteners, and no rips or stains. Donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes. Coats will be distributed to the needy by Old Savannah City Mission in Savannah and the surrounding area.

In 2007, "Warm Coats & Warm Hearts Drive," facilitated by a non-profit organization called "One Warm Coat," resulted in the collection of more than 175,000 coats for people in need across the country. The organization's mission is to ensure that anyone who needs a coat has one. For more information about One Warm Coat, visit: www.onewarmcoat.org <<http://www.onewarmcoat.org>>



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