

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Cornish Completes Law School



L-R: Cynthia Cornish, Judge James Bass, Florence Cornish.

Florence Breanka Cornish recently graduated from Vermont Law School. Cornish, 26, is native of Jacksonville, Florida but currently resides in Savannah.

After graduating from Ribault Sr. High School in 2001 she came to Savannah and enrolled at Savannah State University in August of that same year. During her junior year at SSU, her parents relocated from Jacksonville to Savannah.

While at SSU Cornish was a three-sport athlete participating in volleyball, track and softball. A magna cum laude graduate, she finished SSU in 2005 with a political science degree and education minor and a concentration in public administration. Along the way, she was a peer

counselor, Junior Class President, Sophomore Class Treasurer, a member of Sisters Striving for Excellence, Iota Phi Lambda, Inc., Miss Black and Gold 2002-2003, a resident assistant for three years and First Attendant to Miss SSU 2004-05. She also volunteered at Spencer Elementary School and Hubert Middle School.

Cornish focused on criminal and family law while at Vermont.

While attending law school she was an ambassador, member of the women's rugby team, the women's law group, the Black Law Students association where she served as President of the Vermont Law Chapter 2006-2007, Parliamentarian of the

Northeast Region 2006-2007 and Northeast Vice-Chair 2007-08. She also was recognized by the state of Vermont for her work targeted at raising awareness of Domestic Violence and was awarded the Deans Leadership Award at graduation for a graduate who has displayed outstanding leadership at school and in the community, Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 2006 and 2007. She volunteered with Habitat of Humanity in Bilks, Mississippi in March of 2008.

Cornish was also a Schweitzer Fellow which is an organization that allows students to create a program that they are passionate about and implement the program in the community/ my program was raising awareness of domestic violence amongst the youth.

In July 2009, she will go to Virginia for officer's school and military law school. She will be a part of the US Army's Jag Corp Program, an attorney's program for the army. Currently she is back in Savannah, helping in her mother's business, MaRandys.

Cornish adds that she is willing to help pre-law students who aspire to get into law school. She can be reached at florencecornish@gmail.com

City Officials Welcome Sushi-Zen to MLK/Montgomery Corridor



City officials join in ribbon cutting ceremony for Sushi-Zen.

Sushi-Zen located at 30 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on Tuesday, December 16, 2008.

Sushi-Zen specializes in Fine Japanese Cuisine and is located in the heart of Savannah. Representatives from the City Council, the City of Savannah, the Savannah Downtown Business Association, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd/ Montgomery Street Business Association, the Small Business Assistance Corporation, and the Savannah Development and

Renewal Authority served as featured speakers at the event.

Previously, Sushi-Zen was located at 41 Whitaker Street, and once their lease ended the owners decided to relocate to Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. With their new and convenient location, the owners and staff at Sushi-Zen "are hoping to make new friends in the area" as well as see familiar faces of their already established customer clientele. A Façade Improvement Program was used to improve the building. The loan was administered

through the SDRA's Façade Improvement Program.

Sushi-Zen represents a growing number of new businesses that contribute to the revitalization of Downtown Savannah. Since 2000, 172 new businesses have opened, generating 785 new jobs and approximately \$329 million in property investment within the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard/ Montgomery Street Corridor.

For more information, please contact Lise Sundrla, SDRA Executive Director, at (912) 651-6973 or email her at Savannah_dt@sdra.net.

Johnson High International Baccalaureate Program to host Open House for Parents and Students

Johnson High School's prestigious International Baccalaureate Program will be hosting its annual Open House for parents and students who are interested in applying for admission to the

Program for the 2009-2010 school year. The Open House will begin at 6:00 PM in the school's auditorium. Johnson is located in Thunderbolt on 3012 Sunset Blvd.

The Open House will

include a presentation explaining the benefits of the IB Program, presentations by former IB students and parents, mini-lessons in various IB subjects, information about college scholarships

and admissions for IB students, and a question and answer session about the application process for 8th grade parents.

Applications will be available at the Open House. Students and parents of current 8th, 9th and 10th graders are invited to attend. Our IB Program is open to students who live anywhere in Chatham County.

For more information, contact Jason Buelterman, IB Coordinator, at 303-1600

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May you have a good and Godly Christmas season, and a safe and happy new year. Remember, "The gift under the tree is not as important as the gift around the tree: the gift of family: "There is nothing as important as family: God allowed his son, Jesus Christ to be brought up in a family, the family of Mary and Joseph: We thank God for our immediate family and our extended family.

Pastor Matthew Southall Brown, Sr. and Sister Lottie Williams Brown

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