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Obama Family Celebrated During Black Press Week



President Barack Obama

Black Press Week, the annual celebration of the birth of the Black Press of America, March 16, 1827, will salute America's first family, celebrate civil rights champions and honor a political pioneer during its annual Newsmaker of the Year Award Dinner March 19.

"Black Press Week promises to be the most exciting ever," says Dorothy R. Leavell, chair of the NNPA Foundation, unveiling this year's honorees, selected by member publishers. "The pride of our profession gladdens our hearts as we acknowledge the first African-American president and replay the role of the Black Press over these 182 years."

The top honoree is the Newsmaker of the year, which will go to the entire first family of President Barack Obama, in celebration of their historic impact on America as a family and as public servants.

They include the president, First Lady Michelle Obama, and their daughters, Sasha and Malia.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will go to civil rights icon the Rev. Joseph Lowery, co-founder and former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who recently rendered the benedictory prayer at the presidential inauguration.

Two Outstanding Community Service Awards will go to Xernona Clayton, president and CEO of The

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Greenbriar Celebrates Volunteers and Donors



The Board of Directors and staff of Greenbriar Children's Center hosted the Annual Volunteer/Donor Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. Greenbriar recognized and congratulated all of our 2007 & 2008 volunteers and donors for their commitment to the children of this community. Volunteers of the Year Award Recipients are: Individual: Theresa Vann-Baker; Small Business: Madeleine T. Walker School of Ballet; Civic Organization: West Chatham YMCA; Religious: St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Donors of the Year Award Recipients are: Individual: Will & Henry Hale; Small Business: Poppell Brothers Carpet; Corporate: The Westin Savannah Harbor; Civic Organization: Emancipation Proclamation; Religious: Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

The Savannah Tribune Salutes Alma Williams



Mrs. Alma Williams

In observance of Women's History Month, The Savannah Tribune is reprinting excerpts from an article published in The Black Mountain College Museum Arts Center Magazine recapturing the experiences of Mrs. Alma Stone Williams, a Savannahian, and Spelman College graduate who was a trailblazer in integration in higher education - being the first African American to integrate Black Mountain College near Asheville, NC, in 1944. Williams is a member of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, is an associate professor emerita of Savannah State University, and has received numerous awards and honors. And remains active in her community. Excerpts from Black Mountain College Museum Arts Center Magazine, Winter 2007/2008.

"There's a story in Martin Duberman's seminal study Black Mountain: An Exploration in Community about the college's first attempts at racial integration. It begins the first year of the college's life, 1933. Charles Templeman Loram, Sterling Professor at Yale, has asked to visit the campus with his students, one of whom is Black.

The faculty holds a meeting to discuss the issue. Someone asks the question that is on everyone's mind:

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Wooten and Morrison Receive One Small Voice Award



Pictured from L-R, John Patterson, CEO of JCB, Lois Wooten, Mary Morrison, and Dee Williford

Mrs. Lois Wooten and Mrs. Mary Morrison were honored on Saturday, March 7, 2009 by the Savannah Children's Choir.

The award, which recognizes the work that some-

times unsung heroes accomplish, has gone to Henry Moore, and Lady Bamford.

"Lois and Mary have been two of our most enthusiastic supporters since we began the Savannah

Children's Choir," commented Roger Moss, co-founder and artistic director.

The event featured a special performance by the Savannah Children's Choir, with a cocktail reception

that followed the award ceremony hosted by JCB with additional support from Hunter Maclean and the Mary Lane Morrison Foundation.



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