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Savannah Chapter of National Forum for Black Public Administrators Receives Awards



Van Johnson, President, Savannah Chapter NFBPA, is pictured with members after receiving award.

The Savannah Metropolitan Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) was all smiles this month in Oakland, CA during Forum

2009. In addition to attending workshops and sessions in developing, managing and sustaining healthy communities and hearing from dynamic speakers such as former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, nationally syndicated columnist Michelle Singletary and Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, and Kathey Porter becoming the first Savannah graduate of the Executive Leadership Institute (E.L.I), the Savannah Metropolitan Chapter was presented with the Yvette Harris Membership Award for the largest growth in membership in the country during the last year.

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DeRenne Middle School Parters with Longshoremen's Association and McDonald's to Boost Student CRCT Scores



(L-R): Marsha Tolbert - Principal of DeRenne Middle School, Angelia Dorsey- President of DeRenne's School Council, and Willie Seymore - President of ILA Local 1414.

DeRenne Middle School put some exciting plans in place for the week of CRCT.

In an effort to improve the test scores of each student, the school council coordinated a special breakfast snack to be given to their 800 students before each morning of testing.

The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) agreed to sponsor the first day of testing with sausage and butter biscuits from McDonald's Restaurant on Abercorn.

Then McDonald's joined in this effort and

offered 100 butter biscuits free, along with a beverage.

The school PTA also agreed to assist with a breakfast snack for the rest of the testing days which included breakfast bars, fruit, and cereal.

Ms. Marsha Tolbert, Principal at DeRenne, said "it's wonderful when the community joins in to encourage the children to do their best.

The CRCT is a critical examination and we want to go the extra mile to help each student pass and even raise test scores overall."

A CRCT pep rally was

held on Friday, May 1, 2009 at 1:30.

The president of the school council, Angelia Dorsey, said, "When ILA, McDonald's, and PTA were approached they were more than happy to support this incentive for the students.

Thanks to the other council members Brenda Solomon Stedman, Cynthia Gordon, and Angela Sistrunk it all came together.

As you know case research has proven that children test better after eating a substantial breakfast; now the rest is up to the students."

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