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Career Expo & Leadership Workshops Held for Savannah Chatham Public High School Students



Savannah-Chatham students participate in Career Expo at Savannah Tech

On Friday, April 24, 2009 the Savannah Chatham Public School System's 'Career Expo and Leadership Workshops' took place at Savannah Technical College.

More than 30 local businesses and post secondary institutions were on hand to talk to approximately 200 11th and 12th grade students about career preparation and job opportunities.

During the Career Expo, eight volunteer professionals presented a total of twenty-four Leadership workshops on such topics as "Resumes and Electronic Portfolios," "Business Etiquette," "Public Speaking" and

"College Prep 101."

In addition, 30 booths provided college, career and employment information. In conjunction with the Career Expo and Leadership Workshops, a Workforce Development Breakfast was held for participating business and educational representatives.

Learning for Life strives to be the foremost co-educational career and character development program for youth by fostering school/business partnerships and recruiting volunteer professionals as career mentors and positive role models.

Special thanks are extended to Melanie Smith, Interim Enrollment Management and Marketing Director and

Enrollment & Retention Specialist, Allied Health for Savannah Technical College for her assistance in organizing this excellent event.

Special thanks are also given to the following organizers from the Savannah-Chatham Public School System: Karen Pflugh and Tammy Broadnax, Career Technical Supervisors for Savannah Chatham Public School System, and also Gayle Tremble, Youth Apprenticeship and Work-based Learning Coordinator and Rita McAllister, Administrative Assistant, Career Technical Education Department.

Sears Announces Post Supreme Court Plans

Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears will not be slowing down when she steps down from the Supreme Court of Georgia at the end of June.

She recently announced she will join the law firm of Schiff Hardin, a nationally-recognized firm based in Chicago.

The law firm has nearly 400 lawyers and offices in seven major American cities, including Atlanta, where Chief Justice Sears' practice will be based.

She will begin working there Oct. 15 of this year.

"I am honored to be joining such a distinguished law firm with a long history of service and dedication to its clients," she said.

The firm, founded in 1864, has a general practice legal program with a particular concentration in high-profile public corruption and white collar crime.

In addition to practicing law, Justice Sears plans to devote half her time to two other ventures.

Starting Aug. 15, she has accepted an offer from the Institute for American Values to serve for one year as the William Thomas Sears Distinguished Fellow in Family Law.

The fellowship is named after her beloved brother Tommy, who died in November 2007 at the age of 53.



Leah Ward Sears

The Institute for American Values is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan research institution based in New York City.

Its goals are to produce cutting-edge scholarship in the area of marriage and family, influence how Americans think about financial thrift and generosity, and increase Americans' engagement in Islam-West relations.

While on the Court, Chief Justice Sears created the

Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Children, Marriage and Family Law, advocating that "children do better with parents together."

As she promised last fall when she announced she would step down from the Court June 30, Chief Justice Sears will continue to speak out about this issue.

In the same vein, she also plans to teach a seminar on "Contemporary Issues in Family Law" at the University of Georgia Law School.

The seminar will explore today's definition of "family" and the dramatic changes in marriage and divorce, as well as focus on controversial family issues facing the legal system.

"I'm excited to have the chance to work with young people," she said.

"And I look forward to being back in the academic world of a college campus."

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and Convention Center.

Advance reservations are required; seating is limited. The cost is \$35 per person or \$280 for a table of eight.

As keynote speaker, the luncheon will feature the internationally respected thought leader and 2005 Inc. Entrepreneur of the Year, Ms. Ping Fu.

Fu arrived in the United States in 1981 as a 23-year-old student.

By 1992 she had become a US citizen. And she loves her new homeland.

She runs a growing international business that is on the cutting edge of 3-dimensional rendering. Raindrop has developed a

means of capturing images-drawings, for example-and turning them into 3-D recreations that can be fashioned into molds and prototypes.

Fu co-founded Raindrop along with her husband, Herbert Edelsbrunner, who is a professor at Duke University.

She took over as chief executive officer of Raindrop in 2001.

Please visit www.seda.org to make reservations or call Lawrence Green at 912.447.9707.

Scholarship Recipients...

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Scholarship recipients awarded during the Tourism Leadership Council include: **Barbara Favery**, Georgia Southern University; **Petya Kostadinova**, Savannah Technical College; **Tacuma McCraw**, H.V. Jenkins High School/Johnson and Wales University

Seth Nix, University of South Carolina-Beaufort; **Sheldon Fox**, University of South Carolina-Beaufort.

Mark Dana currently serves as President of the Tourism Leadership Council, and Marti Barrow serves as Executive Director.

Congratulations to all award recipients honored during the Awards dinner.

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