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Savannah Tech Names VP for Student Affairs



Jim Nordone

Savannah Technical College has selected Jim Nordone as its Vice President for Student Affairs. Nordone, (e-photo attached) of Atlanta, brings more than two decades of experience in student services leadership, serving most recently as the Executive Director for Student Affairs with the Technical College System of Georgia. His appointment begins July 1.

"We are delighted to bring Jim Nordone on board," says College President Dr. Kathy S. Love. "His enthusiasm, leadership and knowledge will serve our students well."

Nordone has spent the past twelve years (1997 - 2009) in the Technical College System of Georgia, working in the following positions: Vice President for Student Development Services at Athens Technical College (1997 - 2001); Vice President for Student Services and Facility Operations at North Metro Technical College (2001 - 2007); Executive Director for Student Affairs with the Technical College System of Georgia, (June 2007 - June 2009).

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology as well as the Master of Science degree in guidance and counseling from Western Connecticut State University.

Nordone will manage all aspects of admission, financial aid, student records and services at the four Savannah Technical College campuses.

NAACP President Visits Savannah in Support of Troy Davis



Benjamin Todd Jealous, President and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) speaks during a rally held in Savannah on Saturday.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) president and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous was in Savannah this weekend and spoke at a rally as a part of "I AM TROY," a grassroots campaign and petition drive to spare Troy Davis from execution at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison near Jackson.

The NAACP

launched the campaign to save the life of Troy Davis, an African American man on death row, who will be executed unless Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue or the Savannah District Attorney Larry Chisolm intervene.

The NAACP is calling on people to get involved and contact Governor Perdue or Savannah District Attorney Chisolm urging them to not allow the execution of an

innocent man.

Davis has been on death row in Georgia for nearly 18 years for the murder of Police Officer Mark Allen MacPhail.

There is no physical evidence linking Davis to the crime and seven of the nine witnesses have recanted or contradicted their original testimony, several saying they were coerced.

Jealous, who recently met with Davis on death row said, "This is the most

compelling case of innocence in decades."

Jealous, along with members of the local and state NAACP went door to door urging Savannahians to sign a petition calling for the investigation into the 20-year-old slaying to be reopened. The petition campaign aims to gather 10,000 new signatures locally in addition to more than 7,000 already obtained for Chisolm's consideration.

Greenbriar holds 60th Birthday Brunch



Gena Taylor, Director Greenbriar Children's Center

Greenbriar Children's Center is thrilled to partner with The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum and the Savannah Children's Choir to celebrate our 60th Anniversary with a brunch buffet.

Plan to join us on June 28, 2009 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for a delicious feast created by Chef Matt Cohen with lively entertainment by the youth of Savannah Children's Choir, conducted by Roger Moss. Tickets are \$45 for adults, \$25 children 12 & under.

Limited seating is available - purchase your tickets today!

Adaline Graham, a well-known Savannah woman, died and left property and funds to whomever might start a movement to establish an orphanage for Negro children.

In 1943, as a community service project, five young black women of the Gamma Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha decided to utilize the funds and established a children center for black children.

In 1944, the group purchased a tract of land on W. 50th Street on which they could build the institution.

On June 8, 1944, using an additional \$4,500 donated by the Graham estate, Greenbriar Children's Center was founded.

Greenbriar Children's Center opened on July 15, 1949.

Tutu Kicks off Savannah's Juneteenth Festival



Mayor Otis Johnson is pictured with Naomi Tutu(c), and Vaughnette Goode-Walker, Director of Cultural Diversity, Telfair Museum of Art.

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Naomi Tutu, daughter of the famed South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, kicked off Savannah's 2nd Annual Juneteenth Festival celebration with a dynamic speech at Second African Baptist Church on Friday, June 19, 2009.

Tutu spoke of South Africa's Truth & Reconciliation and its impact on healing her home nation.

She also offered the example of South Africa as a formula for healing numerous conflicts between ethnic and religious groups around the world.

Tutu said that the real challenge of South Africa's commission is not to look for monsters, but to recognize

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