

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Thompson Named Associate of the Year By Georgia Utility Contractors Association, Inc.

This year's associate of the year is an entrepreneur, a man, and, a business that has weathered the volatile environment of the construction over the past 25 years.

Frankie Thompson, Frankie Thompson Enterprises, Inc. (FTE), personifies GUCA involvement and business leadership and is this year's Associate Member of the Year.



Frankie Thompson

Thompson graduated from Savannah State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration along with a Minor in Economics. Ever since his beginnings, Frankie has lived by his motto: "Winners never quit and quitters never win!" His company was founded in Savannah but is now located in the metro Atlanta area.

Frankie Thompson Enterprises, Inc. is a business that stresses patience, hard work and determination while being a material supplier of pipes, pumps, valves, water operation and underground materials.

Although they are a small business employing just five employees, Frankie Thompson Enterprises, Inc. spans over eight states in the Southeast with a vision and commitment that extends globally.

Over the past 25 years, Frankie has overcome many challenges. His first was to create credibility and dependability with the industry. The second was to create a stable revenue flow and add a flexible workforce that allows the operations of the business to match up with the number of projects involved in at any given time.

His current challenge is to become involved with the stimulus projects coming out of Washington.

Frankie understands that there are issues in the industry that are the direct result of the current economic situation, but he views the utility industry as being in good shape overall. He understands that projects that were once abundant in the private sector have vanished and now the ones in the public sector are being driven by

the funding coming from Washington.

Frankie states, "Companies need to react to this." Since Frankie Thompson Enterprises, Inc. has traditionally been involved in public projects, his challenge and goal is to become more involved in these projects being driven out of our nation's capitol.

Frankie reaffirms his optimism by stating, "The population continues to grow increasing demand both here in the U.S. and abroad. Domestically, we need to address this increased demand and at the same time rework the old infrastructure to take advantage of the newer and greener technology. FTE's challenge is to be able to have sources for the newer products demanded by our clients."

Frankie isn't all business. He enjoys the simple

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Woodville -Tompkins Hall of Fame Association Presents Check to Savannah Silver Cheetahs



Rev. Chester A. Ellis, (center) president of the Woodville-Tompkins High School Hall of Fame Association, Inc. presents a \$1,000.00 donation to the Savannah Cheetahs on behalf of the Hall of Fame Association.

The Woodville-Tompkins High Hall of Fame recently made a presentation to the Savannah Silver Cheetahs in the amount of \$1000.00.

The Woodville-Tompkins High School Hall of Fame Association, Inc.

was started in 2003 to recognize the accomplishments of Wolverines to the school, the Savannah Community and to the communities where they presently reside. It recognizes the classes from 1950 to 1989.

Each year the Hall of

Fame Association gives charitable donations to organizations in our community to help meet the needs of youth.

The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held September 11, 2009, in the Eden Room of the Temple of Glory Community Church.

Pace Selected for Membership in National Society of High School Scholars



Leron Pace

The National Society of High Scholars (NSHSS) recently announced that Johnson High School student Leron Pace from Savannah, Ga, was selected for membership.

The Society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Leron Pace has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Mr. Nobel. "Leron Pace is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated

NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Leron Pace build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

Formed in 2002, The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world.

Currently, there are more than 300,000 Society members in over 120 countries. NSHSS provides scholarship opportunities for deserving young people. Leron is the son of Leroy and Gwenetta Pace, Jr., and is a member of the Second Arnold Missionary Baptist Church. He also participates with the Savannah-Chatham Silver Cheetahs Track and Field Team.

For more information about NSHSS, visit www.nshss.org.

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