

# SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## Smith Completes Residency at Emory University School of Medicine

Dr. Tessa Smith is the daughter of Edward and Theresa Smith of Savannah, Georgia.

Dr. Smith attended Pulaski Elementary School, DeRenne and Bartlett Middle Schools, and was the Salutatorian and medical magnet honor graduate of Alfred Ely Beach High School Class of 1997.

From the start of high school she had the dream to become a physician. She received inspiration from her Pastors, Bishop and Mother Myles A. Latimer, at Genesis New Life Apostolic Faith Church to attend Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

In accordance with their vision, she went on to attend and graduate from Emory University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Psychology.

While in college she studied abroad in Psychology in Scotland and England during the summer of 2000.

She also attend four Summer Student Educational Enrichment Programs at the Medical College of Georgia during high school and undergraduate.



**Dr. Tessa Smith**

Also while attending Emory she participated in Elementary Science Education Partners which was a program that encouraged hands-on-science education to stimulate the interest of elementary students to pursue a science career.

During her senior year at Emory University, Dr. Smith became a National Registered Emergency Medical Technician.

Between college and medical school she volunteered with her local chapter of the American Red Cross and was trained in providing family emergency assistance.

She used her EMT certification to work in the Emergency Department in

both Savannah and Augusta Georgia.

At the onset of medical school, she was honored with the Stoney Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Society Scholarship that covered her tuition for all four years of medical school.

In the summer of 2003, she was chosen to participate in the Mayo Clinic Preceptorship Program in Rochester, Minnesota.

She continues to teach Sunday School at her church whenever she is in her hometown of Savannah, Georgia.

After graduating from the Medical College of Georgia and completing her residency at Emory University School of Medicine, Dr. Smith has accepted a job position as an emergency room physician with an outstanding hospital to give society the care and medical needs that they so deserve. GOD BLESS YOU DR. SMITH!

## Tompkins Class of 1959 holds 50th Class Reunion



**Members of the Tompkins Class of 1959**

The Tompkins High School class of 1959 celebrated its 50th class reunion.

On Wednesday, May 27th, we had a Meet and Greet session and registration.

Thursday, May 28th, a teacher's appreciation ceremony was held with Mr. Raleigh Bryant, Mrs. Catherine Dwight Redding and Mrs. Janie O. Alexander. Each was given a certificate of appreciation. A memorial service was held in remembrance of our deceased class

mates with family and friends in attendance.

Friday, May 29th, we enjoyed a banquet and dance with the honorable Priscilla Thomas as the speaker.

On Saturday, May 30th, we met at Skidaway State Park for a picnic. And on Sunday, May 31 st, our activities culminated at St. John Baptist Church.

Class members in attendance and pictured above were: Front Row (l-r)- Helen Odom Torok, Delores Middleton, Elizabeth Knight

Vassel, Ida Proctor Baker, Viola Russell Jackson, Carolyn Harris Clay, Pearl Powell Boynes (Vice Pres.), Alma Deborne Addison, Rev. Charles Reynolds, Artis F. Thomas (Pres.); Back Row-Priscilla Hawley Harden, Verma Moore Jones, Willie Mae O. Williams, Joseph Johnson, Gene Peters, Neatha Jenkins Young, Carl Jamerson, Ezekiel Cooper, Ervin Hendrix, Alvin Washington, Delores Humphries Grigsby. Calvin Williams not shown.

## Proctor Family Thanks the Community for Support



**Alexis Proctor**

The family of Alexis Lynette Proctor would like to express their sincere thanks to all of those who supported "Yes We Can Benefit Banquet" for Alexis on Saturday, June 13, 2009 given by Central Baptist Church (Hitch Village). Your act of kindness shall always be remembered. Special thanks to Rev.

& Mrs. Larry J. Stell, Central Baptist Church family, Rev. Dr. Wilson Scott Jr. and Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church family, Priscilla White, Ruby Walker Tremont Temple Baptist Church, Silver Spoon Catering and Flossie Grant and the Program Committee (Central Baptist Church), St. Vincent's Academy and the Community at large.

A very special thank you to the youth of Central.

Again thank you for your spiritual and financial support!

May God Bless you all!

Love,  
Alexis, Amelia & William Proctor and Hazel Smith (Grandmother)

## 100 Black Men

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world's most influential figures including a historic gathering of Governor Paterson and former Governor Wilder during the Black Tie Gala & Concert.

Additionally, the 100 awarded its prestigious leadership award to General William E. "Kip" Ward- the only active-duty, four-star African-American general.

Additional attendees and presenters included: actress Vivica Fox, Warner Music Executive Kevin Liles, recording artist Maxwell, best-selling author Terry McMillan, Marc Morial-President of the National Urban League, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of Essence Magazine Susan Taylor, Dr. John Jackson-President Schott Foundation for Public Education.

Secretary Duncan praised the work of the international organization.

"This is why I am such a big fan of what the 100 Black Men are doing around the country," said Secretary Duncan. "When our children

have the opportunity to be surrounded by adults that care passionately about them and stick with them for the long haul, they will do fantastic."

The 24th Annual Conference is scheduled June 16-20, 2010 at the Westin Diplomat in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

100 Black Men was founded as an organization in New York City in 1963.

The national organization, 100 Black Men of America, Inc. began with 10 chapters in 1986 as a national alliance of leading African American men of business, public affairs and government with a mission to improve the quality of life for African Americans, particularly African American youth. The 100 serves as an international coalition focused on creating educational opportunities, promoting economic empowerment, addressing health disparities and creating positive mentoring relationships.

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