



Local Celebrities Wait Tables for A Good Cause



Members of the Celebrity Wait Staff

A celebrity fundraiser was held on August 18 at Chick Fil A, Savannah Mall, to benefit the Johnny Mercer Centennial. The non-profit 501-C3 organization received a percentage of their sales during the hours of 5-8 pm.

Celebrity waiters included "Big Frank" Sulkowski (Sport Director WJCL/FOX 28), Jesse Blanco (Anchor FOX 28),

Stacy Jennings (Marketing Director, Savannah Morning News), Tanya Scott-Pilcher (GET Skills), Angela Beasley (Puppet People of Savannah) who brought along truck stop waitress "Ruby Pearl" (who cleans tables!) and "Johnny Mercer," Kenny Hill (Executive Director, Savannah Waterfront Association), and Anthony Fulton (Hospital Liaison for

Lifelink).

The Johnny Mercer Centennial celebrates and honors "Savannah's favorite son", during this year, in which he would have celebrated his 100 birthday.

For more information about the centennial celebration visit www.johnnymercercentennial.com, or contact Dianne Thurman dsthurman@bellsouth.net.

Black Public Administrators hold Annual Beverly Whitehead Banquet



Pictured are scholarship recipients Shannon Holman, Ciarra M. Callis, Alderman Van Johnson II, President of the Savannah Metropolitan Chapter, NFBPA, and Whitney Parker.

On Thursday, August 20, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) held its Annual Beverly M. Whitehead Scholarship Banquet at the Savannah Civic Center. During the banquet the NFBPA presented scholarships to three deserving students.

Recipients were Ciarra M. Callis, who is working on a master's in Urban Studies at Savannah State University, Shannon A. Holman, who is working on a graduate degree in Human Resources Management at Webster University, and Whitney C. Parker, who is pursuing a Master's in Urban Studies at Savannah State University.

The group also presented the Mark of Excellence Awards, in which they recognize the work and accomplishments of community leaders in the Public Service, Health Care, Non Profit, and Private Industry arenas. The Public Service Award went to Mayor Otis Johnson, Health Care Award went to Dr. Paul Bradley, Non Profit Award went to Dr. Priscilla Thomas, and the Private Industry Award was presented to Calvin Mason.

A high point of the evening was the Keynote Address delivered by Attorney Thomas N. Todd. Todd is an activist, widely known for his oratorical skills. And what a

dynamic speech he delivered! His main objective was to encourage children to continue on a path of academic excellence. Todd told the audience to tell the children that "long after Beyonce loses her wiggle, and 50 Cent is no more than a nickel, education will still be the way to go!" "Technology is great, but you can't download freedom", he went on to say.

The banquet is held in memory of Beverly Whitehead, who served as the first Human Resources Director for Chatham County Government. Whitehead was the first African American Department head in Chatham County history. She passed away in 1998.

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