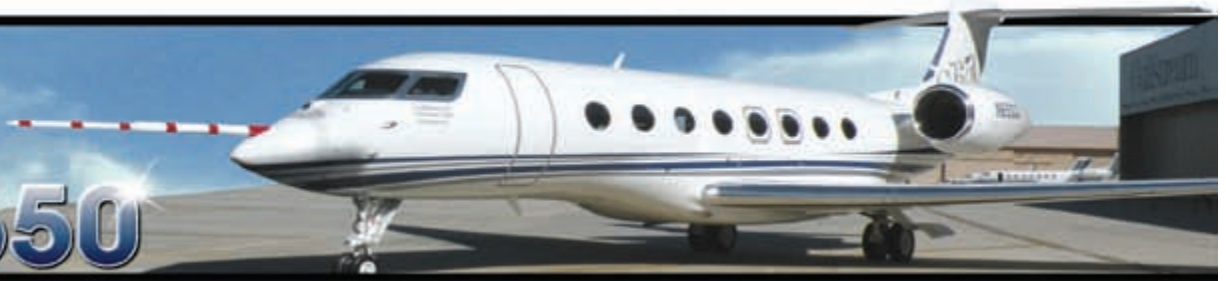


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Reception Held to Welcome AASU's New President



Last week, the Savannah community welcomed Dr. Linda Bleicken, the newly appointed President of Armstrong Atlantic State University, during a reception held at Georgia Power Company. The event was sponsored by Seacrest Partners and Georgia Power.

Dr. Bleicken is pictured above with Cathy Hill, Vice-

President, Coastal Region, Georgia Power, (left), and Cliff McCurry, Vice Chairman, Business Development, Seacrest Partners, (center).

Dr. Bleicken joined Armstrong Atlantic State University after serving at Georgia Southern University for 19 years. She is the seventh AASU president and the

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King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation, Inc. Holds 12th Annual Awards Banquet



Pictured are award recipients (l-r): Joseph Buck, William B. Jackson, Shirley Barber James, Luther Vann and Craig Barrow, III

On Saturday, September 26, the King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation, Inc. held its 12th Annual Awards Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Savannah. The event's objective is to honor and pay homage to those who have made significant contributions in the areas of historic

preservation, the arts, education, and public service. Preservation of African American history is also honored, and that award is named for the late W.W. Law.

The Leopold Adler Historic Preservation Award was presented to Craig Barrow, III, President of

Wormsloe Institution of Environmental History, and a stock broker, King-Tisdell Arts Award was presented to Luther Vann, photographer and artist, Beach Institute Education Award was presented to Joseph Buck, President of the Savannah-Chatham Board of Education, The Rev. James

M. Simms Public Service Award was presented to Shirley Barber James, retired educator, Chairperson, Savannah Tribune, Inc., and retired editor and publisher, *The Savannah Tribune*, and the W.W. Law Legacy Award was presented to William B. Jackson, civil rights activist, and retired educator.

Jackson Appointed to Democratic National Committee



Senator Lester Jackson

State Sen. Lester Jackson (D-Savannah) has been named as an at-large member of the Democratic National Committee (DNC). He becomes one of only eight Georgians and the only member of the Georgia General

Assembly on the DNC.

"I am most honored to have been named to the national committee of the Democratic Party," and I look forward to working with fellow Democrats from across the nation," Jackson said.

Jackson was elected to the Georgia Senate in 2008 following 10 years of service in the state House of Representatives. He was named Georgia's Freshman Legislator of the Year in 1999. Presently, Jackson serves on the Senate Higher Education, Health & Human Services, Agriculture & Consumer Affairs, Ethics and Science & Technology committees.

Among other legislative accomplishments the past 11 years, he was instrumental in bringing property tax reform to Chatham County, is a strong advocate for mental health funding to keep Georgia's regional hospitals in operation and expanding access to the PeachCare for Kids program for working families. He and his wife, Dr. Lorna Jackson, have four children.

Mannion to Keynote Spirit of Excellence Awards



Estelle Mannion

Estelle Mannion will deliver the keynote speech at the 7th Annual Spirit of Excellence Black Business Awards to be held Saturday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. at Savannah Marriott Riverfront.

Mannion created the Spirit of Excellence Black Business Awards in 2003 to promote and showcase the accomplishments of African American business leaders and outstanding

individuals. As keynote speaker of this year's Spirit of Excellence Black Business Awards, Mannion, an "Unstoppable Woman", is charting another course.

Always an entrepreneur with a background in sales, when she returned, she opened Estelle's Boutique and Consignment Shop in Jasper County. She closed the business when she was hired as an Account Executive with a local television station. It was during her tenure at the television station that she learned the different aspects of media sales that proved to be very valuable. While there, she learned few African American businesses used media advertising, and that many could not afford it.

Upon leaving the TV station, Ms. Mannion wasted no time launching her own business, Stellar Productions

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