

Georgia Downtown Award Winners Recognized at Downtown Conference

The Georgia Downtown Association and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs announced the winners of the annual outstanding revitalization awards. Presentations took place during the annual Georgia Downtown Conference October 7-9, 2009 in Roswell, GA. Among those recognized was the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority, recipient of the 2009 Best Image Building Campaign Award. This innovative program—the Downtown Savannah Brand & Marketing Campaign—was developed through a partnership with the City of Savannah and is aimed at reintroducing Greater Savannah residents to the renaissance that has occurred in Downtown Savannah.

SDRA Chair, Philip Cooper, and Program Manager, Paul Featheringill accepted the award on behalf of SDRA and the Marketing and Creative Team—Ralph Zezza, sponsorship chair; Sharifa Abdul Wahid and Ashley Bowersox, Marketing/Economic Development Committee chairs; Bret Bell, City of Savannah; Karl Strauch, Coastal Marketing Group; Cari Clark of Clark Creative; and Melanie Simon, Simon, Public Relations. And, the sponsorship team of Brian Foster, Kenny Hill, Rhett Mouchet, Maria Lancaster, Stratton Leopold, Ruel Joyner, Greg Parker, Corabett Thomas, and Michael Meeks. As the premier conference on downtown revitalization in the state, this event promotes downtown and economic development through public awareness, governmental relations and education. The conference provides an opportunity for downtown and community development professionals and state and local leaders to grow their knowledge regarding programs, activities and tools to aid in revitalization efforts.

The Georgia Downtown Awards were established to recognize individuals, downtown programs and/or businesses that have demonstrated unique efforts in making a difference in their downtowns.

The award categories are based on the 4-Point Approach™ of downtown revitalization as developed by the National Trust's Main Street Center and focus on Organization, Promotion, Design, and Economic Restructuring.

The conference theme this year was "Find It All Downtown" which focused on the very reasons tourists and natives alike are drawn to their historic downtown districts... shopping, dining, art, music and more.

Sports with Walter Moore

Cole Owns SSU Record Not Babb

When Justin Babb rushed for 229 yards in Savannah State's season opening win over Livingstone, many thought it was a school record. After receiving a few emails and calls and after some research, the owner of the single game rushing record belongs to Lucius Cole. Cole ran for 239 yards on 25 carries in 1990 against Albany State. Also in the Livingstone game, Babb ran for a 81 yard touchdown which many thought had tied a school record. That Savannah State record belongs to Casey Grigley who ran for a 91 yard touchdown run in 1986 against Georgia Southwestern. Although this writer is still checking into statistics from the early years that produced great backs like John Myles and Robert Slocum, for now the record still belongs to Grigley.



Walter Moore

Michael Williams intercepted a pass with 32 seconds left to seal the win for the Wildcats (1-4). Matthew Johnson led BCU by passing for 218 yards and rushing for 67 more. Travis Tarpley returned the opening kickoff 85 yards to the 2-yard line and Jaashawn Jones scored on the next play for Delaware State (1-3) for a 7-0 lead. Bethune scored all their points in the fourth quarter. Johnson threw a 46 yard touchdown pass early in final quarter to make the score 7-6.

CAU Fires Football Coach

Clark Atlanta University

Interim Athletic Director, Dr. Tamica Jones has announced that Head Football Coach Ted Bahhur was relieved of his duties effective immediately. Assistant Head Coach Keith Higdon has been named Interim Head Football Coach for the remainder of the season. In four-plus seasons, Bahhur coached the Panthers to a 20 and 29 record. This season, the Panthers overall record is 3-3. Since his firing, Bahhur has hired a lawyer and has filed a racial-discrimination complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against Jones and CAU president Dr. Carlton Brown. Bahhur, who is white, claims he was fired because of his race.

Albany State Remains Unbeaten

Albany State improved to 6-0 with a 31-7 road win over Miles before 2,716 fans. Demetric Johnson rushed for 240 yards and two touchdowns for the Rams. Miles led 7-0 midway in the first quarter before ASU scored 31 unanswered points. Albany State had 438 yards of offense while their defense limited Miles (3-4) to 40 yards rushing.

Bethune Wins First Game

Kory Kowalski kicked a 40-yard field goal with 2:12 left to give Bethune-Cookman their first win of the season, a 9-7 road win over Delaware State before a crowd of 3,873.

High School Coach of the Week

Jamie Baldwin of Johnson High School located in Savannah, GA has been selected as this week's High School Coach of the Week. In his first season as Johnson High School's coach, the team is off to an impressive start of the season with a 4 - 2 record. He is the school's third coach in four years. In the previous four years before this season, the school was 6-35, including 1-9 in 2006, and back to back 0-10 seasons in '07 and '08.



Jamie Baldwin

Each week of the season, the winner will receive a plaque signed by Head Coach Mike Smith and a \$1,000 grant from the NFL's Youth Football Fund to his school's athletic department.

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