

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Armstrong Gears Up for 75th Anniversary Celebration



Faculty and students form a "75" as the university prepares to celebrate its anniversary. Photo credit: Katherine Arntzen.

On Monday, Nov. 2, students, faculty and staff from all across the campus came together to form a human 75 on the intramural fields of the university.

The event was a way to get students and the entire campus thinking about AASU's 75 anniversary.

Photos and videos from today's event will be used to promote the 75th anniversary in 2010 and give the university an iconic image to use during the celebratory year.

In 2010, the university will host a number of special events throughout the year to commemorate its 75th anniversary. Some of those will include performances by the Department of Art, Music and Theatre, special lectures and presentations. One event will involve President Linda Bleicken's inauguration in the fall.

AASU invites all alumni, the community, community partners and friends to join in the celebration throughout the year. Alumni will be able to

write about their Armstrong Atlantic memories in a section of alumni web site. AASU will create a web site dedicated to the 75th anniversary to be published in early 2010.

2010 promises to be an exciting year for the campus, not only for the anniversary, but also as two new buildings come online. A new Student Center will open in early spring, while Windward Commons, a freshmen-dedicated residence hall, will open in time for fall 2010 classes.

Lloyd Named to Outstanding Atlanta Class, 2009-2010



Cornelius Lloyd

Native Savannahian Cornelius JerMar Ephraim Lloyd has been selected by Outstanding Atlanta to join the 41st class of honorees for 2009-2010.

Since 1968, this organization has recognized young Atlantans for contributions to the betterment of the city. According to Sandra Barnhill, National President of Foreverfamily, Inc. (formerly AIM - Aid to Children of Imprisoned Mothers) and member of Outstanding Atlanta Class of 1993, Cornelius is the perfect choice.

"Cornelius has the ability to combine compassion and sensitivity for the plight of young people with incarcerated parents, with the clarity of purpose in preparing them [young people] for the future. He has directly mentored 10 young people who have clear-

ly beaten the odds which say that children with an incarcerated parent are more likely themselves to go to prison."

Lloyd has worked with Foreverfamily for the past five years. This 22 year-old organization provides programs and services to families dealing with parental incarceration. Cornelius began as a volunteer while attending Georgia State University and worked through a variety of positions, including program assistant and program coordinator, becoming full-time upon graduation from Georgia State in 2005.

"When I accepted the call to ministry and started seminary in 2007, my role transitioned to that of youth advocate and mentor. I am proud to mentor some of the most resilient young people in the country, Lloyd said. I am

also really excited to be chosen by Outstanding Atlanta and hope that during the one year commitment, I will be able to combine my experiences with youth development and my desire for community service to make a difference in our community."

Lloyd is currently a senior Master of Divinity student at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia.

He resides in Austell, Georgia with his wife, the former Miss Ashley V. Dixon. He is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Marvin L. and Jerry Artest Lloyd, the grandson of Mrs. Susie M. Shannonhouse, Stone Mountain, Georgia, the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. and Willie Mae Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. and Cornelia V. Artest, and Mr. William Franklin Smith.

The awards ceremony was held on Friday, November 6, 2009 at the Georgia Pacific Auditorium.

Foreverfamily is a non-profit community based organization that assists inmates, their children and other family members in maintaining those critically important family ties that can become strained during a parent's incarceration.

Foreverfamily's efforts focus on children with an incarcerated parent or parents, caregivers and relatives as they strive to remain a family.

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Dr. Carson will speak in the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum (460 Martin Luther King Boulevard at 6 pm on Friday, November 13th.

The Museum will remain open between 5pm and 6pm for audience members who have not toured the exhibits. On Saturday morning from 9-12 am, Dr. Carson will visit Dorchester Academy in Midway, GA (8787 East Oglethorpe Highway) where Dr. King trained civil rights workers for several campaigns.

Savannah State University (SSU) serves as host for the \$149,700 grant from IMLS. According to project director Dr. Ronald Bailey, seven institutions participate in the collaboration: the SSU Archives; the Beach Institute African American Culture Center and the King-Tisdell Cottage; the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum; the First African Baptist Church Museum; the Dorchester Academy Museum in Midway, and the Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center in Portal.

The main objective is to provide professional development opportunities for museum staff. Activities have included an Afro-American Museum Roundtable for ongoing professional development; and membership, attendance and presentations at several national, regional, and local conferences, including the African American Museums Association, the Southeastern Museums Association, and the Georgia Association of Museum and Galleries.

Funding Available for Innovative, Youth Cultural Arts Programs

The City of Savannah's WAD Panel has issued a call for proposals for its 2009/2010 Weave A Dream (WAD) initiative.

Applications will be accepted while funds are available, but must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to the start date of the project.

Project funding is available up to \$5,000 for innovative cultural arts programs that positively engage youth audiences. Literary and dance projects are currently of special interest to the grant committee but all disciplines including multi-disciplinary projects are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for consideration, organization must be a non-profit headquartered in Savannah's corporate limits. Proposed programs must also be produced within the City's corporate limits. No individual artist applications will be accepted.

Applications are reviewed by the WAD Panel and grants are awarded by a competitive funding process that considers the project's artistic merit, quality of design, quality of marketing strategy and plan for assessing the project's success.

Successful programs will identify a community need and utilize arts and her-

itage activities as the primary strategy to alleviate that need.

Technical assistance is available to applying organizations by contacting Michelle Hunter at 912-651-6417 or mhunter@savannahga.gov.

S.P.A.C.E. is Savannah's Place for Art, Culture and Education. Located at 9 W. Henry St., S.P.A.C.E. houses the offices of the City of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs as well as a public gallery, a 100-seat black box theatre and art and ceramics studios.

For more information, visit www.savannahga.gov/arts.

Young Professionals to hold Donation Drive for Goodwill Industries

Leather weather is upon us and Young Professionals of Savannah is celebrating by holding a donation drive for Goodwill of Savannah.

The drive will be held on Saturday, November 14th at Habersham Village from 9:00am until 12:00pm. There will be a Goodwill truck at the back of the parking lot in Habersham Village next to Rite Aid to receive all donations.

Habersham Village is undergoing exciting renovations and is gearing up to bring you a festive holiday shopping experience with a new look and some great new merchants.

This is a perfect opportunity to clean out your closets and make room for all the loot you will get for

Christmas! Get your office, church and neighbors involved and Give It to Goodwill!

The Young Professionals of Savannah (YPS) is a community-supported organization of young professionals and entrepreneurs in the Greater Savannah Area dedicated to providing professional development, networking, and community service. YPS serves as a platform for young professionals to engage the community through involvement in entrepreneurial, political, civic, and cultural events. Additional information may be found at: www.ypsav.net.

The Mission of Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc. is to

assist people with disabilities and other barriers to employment to live independently and become employed.

Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc. provides job training, employment services, job placement opportunities and post employment support to strengthen communities and families by training people to become independent, tax-paying members of society. Those services include ADVANCE, a community re-entry program for people with acquired brain injury. When someone is having a hard time finding a job-either because of a disability, poverty or lack of experience- Goodwill is there to help.

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