

# SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## Chatham County Deacons & Deaconess Donate to Area Organizations



Members of the Deacons and Deaconesses Union

The Chatham County Deacons and Deaconess Union, an organization of Christian men and women from various local churches has answered the call of area

needs.

The Deacons & Deaconess made a \$1,000.00 donation to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund to help meet the needs of recent earthquake victims.

They also made a generous \$1,000.00 donation to the Savannah State University Scholarship Fund.

These funds were donated on behalf of the National Baptist Deacons Convention of America, Inc., whose mission includes providing youth with assistance in obtaining secondary education.

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## Grant Receives Appointment to United States Air Force Academy



Joseph Grant

Joseph Grant, a member of Zion Baptist Church in Marietta, has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy as a member of the Class of 2014. He will be joining a select group of our nation's finest young people as he takes this challenging and rewarding step toward

becoming a professional Air Force officer.

This appointment is awarded to only about 1500 applicants out of 10,000.

Joseph is ranked number five in his East Paulding High School class out of 580 students. He received a congressional nomination from Congressman Phil Gingrey,

our 11th District Representative, and a senatorial nomination from our Georgia Senator, Johnny Isakson.

Joseph has been in the AFJROTC at East Paulding High School for four years. He has received several honors, such as the Tuskegee Airman Award, the Air Force Association Award, and the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award.

He has also received the University of Georgia's Certificate of Merit, which is only issued to students in the top 10% of their high school class. He was also selected nationally out of the top 1% of all Air Force Cadets to attend a Joint Service Camp. He currently holds the rank of Cadet Colonel in his AFJROTC Unit.

Joseph is the son of Leon Grant and Mrs. Vickie Grant, and the grandson of Leon and Odessa Grant.

## Greater Pentecostal to host Blood Drive

Greater Pentecostal Temple will hold a Blood Drive on Sunday February 7 from 1-5 p.m. 5905 South

Okatie Hwy. Hardeeville, S.C.

To schedule an appointment call 843-784-6988.

Walk-ins are welcome. Please bring a government-issued ID to donate.

## A New Savannah Business Concept



Participants of the inaugural one day Atlanta excursion

John Osborne, proprietor of Garden City Express, recently launched his new one-day trip to and from Atlanta, Ga.

The one-day excursion is designed to provide a hassle-free trip to Atlanta for quick and easy business meetings, shopping with friends, visits to enjoy family, or for whatever need a passenger desires.

Southern Scene Heritage Tour Guide is one

area business that has teamed up with the bus company and kicked off its heritage travel club with its first trip to Atlanta on January 16th.

Several tour guide businesses provided a tour for their customers or hosted the morning's breakfast.

Mama "T's" Restaurant owner Theresa Robinson, took the trip herself and had this to say about her experience, "I fully enjoyed the trip. The passengers acted

just like old friends. I will be doing this again." Mama "T" also provided salmon croquettes for this inaugural trip's breakfast menu. Read other comments at [www.southernscene.net](http://www.southernscene.net).

For your one-day Atlanta excursion or charter bus service, contact Garden City Express at 4103D 8th Street, off Highway 80, next to the farmer's market. Call 912 966-2400.

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John Barrow of Georgia's 12th District, who was one of many guests attending a campus reception on Jan. 28 to celebrate receipt of the grant funds.

The program will be implemented by a team of faculty members from various academic disciplines in collaboration with Mercer University School of Medicine at its Savannah campus. Other collaborating partners include Chatham Orthopedic Associates, City of Savannah Recreation Services, Chatham County Anderson/Cohen Weight Lifting Center Harvard Medical School, Georgetown University Medical Center, Clemson University and Auburn University.

community leader in a region with large representation by underrepresented minorities, both African American and Hispanic, Savannah State is committed to engaging in meaningful research programs that address relevant public issues," said SSU President Earl G. Yarbrough Sr., Ph.D. "Reducing and ultimately eliminating health disparities is a significant public health issue that has social and economic implications."

For Chetty, the \$4 NIH grant award was a major achievement professionally and personally. "When I joined the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs 10 years ago, my goal was to increase external funding from \$4 million to \$10 million annually within 10

years," he said. During the 2009-2010 academic year, Savannah State will receive approximately \$10 million in annual funds for 37 research grants. In the first half of this academic year, the College of Sciences and Technology has received \$14 million for the next five years.

Established in 1890, Savannah State University is on the move to become the best value-added university in the nation.

The university's approximately 3,800 students are enrolled in 23 undergraduate degree majors and five graduate programs in three colleges: Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Business Administration and Sciences and Technology.