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Young Men of Honor Travel Historic Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor



I wanted to take a moment to share a powerful and life-changing experience that our young men of Young Men of Honor recently had. What began as a simple train ride from Savannah to Charleston became so much more—it

became a journey into identity, culture, and purpose. As our young men traveled along the historic Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, they were able to connect with a legacy that is deeply rooted in strength, resili-

ence, and history. This experience allowed them to see themselves reflected in the stories of those who came before them. During the trip, they visited the International African American Museum, where history came alive in a mean-

ingful and impactful way. They also stood on the sacred grounds of Mother Emanuel AME Church, where they reflected on faith, unity, and perseverance.

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MiQuan Green Announces Candidacy for Georgia House District 165

Savannah native, entrepreneur, and community leader MiQuan Green has officially announced his candidacy for Georgia House District 165, launching a campaign centered on expanding economic opportunity, supporting working families, and delivering community-driven leadership rooted in real-life experience.

Green's story began long before recognition and business success. At just 12 years old, he started his first business to help support his family. That determination grew into what is now MiQuan Green Enterprises, the parent company of MGreen Productions, MGreen Staffing, and MGreen Creative, companies that have earned statewide respect and recognition, including honors from Georgia Public Broadcasting.

A former Career and Technical Student Organization State President, Green has spent years building bridges between students, educators, working families, business leaders, and elected officials across Georgia and throughout the country.

"I'm running because I know what it feels like to face real challenges and still keep pushing forward," said Green. "I've built businesses from the ground up, created jobs, and worked alongside families trying to make ends meet. Now I'm ready to take that same commitment to the State Capitol."

Green's leadership



MiQuan Green

has earned recognition from national and state leaders including Barack Obama, Nathan Deal, and Brian Kemp, reflecting his ability to bring people together across communities and across differences.

His campaign will focus on expanding support for small businesses, strengthening workforce development, investing in safer and stronger neighborhoods, and building stronger connections between government and the communities it serves.

The campaign is now underway, with plans for grassroots engagement across District 165 as supporters begin organizing neighborhood by neighborhood.

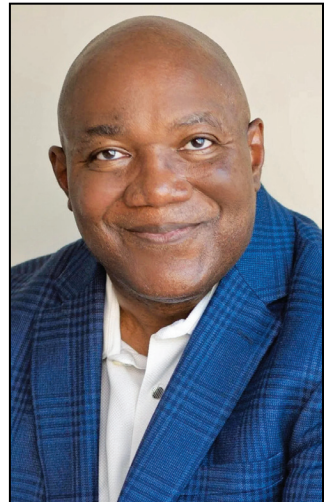
For more information, visit greenfor.ga.com.

Historic Savannah Foundation to Host Panel Discussion About New Architecture in Savannah's Historic Districts on Thursday, April 16th



Ellen Harris

Historic Savannah Foundation will host a special panel discussion titled "Designing the Next Layer of History: New Architecture in Savannah's Historic Districts" as part of the 2026 HSF Lecture Series, "The People, Places and Stories That Define Savannah." The panel discussion will



Shedrick Coleman

take place on Thursday, April 16th at the Murray C. Perlman and Wayne C. Spear Preservation Center, located at 323 E. Broughton St. in Savannah, GA. Attendees are invited to attend a wine reception at 5:30 PM followed by the panel discussion at 6 PM.

Moderated by Ellen



Neil Dawson

Harris of Ethos Preservation, this panel discussion will feature architects Shedrick Coleman of ShEDDArchitecture, Neil Dawson of LS3P, and Patrick Phelps of Hansen Architects. The panel will explore the opportunities and constraints of designing new construction in Savannah's



Patrick Phelps

historic districts and consider whether the review process can evolve to produce more thoughtful buildings that contribute to Savannah's architectural legacy.

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Gold Dome And Beyond: Injury Time

By League of Women Voters of Georgia



The 2026 legislative session ended in the wee hours of Friday morning with so much unresolved it may take a special session to finish things off. A lot of little things were passed but several big ones were never called to a vote.

Elections Bills Fail

SB214 and HB960 both failed to get a vote. Both bills would move Georgia to hand-marked ballots but the first on a more reasonable timeline, and the second with a broader, more excessive mandate. The changes in SB214 would have given everyone time to implement them, only taking effect in 2028. HB960 included provisions that virtually invited legal action and a rushed deadline to change out voting equipment and redesign ballots. Now, legislators will either have to hold a special session to decide what to do or the Secretary of State's office will have to figure out how to remove QR codes from ballots and change the scanning procedure by July 1st of this year with no money allocated. Meanwhile SB189 which

passed in 2024 will face continued court challenges of its own. A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit challenging provisions in that law that make it easier to challenge voter registrations, and which potentially disenfranchise unhoused voters.

Either way, one clear lesson from this session and from the failed efforts to pass the SAVE Act in Congress says that some politicians intend to make it more difficult, more confusing and, potentially, more expensive to vote.

The session may have ended but the fight to protect free, fair and open elections has not.

Visit The Savannah Tribune's website for the full report from the League of Women voters of Georgia at <https://bit.ly/4bVN0qx>.



SSU Alumna & Higher Education Leader Dr. Quianna Lavant to Serve as 2026 Honors Convocation Speaker

Savannah State University (SSU) is proud to announce that distinguished alumna and higher education leader Dr. Quianna Lavant will serve as the keynote speaker at SSU's annual Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 9th. The ceremony will take place at 9:30 AM in Tiger Arena on the SSU campus.

A 2015 graduate of Savannah State University and proud native of Albany, Georgia, Dr. Lavant currently serves as Dean of Students at Midlands Technical College in Columbia, S.C., where she leads strategic initiatives to enhance the student experience across eight campuses. Most notably, she spearheaded the development and launch of three campus food pantries to address food insecurity and better support student well-being beyond the classroom.

"Welcoming Dr. La-



Dr. Quianna Lavant

vant back to her alma mater is a significant moment for our campus community," said SSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Marcus S. Cox. "Her journey from an SSU student to a transforma-

tive leader in higher education serves as a powerful example for our students. We are proud of her achievements and grateful she is returning to share her expertise and vision with our scholars."

As a first-generation college student, Dr. Lavant's professional journey includes impactful roles at Clark Atlanta University, Mercer University, Florida A&M University, and Albany Technical College. She was previously recognized as a member of the inaugural Savannah State University 40 Under 40 Class. She is also a noted TEDx speaker and executive producer of TEDx Chancellors Creek.

"Savannah State helped shape not only who I am, but what I stand for, said Lavant. "As a first-generation student, I understand the power of opportunity and the responsibility that comes with it. My mission is to ensure that every student is not only given access, but is fully supported, seen, and empowered to succeed beyond what they thought possible."



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