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FISCAL YEAR 2025





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# ABOUT SSU

**#THEUPROAR**

Savannah State University is the first public historically black college and university in the state of Georgia and the first institution of higher learning in the city of Savannah. The school was established on November 26, 1890 as a result of the Second Morrill Land Grant Act and an act of the Georgia General Assembly creating the Georgia State Industrial College for Colored Youths. Richard R. Wright Sr., was appointed the first president of the institution in 1891. The 201-acre campus is by far the most picturesque in the state of Georgia.

Beneath its beauty and splendor lies a residential campus home to over 3,000 students, where high-quality student life thrives through more than 75 student clubs, organizations, publications, honor societies, Greek life and intramural sports. Offering relevant baccalaureate and graduate degrees across five distinguished colleges, the university fosters engaging lectures, cutting-edge research, and meaningful student-faculty connections with a 30:1 ratio.

As a proud member of NCAA Division II athletics in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the campus provides not only academic excellence but also a nurturing environment where students are supported in every facet of their collegiate journey.

For over a century, we've been a launching pad for leaders, scholars, innovators, and changemakers. Savannah State is where legacy meets opportunity. With strong academics, real-world experiences, and a vibrant campus community, SSU empowers students to lead with purpose—on campus, in their careers, and across the globe.

The university has embarked upon a new era - building upon the rich legacy that has defined it for the last 135 years. Under the leadership of President Dr. Jermaine Whirl, Savannah State is moving forward with bold vision and renewed purpose—expanding opportunities, investing in student success, and preserving the proud legacy of HBCUs in higher education.

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# GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Esteemed Donors,

On behalf of Savannah State University, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to our Annual Donor Honor Roll. This special occasion allows us to recognize and celebrate the remarkable generosity of individuals like you, our loyal alumni, friends, corporate partners, and community supporters who play a vital role in sustaining and advancing the mission of our beloved institution.

Your gifts are more than contributions; they are investments in the future of our students, the strength of our academic programs, and the legacy of excellence that defines Savannah State University. Because of your unwavering support, we are able to provide scholarships to deserving students, enhance campus resources, attract talented faculty and staff, and develop initiatives that prepare our students to lead and serve in a global society.

As we continue to build on our 135-year history as Georgia's first public historically black college and university, your commitment ensures that we remain a beacon of opportunity and empowerment for generations to come.

We are entering an exciting new chapter filled with momentum, innovation, and purpose. Around campus, we call it The Uproar—the energy and anticipation of all that we are poised to accomplish together.

Thank you for believing in the vision and promise of Savannah State University. We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and generosity.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Dr. Jermaine Whirl  
15th President  
Savannah State University





# GREETINGS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is both an honor and a privilege to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you as we present this year's Donor Honor Roll. This distinguished listing serves not only as a record of generosity, but as a reflection of your enduring commitment to the mission, vision, and future of Savannah State University.

Your support—whether through scholarships, programmatic funding or unrestricted gifts—has a transformative impact on every corner of our institution. Because of you, deserving students are empowered to pursue higher education with confidence and purpose. Our faculty are emboldened to teach, research, and innovate at the highest levels. And our campus continues to flourish as a vibrant center for intellectual inquiry, cultural enrichment, and community engagement.

Philanthropy is more than a gift—it is a declaration of belief in the power of education to change lives. Your generosity echoes far beyond financial contributions; it represents your faith in our students' potential and your investment in a legacy that will endure for generations to come.

As we celebrate your role in advancing our mission, please know that your partnership remains vital to our continued success. Savannah State University's enduring excellence is made possible because of dedicated supporters like you—individuals who lead with purpose, give with compassion, and believe in the promise of progress.

On behalf of the Division of University Advancement, the SSU Foundation, Inc., and the entire Tiger family, thank you for your unwavering support and your trust in our work. We are proud to honor you.

With the highest regard and warmest appreciation,



Mr. Adrian L. Scott  
Vice President for University Advancement  
& Executive Director of the SSU Foundation, Inc.  
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A portrait of a young man with dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt. The background is a solid grey color.

## MEET **LUKE SANDERS**

### SSU SENIOR SELECTED AS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

The Battery Creek High School (S.C.) graduate, found his way to SSU in fall 2021, where he has excelled as a scholar, sustaining a 4.0 overall GPA. Outside of the classroom, he is active as a reliever pitcher for the Tigers Baseball team. He also serves as the president of the American Society of Civil Engineers student organization and as the secretary of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

While at SSU, Sanders has contributed to four NSF-sponsored projects including a presentation at Troy University; a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship at Purdue University; a presentation in Washington, D.C. for the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship program, and a presentation at Savannah State University. His exceptional leadership and achievements were recognized by Georgia Society of Professional Engineers who named him the 2024 Engineering Technology Student of the Year. Following his graduation in May 2024, Sanders plans to pursue a master's in civil engineering.



# CLASS OF 2029 ENROLLMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Top 5 Recruitment States

Georgia  
Florida  
South Carolina  
Illinois  
Indiana

## Top 5 GA Recruitment Counties

Chatham  
Fulton  
DeKalb  
Henry  
Richmond

## Top 5 GA Recruitment Schools

Alfred E. Beach High  
Hershel V. Jenkins High  
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Morrow High  
Liberty County High

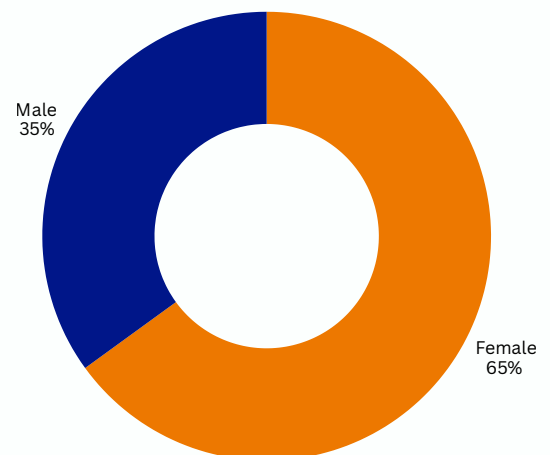
## Top 5 Majors

Biology  
Computer Science Technology  
Criminal Justice  
Management  
Mass Communications

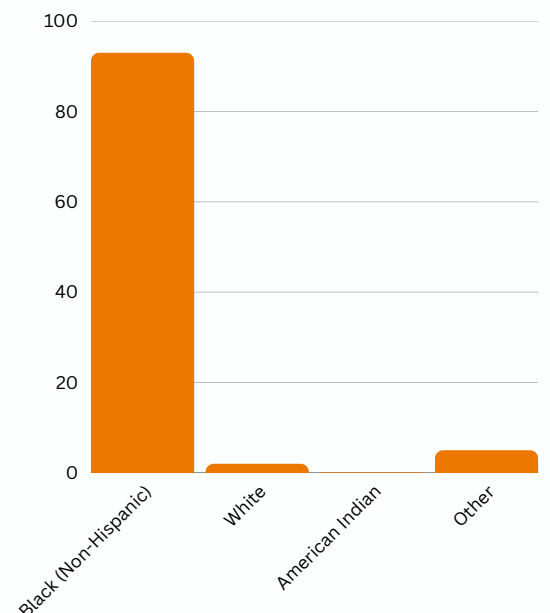
## Class Average GPA

3.13

Freshmen Class Gender Make-Up



Freshmen Class Ethnic Make-Up





# CELEBRATE THE UPROAR

## **Learning Without Borders: SSU Students Engage in Study and Service in Ghana**

A team of Savannah State University students, led by Dr. Roenia DeLoach, coordinator of SSU's Master of Social Work program, is participating in an enriching study abroad and service learning experience in the Republic of Ghana. The SSU delegation arrived in Ghana's capital, Accra. They will spend four weeks immersed in Ghanaian culture while engaging in service learning initiatives in several villages in northern Ghana.

A core mission of their trip involves presenting health education workshops to members of the local communities and school children. These workshops address critical public health and social issues, focusing on the areas of breast cancer awareness, substance abuse and mental health education, and menstrual hygiene management.



## **SSU's Estuary Named Best Undergraduate Magazine in the Nation**



SSU's student led literary magazine, Estuary won first place in the 2025 Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) Prize for undergraduate literary magazines, beating out Rice University and Yale University. They were also named best literary Magazine in the Nation.

Estuary, volume 16, was chosen out of hundreds of entries by AWP, formerly the National Program Director's Prize. The AWP Prize for undergraduate literary magazines is awarded annually to one outstanding, undergraduate-led journal and two runners-up. The prize celebrates the work of undergraduate student writers and editors, including exceptional content, cohesive design, and innovation.

# FISCAL YEAR 2025 GIVING HIGHLIGHTS



## KEY AREAS SUPPORTED

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Band  
Athletics  
Colleges  
Campus Activities  
Areas of Greatest Need

Constituent Type	Number of Donors	Total Given
Alumni	543	\$571,216.19
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Banks	2	\$4,500.00
Businesses	92	\$527,132.09
Clubs & Organizations	22	\$85,326.92
Corporations & Foundations	29	\$538,828.39
Faculty & Staff	50	\$24,511.43
Friends	619	\$1,681,724.11
Government Officials	1	\$50.00
Local Government Agencies	6	\$69,632.00
Prospects	2	\$604.21
Religious Organizations	19	\$22,474.49
Retirees	4	\$5,650.00
Schools	36	\$33,996.00
SSU Foundation	1	\$177,000.00
Students	30	\$12,000.00
Trust	0	\$0.00
Former Faculty & Staff	3	\$1,561.12
Foundations	7	\$117,731.60
Donor - Advised Funds	2	\$7,100.00
	<b>1,478</b>	<b>\$3,895,998.55</b>



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# CELEBRATE THE UPROAR

## **Savannah State Wins Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Championship**

SSU claims its second SIAC men's basketball championship since 2022, following a inside Forbes Arena on the campus of Morehouse. With the game knotted at 66, Javonte Landy hit the game winning free throw, with two seconds left. Savannah State ends the tournament riding a eight game winning streak, improving to 18-11, the most wins since the 2012-13 season when they had 19 victories.

The Tigers have also won SIAC titles in 1970, 1979, 1980, and 1981.



## **Fred and Mattie Jackson Foundation donates \$100,000 to Support SSU's Center of Innovation & Entrepreneurship**



Mr. Cyrus Jackson, a 1977 alumnus of Savannah State University and a long-time SSU donor, made the donation. The \$100,000 contribution will support the center's initiatives, including student and community workshops, small business development resources and mentorship, and hands-on entrepreneurial training. The center also provides microgrants for entrepreneurial startups for students. The Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship was established in 2021 and has served as a hub for aspiring entrepreneurs, business leaders, and innovators.

Mr. Jackson's renewed support will help ensure the Center's continued success.



# START AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

An endowment is a gift that represents money or other financial assets that are donated through the University Foundation to the University and are meant to be invested to grow the principal and provide additional income for future investing and expenditures.

## **Step 1: Determine Scholarship Fund Type**

Endowed scholarship can be created with gifts totaling a minimum amount of \$25,000, contributed in full at the outset or with an initial commitment that is added to over a period of up to five years until the minimum endowment level of \$25,000 is attained. The principal of the fund is invested to produce income, and an annual award is made to a student(s). The principal remains untouched, so the endowment can last into perpetuity.

## **Step 2: Choose Scholarship Name & Criteria**

As a scholarship donor, you choose the name of the scholarship as well as the criteria. Endowed scholarships are awarded to deserving students based on area of interest, geographical origin, leadership potential, merit, financial need, academic achievement and/or other criteria. The Savannah State University Foundation must agree to any special award conditions established by the donor.

## **Step 3: Administration of Scholarship Fund**

The University and Foundation utilizes Scholarship Universe to administer the review and award of its various scholarships. Selection of the most deserving recipient(s) based on the donor-established criteria determines the award recipients.

The points of contact for the scholarship fund are notified annually when the scholarship recipient(s) has been selected and are informed of the name and hometown of the recipient, as well as the amount of the award. Recipients often write a thank-you note to the donor, and in some cases, the recipient and donor are able to meet.

A portrait of Isaiah Clark, a young Black man with short dark hair, wearing black-rimmed glasses and a dark suit jacket over a white shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a vibrant blue with a bright, glowing light streak on the right side. The text 'MEET ISAIAH CLARK' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

## MEET ISAIAH CLARK

### SSU STUDENT SELECTED FOR AT&T RISING FUTURE MARKERS CLASS OF 2024

Isaiah Clark has been selected as one of 25 members of the AT&T Rising Future Makers Class of 2024. The initiative recognizes and supports students from Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCUs) who are making an impact in their communities and on their campus.

“Our Rising Future Makers program hit a significant milestone this year, helping 100 HBCU students advance their careers and make the valuable connections they need to make impactful change in the world,” said Sabina Ahmed, Assistant Vice President of Sponsorships & Experiential at AT&T. “Through our purpose-driven sponsorships, we continue to champion innovation and growth by connecting the next generation of changemakers with the tools and resources they need to bring their ideas to life.”

A native of Austin, Texas, Clark is pursuing a double major in accounting and computer information systems, logistics and supply chain. Clark is a member of organizations to include, but not being limited to the Savannah State Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Achievers of Today and Tomorrow, Inc. Outside of campus, Clark volunteers with Compassion Church and Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia.





# Thank You

Dear SSU Family and Friends

Thank you for joining us at our Annual Scholarship Gala. Your presence and generous support played a crucial role in furthering our mission to provide life-changing opportunities for our students.

Thanks to your participation, we are able to continue funding scholarships that will empower talented and deserving students to pursue their academic dreams. We are deeply grateful for your involvement and look forward to working together to create even more opportunities for our students in the years to come.

**Total Funds Raised: \$324,472**

*Adrian Scott, VP of University Advancement*





# Save the Dates

## 04.17.26

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**Investiture of the 15<sup>th</sup> President**

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**Annual Scholarship Gala**

*Supporting Student Scholarships*

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# CELEBRATE THE UPROAR

## **LeAndrea Mikell honored as 2025 Emerging Leader by Southeast Georgia Leadership Forum**

The forum is a dynamic two-day event that unites nearly 400 leaders from various sectors. It's mission is to foster the regions collective potential through innovation, collaboration and development of both emerging leaders and established leaders across diverse community segments.

LeAndrea Mikell, a 2013 alumnus, leads SSU's governmental affairs strategy while also cultivating strategic partnerships that enhance its economic development and community engagement efforts.



## **Dr. Tara Cox, Ph.D. named Fuller E. Callaway Professorial Chair**



This coveted award that recognizes professional accomplishments in classroom education and student success. Cox is the second Savannah State University professor to receive this honor after Hanes Walton, Jr. in 1972.

## **SSU's Dr. Cora Thompson publishes children's book**

Dr. Cora Thompson, Dean for the College of Education published her first children's book "Cora and Angel's Furr-tastic Friendship." This book emphasizes literacy and reading comprehension and aligns with the GA Department of Education's House Bill 538.





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## LEGACY SOCIETY

HONORING PLANNED GIFTS THAT SUSTAIN OUR MISSION

Savannah State University launched its legacy society officially in August of 2025. This distinguished group of donors committed to securing the future of Savannah State University has included us in their estate plans to help preserve our rich history and ensure that our mission endures for years to come. Your legacy gift is a powerful expression of your values and belief in the transformative power of a higher education at Savannah State University.

### Membership Eligibility:

- Bequest intention of \$25,000 or more to SSU in your will or trust by an individual or married couple.
- Designate SSU as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or retirement account.
- Establish a charitable gift annuity with SSU.
- Deed your real estate and/or personal property to SSU.

### Membership Benefits:

- Membership does not require any obligations, but it does allow the university to express our gratitude to you for your planned gift. It may inspire others to do the same.
- Recognition in the annual donor honor roll publication once gift is received.
- Receive a legacy coin and certificate of recognition at special luncheon.

**Contact our Gift Planning Officer**, Mr. Johnny McDonald to help you get started at [mcdonaldj@savannahstate.edu](mailto:mcdonaldj@savannahstate.edu) or 912.358.3062. Visit our website at [give.savannahstate.edu/planned-giving](http://give.savannahstate.edu/planned-giving).





# CELEBRATE THE UPROAR

## **SSU Honors Alumni, Community Leaders during 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Gala**

The annual event, which has become one of the city's most celebrated events since the initial fundraiser to restore historic Hill Hall in 1999, now serves as a vital source of support for SSU's scholarship programs. The Gala enables talented and deserving students to pursue their academic goals regardless of financial barriers. This year's gala raised \$327,472.

(L - R): Savannah Feed the Hungry, Richard Shinhoster, Dr. Jermaine Whirl, Huxsie Scott, J.C. Lewis Primary Healthcare, Dr. Percy Mack



## **SSU Professor and Alumna Receive Google “Geo for Good Impact Award”**



Dr. Christopher Hintz, Professor of Marine Science and Emma Hester, Master of Marine Science Graduate received recognized for their groundbreaking research on how light pollution affects sea turtle nesting along the Georgia coast.

## **SSU Alum and Staff, Kareem McMichael featured in Georgia Trend's 40 Under 40**

The annual publication recognizes 40 successful and civic-minded leaders among hundreds of nominations across Georgia. McMichael was nominated for his award-winning film career as well as his dedication to supporting a number of local causes through film. McMichael started his storytelling career early writing his first play in eighth grade.



# SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIC IMPACT

FISCAL YEAR 2024



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INSTITUTIONS,  
INCLUDING SSU, BOOST  
LIFETIME EARNINGS,  
ENHANCE WORKFORCE  
READINESS, AND  
FOSTER HIGH-SKILL  
INDUSTRY GROWTH.

SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY ADDED

## \$164,400,000

TO GEORGIA'S ECONOMY IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

SAVANNAH STATE GENERATED

**\$65.6 M**

IN STUDENT  
SPENDING

**\$60.8 M**

IN PERSONNEL  
SERVICES

**\$37.8 M**

IN OPERATING  
EXPENSES



## 9.3%

SSU'S ECONOMIC  
IMPACT INCREASE  
COMPARED TO  
FY 2023

CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
VITALITY OF THE SOUTHEAST  
GEORGIA REGION TO INCLUDE  
THE COUNTIES OF CHATHAM,  
EFFINGHAM, BRYAN,  
LIBERTY, AND BULLOCH.

THIS REPORT AFFIRMS WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW — THAT  
SAVANNAH STATE IS NOT ONLY EDUCATING FUTURE  
LEADERS, BUT ALSO SERVING AS A POWERFUL ECONOMIC  
ENGINE FOR THE REGION.

DR. JERMAINE WHIRL  
SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

\*DATA ACCORDING TO THE THE SELIG CENTER FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



# STAY CONNECTED

Aug. 18	First Day of Classes
Aug. 30	Season Opener (SSU Football) vs. Edward Waters University
Oct. 23	SSU Foundation, Inc. Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
Oct. 23	Coronation of Miss SSUNAA / Mister & Miss SSU
Oct. 24	Alumni Reunion Breakfast ( <i>Recognizing Class Years 5's &amp; 0's</i> )
Oct. 25	Homecoming City Parade
Oct. 25	Homecoming Kickoff Football Game vs. Morehouse College
Nov. 13	Founder's Day Observance Program
Dec. 2	Giving Tuesday
Dec. 12	Undergraduate & Graduate Commencement Ceremony
Jan. 12	First Day of Classes
Apr. 9	Honors Convocation
Apr. 17	Investiture of the 15 <sup>th</sup> President
Apr. 18	Annual Scholarship Gala
May 8	Undergraduate & Graduate Commencement Ceremony

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