Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier will be installed as the 13th president of Savannah State University (SSU) at 10 a.m. Friday, April 12, at Tiger Arena on the SSU campus. Here, you will find a complete schedule of Inaugural Week activities, which will feature a variety of exciting educational, cultural and community events; the investiture ceremony; and the President’s Inaugural Gala.

We invite you to join the Savannah State community in celebrating this momentous occasion in university history.

Community Day: Saturday, April 6

10 a.m. – 11a.m. – Tiger Stroll, begins at Tiger Arena and ends at Hill Hall

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
   Youth Camps, Tiger Arena
   Music, games, carnival, etc., Alexis Circle
   Guided campus tours by special guests
   Community Health Fair

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Side Walk Art, front of Kennedy Fine Arts

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Art Under the Tent, Kennedy Fine Arts front lawn
   Art sale and exhibition featuring works from community artists such as Phil Starks, sculptor and show curator, basket weaver, Jerome Meadows, Indigo Sky Gallery, Judy Mooney and many more

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. – Three Dimensional Painting, Kennedy Fine Arts, Room 200B
   Led by SSU Professor Brandon Williams; space is limited (ages 6-10 years)
   RSVP to 912-358-3370

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. – Printmaking Workshop, Kennedy Fine Arts, Room 200A
   Led by SSU Professor Nicholas Silberg; space is limited (ages 15+)
   RSVP to 912-358-3370
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. – Puppet Show, Kennedy Fine Arts front lawn
   Anasi, collector of tales, Brother & Sister (Hansel & Gretel retelling), and Why Mosquitoes Buzz in Your Ear

7 – 9 p.m. – Poetry Slam with Red Carpet Concert, Kennedy Fine Arts Auditorium

**Fine Arts Day: Monday, April 8**

10 a.m. - noon – International Collection Exhibit, Kennedy Fine Arts lobby
   Dolls, hats, and artifacts from more than 40 countries will be exhibited by SSU Professor Kevin O'Brien

10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. – A melody of songs by the SSU Chorus, Kennedy Fine Arts lawn

11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. – *Unheard Voices: The Slave Narratives*, Kennedy Fine Arts Theatre
   From the transcripts of the 1930 Federal Writers Project, these are the words of former slaves and the children of former slaves. Presented by the SSU Players by the Sea theatrical troupe

Noon - 12:50 p.m. – *Estuary*, Alexis Circle (rain location: Gordon Library Art Gallery)
   Writers from SSU’s bi-annual publication, *Estuary*, will present original works

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. – King-Frazier Student Center, Elmore Theatre
   Tradicion Latina - this troupe was founded in 2004 in the Hilton Head -Bluffton area in South Carolina, with the idea of preserving, practicing and sharing traditional dances from Mexico and other Latino countries. The troupe consists of middle and high school students from different countries with a common interest for dance and heritage.

   Orgullo Panameno - the Panamanian music and folk dances are brought to life through the vigor, rhythm and colorful influences, and mixture of the cultures. Founded in 1994, the troupe rapidly grew to both children and adult groups who enjoy sharing the splendor of the dance with the public.

2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. – Harmony in the Making by the SSU Chorus, Kennedy Fine Arts chorus room

3 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. – The Observation Project, Kennedy Fine Arts chorus room
   During the fall 2012 semester, English 1101 composition students used a mix of observational and profile writing to capture several watershed moments, such as the re-election of President Obama, homecoming and the Rock N Roll Marathon. During this session, their works will go from page to stage in a modified readers theater, with a few twists and surprises.
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – *Flight* by Charlayne Woodard, Kennedy Fine Arts Theatre
   In 1858, on a plantation in Georgia, a young mother is suddenly sold, leaving behind her husband and their five-year-old son. Based on actual slave narratives, as well as African and African-American folktales, *Flight* celebrates the African-American oral tradition through storytelling, music and dance. Presented by the SSU Players by the Sea

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Exhibition and lecture by Dr. Walter O. Evans, Social Sciences Building Gallery
   The *Legend of John Brown* and *Hiroshima* series by legendary artist Jacob Lawrence. Music provided by SSU Jazz Ensemble

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Contemporary genre works by painter and graphic designer Elroy Williams of Maryland, Social Sciences Building Gallery 2

**Research Day: Tuesday, April 9**

**3rd Annual Research Conference and RIMI Symposium, Tiger Arena and Student Union ballrooms**

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. – Registration and poster set-up; Exhibitor set-up

8 a.m. Judges Orientation, Tiger Area, Multipurpose Room

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. – Opening Remarks, Welcome
   Mr. Phillip Adams, Vice President of University Advancement
   Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier, President
   Dr. Reynold Verret, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
   Dr. Chellu Chetty, Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Keynote Speakers
   Dr. Robert Chalkley, Senior Associate Dean, Vanderbilt University
   Dr. Jamboor Vishwanatha, Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, University of North Texas Health Science Center

9:45 a.m. Introduction of Orals – Dr. Lisa Yount, QEP Director

9:50 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – NIH-NIMHD Research Infrastructure in Minority Institutions Oral Presentations
   Dr. Hua Zhao - Treating HIV-1 and cancers with new compounds from birch bark
Dr. Johnny Johnson - Impact of Weight Reduction on Estrogen and GLP-1 Levels in African American Females

Dr. Sujin Kim and Dr. Deden Rukmana - Identifying Risk Factors Contributing to Obesity in Chatham Co. Neighborhoods

Dr. Tamara Friedrich - Employment as a Cause of Health Disparities and Means for Intervention

10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Poster Presentations and Exhibits by graduate schools and organizations open

12:50 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. – Lunch
   Speakers/judges, Student Union, Event Room A
   Presenters, Tiger Arena, Multipurpose Room

1:50 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Math Jeopardy, Social Sciences Building
   CLASS and/or COBA activity (Tiger Arena)

2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. – Break, refreshments

3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Poster Presentation Awards
   Dr. Lisa Yount, QEP Director

Lecture & Symposium Day: Wednesday, April 10
The African American Experience in Coastal Georgia and South Carolina: A Rich Legacy

9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. – Student Union
   Paper Presentations and Discussion – C. St. Mark and many more
   Intellectual Foundations of Gullah/Geechee Studies

11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. – Lecture, Student Union

2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. – Paper Presentations and Discussion, Student Union
   Drs. M. Mukhtar, David Smith and Otis Johnson

3 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. – Crafts Lecture and Demonstration, Student Union

6 – 8 p.m., Savannah History Museum Auditorium, 303 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Savannah, Ga. 31401

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Community Panel Discussion and Demonstration, Dr. Felicia Bell, Mr. Michael Allen, Mr. Emory Campbell

Preservation of Gullah/Geechee Culture, McIntosh County Shouters

**International Day: Thursday, April 11**

**Savannah State and the World: Preparing Students for Global Citizenship**

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – Forum on Global Citizenship, Student Union, Rooms A & B
   Lectures by Ambassador Amina Salim Ali, representative of the African Union to the USA; Mr. Denis Barbet, General Consul of France in Atlanta; and a scholar from Asia will not only address the importance of global citizenship in this 21st century, but will highlight the way through which one gets involved in global affairs with particular attention to Africa, Asia and Europe

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. – Essay Contest: What Does it Take to Become a Global Citizen, Student Union, Rooms A & B
   Savannah State University students will be given the opportunity to submit an original essay of 500 to 1,000 words addressing the topic “Preparing to be a Global Citizen.” Authors of the top three essays, as determined by the essay contest judge panel, will receive prizes: $100 for first place; $75 for second place; and $50 for third place

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. – Lunch (invitation only), President’s Dining Room, King-Frazier

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – Fashion Show, King-Frazier Student Center, Ballroom
   Hadascha, Haitian fashion designer, will display attires from various countries and her latest designs with the participation of international students, faculty, and staff

6- 9 p.m. – Tastes of the World, Music without Borders, Soweto Street Beat Dancers, King-Frazier Student Center, Ballroom
   The Soweto Street Beat Dancers from South Africa will perform and the public will be given the opportunity to taste dishes and enjoy music from around the world

**Investiture and Gala: Friday, April 12**

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. – Investiture Ceremony, Tiger Arena
Installation of Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier as Savannah State University’s 13th president by the chancellor of the University System of Georgia

7:30 p.m. – President’s Inaugural Gala, Savannah Marriott Riverfront, 100 General McIntosh Blvd., Savannah, Ga. 31401
This elegant evening of celebration and entertainment will feature tributes and toasts honoring Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier. Proceeds will support need-based scholarships for undergraduate students. Individual tickets are $150; tables are $1,500; and sponsorships range from $2,500 to $25,000