



Dreams Fulfilled *Scholarship Gala*

**MISS SAVANNAH JUNETEENTH
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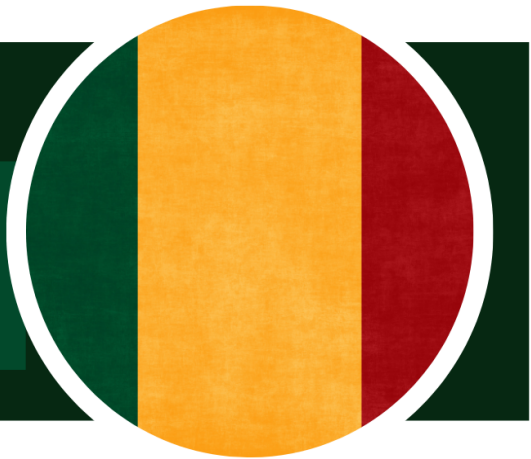
The History of Juneteenth

Juneteenth in Savannah, Georgia, holds a significant place in the city's history, echoing the broader narrative of emancipation and African American freedom in the United States.

Dating back to June 19, 1865, Juneteenth marks the day when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of slavery, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Although the news of emancipation spread slowly across different regions, it eventually reached Savannah, including its vibrant African American community.

In Savannah, Juneteenth became a moment of jubilation and reflection, as newly freed people celebrated their liberation while also recognizing the long road ahead towards true equality. The city's rich African American heritage, dating back to its establishment in 1733, infused Juneteenth celebrations with cultural significance and pride.

Over the decades, Juneteenth gatherings in Savannah evolved into vibrant community events, featuring parades, music, dance, and communal meals, all serving as expressions of resilience and solidarity.



The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s infused new meaning into Savannah's Juneteenth celebrations, as African Americans continued to fight for equal rights and recognition. Juneteenth became a platform for activism and advocacy, with participants using the occasion to demand justice, equality, and an end to systemic racism. Savannah's Juneteenth observances mirrored the larger national movement, reflecting the ongoing struggle for civil rights and social justice.

In recent years, Juneteenth in Savannah has experienced a resurgence, fueled by a renewed interest in African American history and culture. The city's diverse population comes together each year to commemorate Juneteenth, honoring the struggles and triumphs of their ancestors while reaffirming their commitment to building a more equitable society.

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Who Is Chosen For The Arts?



Chosen For The Arts is a dedicated non-profit 501(C)3 organization committed to empowering individuals through the transformative potential of the Fine Arts. Our mission is to ensure that arts and culture are accessible to everyone, fostering a more inclusive and creative community.

As we strive to become a leading educational institution, we focus on integrating educational elements into every aspect of our programming. Our initiatives are designed to broaden community accessibility, comprehension, and engagement in the arts, while also addressing critical needs such as STEAM education, safety, housing, and food security.

Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant

The Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant is more than a competition—it is a transformative empowerment program designed to uplift and celebrate young African American women in our community. It honors the legacy of Juneteenth, celebrates Black excellence, and fosters leadership, confidence, and cultural pride.

Rooted in education and enrichment, the program highlights both the historical significance of Juneteenth and the academic and personal achievements of each participant. Through workshops, mentorship, and community engagement, these young women are encouraged to embrace their heritage, pursue bold aspirations, and develop lifelong skills.

The pageant serves as a powerful platform—one that not only showcases beauty and talent but also inspires the next generation to lead, excel, and thrive. It is a tribute to the resilience of our past and a bold investment in the promise of our future.

Your Support

Donations to the cause play a vital role in fostering educational opportunities and empowerment within our community. Your generous contributions will directly support the advancement of young women through scholarships, enabling them to pursue higher education and achieve their academic goals. These funds will cover educational expenses, including tuition, books, and other related costs, ensuring that each participant has the resources needed to excel in their academic pursuits. By investing in the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant, you are making a meaningful impact on the lives of these talented and driven individuals, empowering them to reach their full potential and contribute positively to our society.



Office of the Mayor Savannah, Georgia

Van R. Johnson, II
Mayor

May 22, 2025



2025 DREAMS FULFILLED SCHOLARSHIP GALA ATTENDEES

WELCOME

Dear Honored Guests:

On behalf of the City of Savannah, it is my distinct honor to welcome you to the 2025 Dreams Fulfilled Juneteenth Scholarship Gala, an inspiring evening that celebrates Black excellence, cultural resilience and the enduring power of legacy building.

Tonight, we honor the sacred legacy of Juneteenth by uplifting the voices, achievements, and futures of those who continue to shape our communities. This Gala is not only a celebration of history, it is an investment in the future. Through the awarding of scholarships, the Dreams Fulfilled Foundation is ensuring that the path forward is paved with opportunity, education, and empowerment for generations to come.

As Mayor of this great city, I am deeply proud of the strides Savannah continues to make in honoring its cultural heritage while building bridges toward a more inclusive future.

Thank you to the organizers, supporters, and scholars who make this evening possible. May it be a night of celebration, inspiration and recommitment to the work of unity and excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Van R. Johnson, II". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Van R. Johnson, II
Mayor

Patricia Perry
Executive Director



Dear Esteemed Guests,

Welcome to the Dreams Fulfilled Scholarship Gala. As the Founder and Director of the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant and the Savannah Juneteenth Fine Arts Festival, it is my sincere honor to say, your presence is not only appreciated—it's a powerful reflection of your support for our contestants, our mission, and the legacy of Juneteenth.

June 19, 1865, marks the day when the news of emancipation finally reached our ancestors in Savannah and throughout Georgia. It was a turning point—one that brought long-overdue freedom and sparked generations of strength, perseverance, and pride. Today, Juneteenth stands as a celebration of that journey: a reminder of how far we've come and how far we must still go.

The past few weeks of the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Pageant program have been filled with growth, leadership, and discovery. To the parents who've entrusted us with their daughters—thank you. It has been a privilege to guide and pour into these young women. We are especially grateful to Gulfstream for serving as our lead sponsor and making our scholarship efforts possible. It is our hope that every participant leaves with knowledge, confidence, and a memory that will last a lifetime.

Tonight, we also proudly recognize our community honorees. Your service, leadership, and love for this city have not gone unnoticed. We are grateful for all you do to uplift Savannah and hope this small tribute reminds you just how valued you are.

In the weeks ahead, I invite you to continue the celebration by joining us for the Savannah Juneteenth Fine Arts Festival. This festival is not only a reflection of our past—it's a commitment to our future, our youth, and our culture.

As we gather in gratitude and celebration, may we remember what's possible when dreams are supported, voices are lifted, and community stands united. Thank you for believing in the vision—and for walking alongside us on this journey toward freedom, equity, and lasting impact.

With heartfelt thanks,

Patricia Perry | Founder & Executive Director

Program

6:30pm-7:30pm VIP Cocktail Hour

Tonight's Entertainment

Dayyll Anderson | Cocktail Jazz Hour

One Spirit Dance Academy | Opening Performance

TG Live Band | Event Entertainment

7:45pm

Main Event Begins

8pm

Opening Remarks | Dinner

8:30pm

Crowning of the 2025 Miss Savannah Juneteenth

Presentation of Awards | Closing Remark

Dance the Night Away!



Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant Contestants



MISS CAYLA GARDNER



MISS AVEA JONES



MISS AMARIAH JONES



MISS SAIYA KING



MISS YTINU MCDONALD



Honorees.

The Blossom

honors and celebrates remarkable achievements and exemplary leadership as a Black woman excelling in her industry. The Blossom Award honors resilience, talent, and unwavering commitment to excellence, serving as a symbol of inspiration and empowerment for our community. Her dedication and success are a testament to the strength and brilliance of women everywhere.



The Vessel of Virtue

honors a remarkable woman whose life reflects both strength and servanthood, boldness and grace. For decades, she has poured into the lives of others—within her own community and far beyond its borders—answering the call to serve wherever there is need. Rooted in ministry, she has offered wisdom, comfort, and guidance to countless individuals and families, becoming a trusted source of support. Her presence is steady and reassuring, never seeking the spotlight, yet always ready to step in. This award is a tribute to her enduring faith, fearless generosity, and the quiet power of a woman who leads by example—leaving light and healing wherever she goes.



The Dream Keeper

honors a visionary leader who creates space for others to grow, succeed, and thrive. With courage, clarity, and compassion, they actively remove barriers and build bridges—opening doors for students and communities through intentional service and bold leadership.

Refusing to be defined by limitations, they press forward with purpose, proving that determination and action can transform futures. Their work is a powerful reminder that when dreams are nurtured with persistence, they become pathways for progress.



Honorees



James Moore

The Path Maker

Award recognizes a man who has cleared the way for others—not by walking the easiest road, but by facing hardship head-on and still choosing to serve. He has beaten the odds not for glory, but to ensure others don't have to start from the same place. In every role he takes, he works to open doors, lift burdens, and move his community forward. What sets him apart is not just what he does, but how he does it—quietly, faithfully, and without the need for applause. He serves in the background, showing up where he's needed most, offering support, guidance, and strength without ever seeking recognition. Despite the challenges he faces, he continues to push through with purpose and determination. The Pathmaker Award is a tribute to his courage, his conviction, and his unwavering commitment to making a way where there once was none—and helping others walk further than he ever had to.

Crown of Triumph



Camille Syed

a distinguished honor presented to an exceptional African American woman who epitomizes grace and sophistication in her daily endeavors. Recognized for her unwavering commitment to mentorship, she exemplifies the qualities of a true lady, guiding and empowering young women to cultivate poise, confidence, and leadership skills. Through her exemplary conduct and dedication to nurturing the next generation, she serves as a beacon of inspiration and guidance, instilling timeless values of elegance and integrity.

SURPRISE HONOREE

Lady Elegance



Anzuli King

presented to a amazing lady in our community who embodies strength, resilience, and a deep commitment to uplifting others. She serves as a powerful role model to the young women of the Miss Savannah Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant, exemplifying the spirit of Juneteenth through her leadership, grace, and dedication to creating a better future for all.

morning break

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at 9AM

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&

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Lady Elegance Mentorship Award

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The King Family



Congratulations,
**ANJULI
KING**



*From all your colleagues,
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Honoring Dr. Quentina Miller-Fields

At the 2025 Juneteenth Scholarship Gala



Savannah-Chatham County Public School System is proud to honor our colleague, Dr. Quentina Miller-Fields.

Dr. Miller-Fields embodies the very spirit of Juneteenth - championing freedom, progress, and the power of community. Her unwavering dedication has not only uplifted those around her, but also shaped the future of our city. Through her leadership, advocacy, and heart for service, she has left an indelible mark on generations to come. As we gather to honor her at this year's "Dreams Fulfilled" Gala, we also celebrate the legacy she continues to build. Our organization, and so many others, have grown stronger by watching, learning from, and walking beside leaders like her.

Dr. Miller-Fields, we thank you. We celebrate you. We are inspired by you.





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Savannah Juneteenth Fine Arts Festival
Committee Members

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Adrian Dillon | Assistant Director

Anjuli King

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Drumming Celebration, Dancers,
Vendor & Volunteer Opportunities Available



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