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Savannah State Dedicates New Academic Building

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(SAVANNAH, GA) Savannah State University (SSU) President Earl G. Yarbrough Sr. dedicated the new Social Sciences Building during a campus ceremony held on May 1 at 11 a.m.

Beginning in the fall of 2009, the \$12.2 million facility will become the home of classrooms and offices for the departments of Social Work, Public Administration and Urban Studies, and Social and Behavioral Sciences, all of which are part of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS). The two-story structure includes 10 classrooms, three auditoriums, four computer labs, a research/observation lab, exhibit area and offices. The architectural design incorporates elements from other Savannah State buildings, such as the Gambrel roof from historic Hill Hall, which helps to unify the upper and lower sections of the campus.

Lott+Barber Architects of Savannah designed the 48,000 SF classroom building, which was built by Holder Construction based in Atlanta, Ga. With the addition of the Social Sciences Building, the total number of academic buildings on campus increases to 11.

Dignitaries cut the ribbon to the new Social Sciences Building. Pictured in the center are (left to right) Dr. Jane M. Gates, dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; Mrs. Regina Thomas, former state senator; Dr. Mary C. Wyatt, vice president for Academic Affairs; Dr. Shirley McDuffie, president of the SSU National Alumni Association; Dr. Earl G. Yarbrough Sr., president; and Senator Lester Jackson.



The Social Sciences Building prior to the dedication ceremony.

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