



Savannah Classical Academy's African-American History Symposium honored with award

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Savannah Classical Academy received the 2018 Committee for the Promotion of Latin (CPL) Award for Outstanding Promotional Activity in Schools at the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS) Committee for the Promotion of Latin business meeting.

The academy is a K-12 public charter school accepting enrollment for 11th grade for the next school year.

The award was based on its February Savannah Symposium "African-American History and Liberal Education: A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of William Sanders Scarborough." Nationally-known speakers included Otis Johnson, former mayor of Savannah and scholar in residence at Savannah State University; Patrice Rankine, dean and professor at the University of Richmond; and Michele Ronnick, professor at Wayne State University.

William Sanders Scarborough is thought to be the first African-American classical scholar. He is the author of the text, Classical Greek, that was widely used in the 19th century.

"This award is a great honor. We are so pleased that our students had such an interesting academic symposium that was in celebration of a key influencer in classical education," said Benjamin Couch Payne, director of Savannah Classical Academy. "All of us at Savannah Classical put a great amount of work into the Savannah Symposium on African American History to help students have a lasting impression of Scarborough's teachings."

The school offers a classical education devoted to teaching liberal arts and science—including Latin—as well as instruction in principles of moral character and civic virtue.

According to a SAT score studies, students with knowledge of Latin score significantly higher across all sections of the SAT. Through its commitment to Latin, among other classic courses, Savannah Classical Academy prepares its students for success after graduation and to become knowledgeable and virtuous young people.

CPL works to encourage and support all activities that promote the study of classics and of Latin inside and outside the classroom. This is the 20th year the award has been given. Prior recipients include outstanding schools and colleges in several states, including Arizona, Indiana, Louisiana and North Carolina. Savannah Classical Academy is the second school in Georgia to receive the award.