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## **Hardin Construction Company Completes Phase 1 of Major Student Housing Expansion at Savannah State University**

**SAVANNAH, GA** (Aug. 11, 2011) — Historic, newly renovated Camilla Hubert Hall is joining two new residence halls in welcoming freshmen students to modern campus living at Savannah State University this fall.

Hardin Construction Company, LLC recently completed and turned over the three student-housing facilities to the university, immediately adding 357 beds to accommodate Savannah State's rapidly escalating student population.

Camilla Hubert Hall (78 beds) and the new residence halls, Tiger Pointe (106 beds) and Tiger Place (173 beds), make up the first phase of a \$24 million freshman-housing complex initiative. Each of the buildings offers one- and two-bedroom units, and amenities that include laundry facilities, lounge areas and keyless entry systems.

"Hardin Construction Company was impressive in designing and building critical facilities for us under an extremely tight schedule, and in accomplishing the job safely and without interruption to the daily business and rhythm of our campus," said Dr. Irvin R. Clark, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Camilla Hubert Hall—completed in 1938 as a residence for 150 female students and last renovated in the 1970s to house married and graduate students before officials took it out of service in 1998—will serve as a co-ed residence for freshmen honors students.

### **Reviving History**

Hardin Construction has begun work on an additional residence hall and the renovation of two other historic buildings—Adams and Morgan Halls. This Phase 2 of the project will provide nearly 300 additional beds by early 2012.

Camilla Hubert, Adams and Morgan Halls are all located on Savannah State's historic Alexis Circle.

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Not uncommon with the renovation of historic buildings, the three-story Camilla Hubert greeted construction crews with a few surprises. For example, floor joists were in various stages of disrepair, creating bowed and uneven surfaces throughout the building. Workers replaced some joists completely, and, in other sections of the building, installed sister joists to provide reinforcement or level out the flooring. Unusually thick and bulky corridor walls presented another challenge. To address this, crews created recessed entryways to room doors, and alcoves inside the rooms.

“I applaud both the expertise and the sensitivity that Hardin and HADP, the project architect, exhibited while working with us to transform Camilla Hubert Hall into a modern residence hall that also gives expression to the historical character of Alexis Circle and the university,” Dr. Clark said.

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