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**Alabama A&M Grad and Huntsville Lawmaker Welcomes  
Trinidadian General Consul to Alabama  
SilverStone International Brings Multinational Guests to 2007 Futbol Internacional**

**(Huntsville, AL)** – The Honorable Gerard Greene, the Consul General to the United States for the Caribbean island nation of Trinidad and Tobago, is coming to Huntsville to cheer on his country's national women's soccer team – and make business connections – during 2007 Futbol Internacional.

Greene is the guest of businesswoman Nichelle Gainey, whose company SilverStone International is working with the Alabama Youth Soccer Association to bring the soccer festival to six cities across Alabama, including Huntsville. Futbol Internacional is one of the world's largest women's soccer events outside of the Olympics and the World Cup.

Also State Rep. Laura Hall, D-Madison, will also host Greene and officially welcome him to the City of Huntsville during his two-day stay in Alabama.

Greene will watch T&T's women's team, the Soca Princesses, at Alabama A&M's Football Stadium on April 24 as they play against the USA's Under-21 national team. University of Alabama at Birmingham student Nadine Liverpool – a player on its championship women's soccer team whose parents are from the Caribbean island country – will play for T&T's national team

Gainey says SilverStone International builds community and business ties between Alabama and South Africa and other countries. She cultivated her connections as a member of the 2010 World Cup Organizing Committee for South Africa. She was also named by the head of the South African Football Association to help the group plan for its hosting of that country's premiere sporting event.

"I am committed to using sports to bring ambassadors, businessmen and other dignitaries from around the world to see our state and develop opportunities for businesses in Alabama," Gainey said.

Futbol Internacional 2007 is April 22-28 with national women's teams from Argentina, Canada, China and Mexico as well as Trinidad & Tobago and the USA's team. The event will pump more than \$2.84 million into six Alabama cities, all while further polishing the state's image internationally.

The festival starts in Birmingham's historic Legion Field, home of the 1996 Olympic Soccer matches, with opening ceremonies and double-header games. Soccer matches will be and April 26 at the Jack Allen Soccer Stadium in Decatur, as well as games in Montgomery and Tuscaloosa. It will end with triple-header finals, including the championship match, in Mobile's Baker High School stadium.

Proceeds from 2007 Futbol Internacional will help the Alabama Youth Soccer Association's Olympic development scholarship fund. In addition, proceeds will be used to expand soccer outreach programs to underserved children in the Black Belt, in conjunction with Governor Bob Riley's Black Belt Action Committee, and to inner-city youths.

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*2007 Futbol Internacional sponsors include SilverStone International – which is also organizing the event with AYSA – and Buffalo Rock, Subway, the Jefferson County Commission, the Mobile County Commission and the Alabama Tourism Department.*

*Other sponsors include: Brookwood Medical Center, Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Clinic of Alabama, D1 Sports Training, the Alabama Small Business Development Consortium, Baumhower's Restaurant, Ready Mix USA, Office Furniture USA, Latino News, Radio Centro, KPI Latino, the Greater Birmingham Convention & Visitors Bureau, the City of Birmingham, and the City of Mobile.*

*General admission tickets are \$16 per person; children under age 4 are admitted for free. Purchase tickets and get more detailed game information online at the soccer festival website, <http://www.2007futbolinternacional.com/>.*

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