



# 8 To Watch In '08

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Ever since a squad of consultants descended on Charlotte in 2005 telling city officials they needed to create a hip environment to lure members of the so-called creative class (read: upwardly mobile young people), entrepreneurs and civic leaders have been trying to scientifically isolate the city's "cool" gene.

Several of those people hope to change the vibe of the central city this year.

Those visionaries, trends and trend-makers comprise **Eye's** Eight to Watch in '08.

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## #3. Janine Davis

Janine Davis is one Charlottean who really walks her talk – and that's saying a lot for someone who makes her living talking on the radio.



We've often listened to her shoot the breeze with **No Limit Larry** on **Power 98's Morning Maddhouse**, but Davis is also someone to watch in '08.

Early last year, **Pride Magazine** honored Davis with its **Youth Empowerment Award** for her work with the **Girl Talk Foundation**, an organization she founded to help motivate young girls to stay focused.

Then, in September, she took time out of her schedule to travel to Louisiana for the **Jena 6 racial violence protest**.

Is she planning to rest on her laurels this year? Not a chance.

"My hope is that **Girl Talk** will reach even more girls in the coming year, especially in rural areas," says the downtown dweller.

Another goal for her is to keep Charlotteans up on the possibilities central city offers. "As a radio personality, a big part of my job is keeping the public informed. So, I plan to personally stay in the know."

Davis, 41, would like to see it continue striving for cultural diversity. "I think creating more social and business opportunities in central city that attract more diverse crowds would be a great next step."



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