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ABAC Administrators Visit Mexico for GA Project

Interim President Tom Call and High School Equivalency Program (HEP)/College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) Coordinator Javier Gonzales of Abraham Baldwin traveled to Mexico recently for a look at the Georgia Project's Summer Institute.

"We met with University of Monterrey faculty in the academic areas involved with the project, as well as the graduates who come to Georgia as tutors and paraprofessionals to help out our teachers," Call said.

The Institute, held at the University of Monterrey, brings public school teachers in the state of Georgia together with graduates of the University of Monterrey.

Georgia teachers learn about different ways to handle the education needs for the growing population of Hispanic communities within the state. Lois Moon, ABAC's HEP teacher, attended this three-week session.

In exchange, graduates from the University of Monterrey travel to Georgia and work in the public school system to help bridge the gap between teachers and their Hispanic students and parents.

"The single biggest part of the program is the Monterrey teachers that come into the public schools," Call said. "They are able to work with the students, their parents, and the teacher to be sure each child's educational needs are met.

"ABAC has some well-established programs for Hispanics here on campus, and this program will help complement these by extended similar services to the community."

Erwin Mitchell, a retired legislator and lawyer, brought this program to the attention of Georgia's congressional delegation. ABAC received \$250,000 for its portion of the Georgia Project.

Also attending with Call and Gonzales were staff members for Congressman Sanford Bishop, Senator Johnny Isakson, Senator Saxby Chambliss, and Congressman Nathan Deal.



ABAC's Interim President Tom Call and HEP/CAMP Program Coordinator Javier Gonzales journeyed to Mexico to view the Georgia Project's summer institute. Pictured are Tricia Chastain, staff member for Senator Johnny Isakson; Dr. Mickey McNeil, Georgia Project Board Member; Ellis Chaplin, staff member for Representative Nathan Deal; Sharon Richter, staff member for Representative Sanford Bishop; Gonzales; Debbie Cannon, staff member for Senator Saxby Chambliss; State Representative Tom Dickson, Georgia Project Board member; and Call on the campus of the University of Monterrey.

Fall Faculty & Staff Conference August 17

The ABAC faculty and staff fall conference will be held on Aug. 17. The workshop is titled *Student Success: We All Make it Happen*.

The morning will begin with a continental breakfast from 8-8:30 in the lobby of the Cordell Conference Room. The opening session will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Cordell Conference Room and will feature a welcome from Interim President Tom Call, the introduction of new faculty and staff, and updates of interest to all. Call will also speak about *Focusing on Student Success*.

One of the highlights of the morning lineup will be a seminar on *Identity Theft* presented by Stan Gatewood beginning at 10:45.

In lieu of an evening social, lunch will be provided at no charge in the Donaldson Dining Hall from 11:30 am.-1 p.m.

Concurrent sessions on a variety of topics will be available for faculty and staff during the afternoon.

Make your plans to attend, and get your fall semester off to a fabulous start!

Board of Regents to Make Choice On Interim Chancellor This Week

Board of Regents Chair J. Timothy Shelnut announced last week that the board would take formal action on appointing an interim chancellor for the University System of Georgia at its regularly scheduled August board meeting set for Tuesday and Wednesday.

In addition, the board is considering a fast-tracked timeline for the national search for a new chancellor, one that would identify a new chancellor within a 90 to 120-day period, and have the individual prepared to assume the post no later than Jan. 1. The chairman said that Baker-Parker, the selected executive search firm, has assured the board's Executive Committee that they can meet the ambitious timeline.

Shelnut and the Board of Regents' Executive Committee have indicated their desire to have an interim chancellor work side-by-side with current chancellor Thomas Meredith prior to his departure, to facilitate a smooth and seamless transition.

"We intend to select an internal candidate for the interim position who is very familiar with the University System's staff and campus leaders, as well as the inner workings of the Board of



Chancellor Thomas Meredith, pictured here at the grand opening of ABAC Place, is leaving his post with the Board of Regents this fall.

Regents," Shelnut stated. "By tapping someone from within, this individual will be able not only to assist with the day-to-day responsibilities, but also readily provide leadership in this critical role."

Meredith is leaving Georgia to become the Commissioner of Higher Education for the State Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi. He will assume his new duties this fall. Meredith has served as Chancellor since Jan. 2, 2002.

ABAC Orientations Begin August 15

Three orientation sessions for the fall term at ABAC begin Aug. 15.

The evening orientation session for the Tifton campus is on Aug. 15 from 4–9 p.m. in the Ag Sciences building. ABAC offers 48 different classes for this fall's evening curriculum.

On Aug. 16, ABAC on the Square in Moultrie will hold its registration and orientation session beginning at 4 p.m. ABAC on the Square offers 51 classes for the fall term.

An orientation on Aug. 18 is scheduled for all entering freshmen attending ABAC in the fall. There is an orientation fee of \$30, and pre-registration is encouraged. Students who have not paid the orientation fee must be at the J. Lamar Branch Student Center at 8:30 a.m. Those who have already paid can report at 9:30 a.m.

Registration for other new and returning students will take place on Aug. 19 beginning at 9 a.m. This applies to all returning students who did not pre-register in spring, new students needing to register, and students who have to take placement tests on Aug. 18.

All first-time entering freshmen must attend one of the orientation sessions. This is the final round of orientations prior to the start of classes on Aug. 22.

ABAC Golf Team Ready to Start New Season in September

After a 10-year absence from the campus, Abraham Baldwin has a new golf program that is ready to begin its fall season in September.

The team is coached by Herb Hendrix, a staff member for the Division of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Hendrix has been playing golf since he was 21-years-old and has instructed many students over the years.

"We have some great golfers," said Hendrix of his team. He said the team includes the top high school golfer from Oregon, Keegan Mason, and the number one ranked junior golfer in northern Spain, Samuel Del Val Onaederra.

Other team members include Mitch Baxley and Josh Carter from Nahunta; Rich Crumpton from Thomaston; Cason Devane from Swainsboro; Rich Ellis and Martin Linear of Tifton; Scott Ludwick from Fitzgerald; Ryan Smith of Thomas-



Golf returns to ABAC this fall. The team, coached by Herb Hendrix, will use ABAC's Forest Lakes Golf Course for practice.

ville; and Ryan Willis from Griffin.

Hendrix's 11 golfers will use ABAC's own Forest Lakes Golf Course as their practice course and Spring Hill Country Club's course for matches. "We hope to host a tournament at Spring Hill or Sun-sweet Country Club," Hendrix said.

Some of the tournaments scheduled for the fall season are at Georgia South-

western Sept. 10–12 and at the Andrew College Fall Collegiate Tournament on Oct. 8. The end of the season tournament will be held at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Ala., beginning Nov. 10.

"Darton College will be the toughest golf team to beat," Hendrix said. "They are ranked number one in the nation in the junior college division. Georgia Military College also has a good team. I think that we will be in the hunt, assuming the boys play as well as they are

capable of playing."

Hendrix said his main goal is to recruit golfers in Tift County and the state of Georgia. Women are more than welcome to be a part of the team as well. "I would strongly encourage anyone who wants to participate in the program to come by," Hendrix said.



ABAC Place is Full

For the second year in a row, all 835 private bedrooms are filled at the \$32 million ABAC Place apartments.

Student Life and Housing Director Bernice Hughes said a waiting list of almost 200 names has been established. No more names will be added to the list for fall semester.

“As soon as a room becomes available at ABAC Place, we will move a student off the waiting list into an apartment,” Hughes said. “We have provided a list of apartments in town to many students. If anyone has an apartment to rent, we’d like to know.”

Hughes said any person who has a place to rent can call the ABAC Housing Office at 391-5140.

ABAC Interim President Tom Call said the case for additional housing at the college becomes stronger every day.

“This will be our second fall semester with the apartments, and we’ve had a waiting list both years,” Call said. “We have already made some preliminary plans as to the location of another site for housing on the campus.”

ABAC Place is filled to capacity for the second year in a row. Two hundred students who are on a waiting list are hoping for a room as well. ABAC students living in the complex have enjoyed the apartment-style atmosphere.

The Georgia Project, ABAC Sponsor Steps to College

The Georgia Project, a community-based non-profit located in Dalton, and ABAC provided funding for the second annual Steps to College summer program. ABAC hosted 19 Hispanic/Latino students from June 19–July 1.

Students participated in academic classes taught by Tift County Board of Education teachers Ian Crawley, Laurie Diffie, Stacy Jones, and Debbie Salter.

Steps exposed students to cultural experiences and Challenge Course Adventures at St. Simons Island’s Epworth by the Sea. Swimming and fun followed at Jekyll Island’s Summer Waves. Other student activities during the two-week residential stay included guest lecturer Lt. Billy Purcell, from the ABAC Police, and science experiments conducted by Dr. Luz Marti, USDA scientist.

ABAC students Ellis Washington, III, SGA President, and Ernesto Ortiz Ariza, Ambassador, spoke with students on the importance of leadership. At the end of the camp, students presented science projects from lessons learned in the study of chemistry from the periodic table of elements.

Staff included Vonda Fenn, Workshop Coordinator; Javier Gonzalez, Program Administrator; Penny Chesnut,



Steps to College participants pictured (front row, 1 to r) Jessica Lopez, Lidia Rodriguez-Sanchez, Denisse Arreguin, Perla Garcia, Yolanda Rodriguez, Marixza Melchor, Lucero Rodriguez, Anabel Cruz, Anna Cruz, Dr. Doris Roundtree, Director; (second row, 1 to r) Alex Salazar, Alma Salazar, Ivan Collazo, Jaime Nateras; (back row, 1 to r) Miguel Carranza Jr., Luis Estrada, Jesus Mundo, Jorge Arreguin, Gilberto Rivera, Salvador Cardoso, Victor Castillo and Cesar Nateras.

Activities Coordinator; Alma and Alex Salazar, CAMP Counselors; Omar Garcia (volunteer counselor); and Dr. Doris Roundtree, CAMP Coordinator.

The Steps to College staff and participants wish to thank ABAC and The Georgia Project for sponsoring this program.



Regular Hours Resume August 15

Summer hours will end at ABAC on Aug. 12. The college will return to the regular 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule Monday through Friday on Aug. 15. Business casual dress (no jeans) will still be allowed on Fridays.

Note of Thanks

The Regents' Test was administered on July 11 and 12 to a total of 147 students (22 in Moultrie). Thanks to the following who helped with the test: Joyce Willis, Annie Sims, Arlene Bailey, Phyllis Kester, Kay Powell, Keisha Gay, Ellen Resta, Scott Jackson, Jack Larry and Anita Williams.

Dr. Maggie Martin



ABAC Class Available in Sylvester This Fall

An Introduction to Psychology class will be offered in Sylvester at ABAC in the Park by Abraham Baldwin when fall semester classes begin Aug. 22.

Anyone who is not currently enrolled at ABAC must apply for admission to the college before registering for the class. Prospective students can obtain an application by contacting the Admissions Office at 391-5001 or by visiting the ABAC web site at www.abac.edu.

Introduction to General Psychology (PSYC 1101) will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 9:05 p.m. at the Worth County Governmental Building, located on Highway 82 in Sylvester.

For more information about the class or admission to ABAC, contact the admissions office at 391-5001.

Celebrating Birthdays

August

- 1 Jo Ann Paulk
- 3 Bobbie Robinson
- 3 Donna Sledge
- 3 Lyn Smith
- 5 Philip Shippey
- 6 Beth Thornton
- 9 Jewrell Rivers
- 10 Geoff Clement
- 10 Sandra Grimsley
- 10 Kay Weeks
- 10 Eugene Wyles
- 11 Jimmy Felton
- 11 Barbara Wood
- 12 Tim Carter
- 12 Sharry Sackor



President Meets The Parents

Interim President Tom Call answers a question from a group of parents at the July Orientation session in the dining hall. The final orientation prior to the start of the fall term will be held Aug. 18.

Next FOCUS August 15

The next issue of the FOCUS will be emailed on Aug. 15. Send information for this edition to pleonard@abac.edu by noon on Aug. 11.

ABAC Family

Tom Call and Mike Chason gave an update on ABAC to the Tift County Rotary Club on July 19.

Dr. Maggie Martin administered the Test of Spoken English to seven students on July 9.

Dr. Ed Seagle had an article entitled "Characteristics of the Turfgrass Industry in 2020" published in the July/August issue of *Through The Green*, a publication of the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Gregory B. Moye, Jr. graduated ABAC in May 2005 with an A.A.S. in Golf Turf Management and is currently Second Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at Green Island Country Club in Columbus. His article entitled *Student Study Guide to a Successful Superintendent Career* was published in the July/August issue of *Through The Green*, a publication of the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Care & Concern

Ernest Kelly's son, Steven, is recuperating after undergoing surgery last week at Wellstar Cobb Hospital. Steven is 16. Please keep Steven and the family in your thoughts and prayers. Also, please continue to remember Mandy Vassey as she receives radiation treatments.

Calendar of Events

Friday, August 5

6 p.m.—Rowe/Hipps Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

Saturday, August 6

7 p.m.—Rowe/Hipps Wedding (Chapel)

Tuesday, August 9

6 p.m.—Hunter Safety (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Friday, August 12

6 p.m.—Brown/Jones Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

4 p.m.—Brown/Jones Wedding (Chapel)

5 p.m.—Brown/Jones Wedding Reception (Dining Hall)

6 p.m.—Run for Love (ABAC Campus)

Sunday, August 14

1 p.m.—Hunter Safety (Cordell Conf. Room B)

Monday, August 15

8:30 a.m.—New Faculty Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)

4 p.m.—Evening New Student Orientation (Ag Sciences Bldg.)

6 p.m.—Hunter Safety (Cordell Conf. Room B)