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## New Health Sciences Building Dedication Scheduled for 11 a.m. on September 20

The official dedication ceremony for the new Health Sciences Building at ABAC will be held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 20. The building opened for classes on Aug. 21.

The 41,424 square foot, \$7.2 million building is serving two functions at the college. The building is the site for classrooms and clinical labs for nursing students and houses the student health center for everyone on the ABAC campus.

The classrooms and labs make up three-fourths of the building's space, leaving the remainder for the student health center.

Eight classrooms are located in the new building, including two that seat 100 students each. Four general labs and three small specialty labs are also a part of the building. Offices for Nursing and Health Services Division Chair Wanda Golden and her faculty are also located in the building.

The Health Sciences building is located on the site formally occupied by Creswell Hall and the Moore Building.



The new Health Sciences Building opened with the start of fall term classes, but the official dedication ceremonies for the building will be held on Sept. 20.

## First Tuesday Concert Series Begins Tonight

The first concert of the semester in the First Tuesday Performance Series will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. Dr. Susan Roe, professor of voice, is the series coordinator. ABAC faculty and staff will be featured in the concert.

Individual tickets for the performance may be purchased at the door. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. ABAC students are admitted free with ID. Patrons of the Arts and Entertainment Series can also attend at no charge.

This is the fourth year that in conjunction with each First Tuesday performance

an art exhibit will be in the Music Building adjacent to the Chapel. It will feature paintings, drawings, and two-dimensional designs by ABAC students. The exhibit will be open for viewing before and after the concert.

**Wayne P. Jones**, a bass-baritone, will perform Bach's *Solo Cantata for Bass* from **Ich habe genug**. Handel's **Sonata V** and Mozart's **Concerto in D Major** will be performed by flutist **Sherri Wyles Grabowski**. **Roe**, a soprano, will sing *O Divine Redeemer* by Gounod and *Nel cor piu mi sento* from La Molinara.

**Don Coates**, Director of Bands at

ABAC, will perform two selections on the trumpet. The first piece is *Sonata for Trumpet* and Strings by Henry Purcell, followed by *Canonic Sonata No. 1* by Georg Philipp Telemann.

The concert will conclude with a **Eugene Wyles** piece for the saxophone titled *Lover Man* by Jimmy Davis, Roger Ramirez, and Jimmy Sherman.

For more information on the Series, contact Roe at 391-4943.



## Felton Honored With State FFA Degree

Jimmy Felton, ABAC's environmental horticulture technician, was recently awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree.

The Georgia FFA Association *Convention Review* said "Mr. Felton is quick to volunteer his time to conduct or judge FFA CDEs. He provides plant and tool samples for FFA events, and helps prepare and teach staff development workshops for agricultural education teachers.....he is a wonderful ambassador for ABAC, the horticulture industry and agriculture in Georgia."

Felton is co-advisor of the ABAC Horticulture Club and is a member of the Georgia Green Industry and the Georgia Golf Course Superintendent's Association.



## Doss Wins Monthly High Five

*President David Bridges congratulates Brenda Doss on receiving the August High Five Award. She is the Administrative Associate in the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs. She was nominated for her efforts in preparation for the Fall Conference and New Faculty Orientation. Doss was also one of the key staff members who assisted in the coordination of the Freshman Convocation and Presidential Inauguration.*

## Enrollment at 3,600

Figures released by the Registrar's Office at ABAC show the total headcount for fall semester 2006 is 3,600 students before roster verification of classes. This is a dramatic leap for the college compared to last year's enrollment of 3,423 students.

"This will definitely be the biggest growth in the college's history," Beth Saxon, Registrar and Director of Admissions, said.

Not only has the overall population of the students increased, specific areas in student population have expanded as well. This year 1,207 new freshmen are at ABAC, as compared to last year's number of 1,056. New freshmen are students who have less than 30 transferable credit hours.

## UGA Transfer Info Available Wednesday

ABAC students who want to transfer to the University of Georgia in Tifton or the main campus in Athens after their ABAC careers are over should attend an application and information night on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Room 169 of the ABAC Ag Sciences Building.



Free pizza will be provided. UGA representatives from the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and the Warnell School of Forestry will be available to answer questions. For information, call 386-3528.

## Baldwin Players Auditions Next Week



Auditions for ABAC's fall play, "Never Runs Smooth", will be held Sept. 11 - 12 at 7 p.m. in Conger Hall, Room 319.

Baldwin Players Director

John Galyean said the play is about love and its problems as dealt with by William Shakespeare in his plays. The characters in the play are from all walks of life and are various ages, but have one common thread - a love for action, stories, and language of Shakespeare.

Dr. Brian Ray, Assistant Professor of English and Writing Center Coordinator, will be writing the dialogue as well as creating the original characters.

Galyean, Associate Professor of Speech and Theater, said, "I'm thrilled to have a collaborator. It's fantastic to see the characters being molded by his creativity.

"The whole point of this play is to demystify Shakespeare and impress upon the audience that Shakespeare can be enjoyed by everyone."

Auditions are not exclusive to ABAC students and personnel. They are open to the entire community. The Baldwin Players will perform the fall production Nov. 9 - 11.



Dawn Davis is the Records Coordinator II in the Office of Enrollment Services. She has been a part of the ABAC family since 2004.

Her duties involve helping students with the enrollment process, including collecting admissions applications, helping in the registration process, and being a part of the orientation and registration sessions each term.

She attended ABAC from 1990-1992 and then went on to Valdosta State University where she received her Bachelor's of Education degree in Early Childhood Education.

She loves to watch football, especially games that her 13-year-old stepson, Andrew, plays in. She also has a 17-year-old step-daughter, Kristin. She is married to Richard Davis, who works for the Georgia Department of Transportation.



## Faculty/Staff Luncheons Every Thursday

The weekly faculty/staff luncheons at the Donaldson Dining Hall are back! Meet your friends for lunch in the new and improved dining hall. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Go through the regular line and then join your compadres in the Magnolia Room. The cost is \$5.75 per person or \$5.50 using Dining Dollars.

The Thursday menu includes the salad bar, fresh pizza, the grill, deli bar, fried chicken, BBQ chicken, cornbread stuffing, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, jalapeno cornbread muffins,

cauliflower cheese soup, and a variety of desserts.

The dining hall is also open to any ABAC employee for any meal. The hours of operation are 7:30 – 10 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for lunch, and 5 – 7:30 p.m. for dinner Monday – Thursday; 7:30 – 10 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. for lunch on Friday; and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. for brunch.

For more information on the faculty and staff lunch, contact Dining Hall Director Kurt Hoffman at 391-5170.

## Financial Aid Staff Wins High Five

The Financial Aid Office staff was last week's High Five winner.

**Traci Bryan, Ryan Myers, Sherin Nixon, Margie Senkbeil and Lyn Smith** were nominated by



Jenelle Handcox who said, "The entire financial aid office staff dedicated many overtime hours, including 10+ hour work days and weekends, to process paperwork for ABAC students enrolling Fall Semester 2006. For almost the entire month of August, the staff contended with countless phone calls, emails and voice mail messages.

"Furthermore, for the past two weeks, the reception area in the office has been filled to capacity and beyond. The staff assisted these student and parent visitors, callers and e-mailers without complaining and, all the while, realizing that this barrage is just the 'nature of the beast' of working in financial aid at this time of year. My kudos to the staff for their long hours and dedicated efforts on behalf of the students of ABAC."

Nominate someone you know who has gone above and beyond for next week's High Five Award.

## Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Anita Hobbs whose father, Vergil Haman, passed away on Aug. 31. Please keep this family in your prayers.

## Calendar of Events

### Tuesday, September 5

- 11 a.m.—Student Support Services Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 7 p.m.—First Tuesday Concert (Chapel)

### Wednesday, September 6

- 11:30 a.m.—Plant Operations (Magnolia Room)
- 7 p.m.—CAB Show: Recycled Percussion (Dining Hall)

### Thursday, September 7

- 11 a.m.—Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 7 p.m.—CAB Event: The Ultimate Roadtrip (Cordell Conf. Room A/B)
- 6 p.m.—Career Forum (Cordell Conf. Room C)

### Saturday, September 9

- 8 a.m.—Hunter Safety (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 9 a.m.—Gideons Auxiliary Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

### Sunday, September 10

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

## Thank You

To my ABAC Family,

*I am humbled and awed by the outpouring and demonstration of your care and concern during my father-in-law's surgery, hospitalization, stroke, and death. Thank you for everything: your thoughts, prayers, cards, e-mails, calls, visits, flowers, and food. Mere words could not do justice to express my appreciation for having such a wonderful ABAC family. I am truly blessed. May God multiply and return the blessings to you.*

*Sincerely,  
Amy Willis*

## Career Forum Thursday

A Health and Physical Education Career Forum will be held Thursday in the Cordell Conference Room, Section C, from 6–8 p.m.

The forum will discuss topics such as starting salary, training requirements and skills needed for a career in health and physical education. Participants will also gain a better understanding about the profession.

Careers in this field include physical therapy, sports medicine, massage therapy, exercise physiology, speech therapy, and family medicine. Professionals will be on hand to talk about these specific areas and many others.

Food will be provided and door prizes will be awarded at the forum. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

## Celebrating Birthdays



### September

6 John Galyean	8 Shawn Cox	9 Herb Hendrix
6 Deborah Pyles	8 Diane Jackson	10 John Farrar
8 Patricia Barber	8 Joy Shurley	10 Eddie Seagle

