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Three Receive Presidential Scholarships At ABAC

Three students have received the first ever Presidential Scholarships at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College for the 2008-2009 academic year.

ABAC President David Bridges said Jessica Ashley Kalina from Griffin High School, Colton Farrow from Wilcox County High School, and Jeremy Tanner Newhouse from Warner Robins High School will begin using the prestigious scholarships when they enroll for the first day of classes at ABAC on Aug. 18.

With input from several groups, the ABAC administration identified three particularly deserving students from across Georgia to receive these scholarships, which were made possible through the combined efforts of the ABAC Foundation and key supporters of the college.

"The Presidential Scholarship Program was initiated as a model system designed to enhance recruiting power and hence the admission of highly deserving students to ABAC," Bridges said. "We looked for students who will

make the ABAC of the future even better than the ABAC of today."

Kalina was a two-time Governor's Honors nominee, a Global Achievers' nominee and the recipient of the National Leadership Merit Award, the All American Scholars Award, and the International Foreign Language Award.

She finished second in the Griffin High School science fair and was a member of the National Junior Classical League, the Latin Honors Society, Key Club International, the National Beta Club, and the Interact Club. Kalina plans to major in Animal Science.

Active in FFA his entire high school career, Farrow serves as the 2008-09 state president of the organization. He has served as Sentinel, Chaplain, Vice President and President of his local chapter. He was also a member of the Livestock Judging, Dairy Judging, and Ag Communications teams.

A Governor's Honors Program participant, Farrow was president of the Wilcox County Beta Club and was

named to the National Honor Roll. He played football and baseball during all four years of high school. Farrow plans to major in Animal Science.

Newhouse is a former Chapter Treasurer and Chapter President of the Warner Robins High School FFA. He was a Governor's Honors' Program participant and attended the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Forum, the Beta Club, and the Student Council.

Bridges said Newhouse has already proven his ability to succeed in college by taking classes through the ACCEL program at Georgia Military College. Newhouse plans to major in Forest Resources.

"ABAC is on the move," Bridges said. "We have an all time record enrollment, new student housing, and brand new four-year degrees which we offer on our campus. I believe Jessica, Colton, and Jeremy will be very positive additions to our student body."



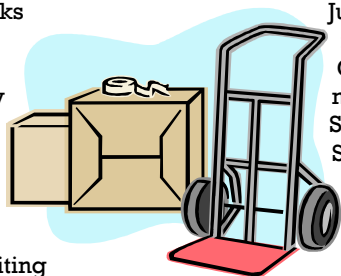
Dollars For Tift Hall

ABAC President David Bridges talks to a WALB-TV news team last Monday night on the announcement that \$6 million will be included in the state budget for the rehabilitation of the three buildings on the front of the ABAC campus.

Moving Tradition Continues in Carlton & Conger

Get out your map... the annual summertime switching of offices from one building to another has begun.

If you are looking for Dr. Don Parks and the Student Success Center, check out the area on the ground floor of the Carlton Center, formerly occupied by the Commons and prior to that was the Cordell Conference Room. The Compass Testing Center is now in a portion of the Academic Assistance Center. Kim Ascani's office is now in the Writing Center in the AAC. Ascani will eventually wind up in an office in the Com-



mons, and Parks will be in Jim May's former office.

Just across the hall in the Carlton Center will be the new location of Student Support Services. Wasdon Graydon, Marsha Anderson and Co. are now temporarily in the Commons area. They will move across the hall when Dr. Chrystle Ross and

OITS move this week to the second floor of Conger Hall. Institutional Research Director Donna Miller will move there as well.

Several of the Business faculty, currently on the second floor of Conger, will move to the ground floor of Conger in the area vacated by Student Support Services. The conference room on the bottom floor of Conger (106) has been relocated to Conger 108, and Conger 106 is now a faculty lounge.

The new Georgia Southwestern reps will be located in the glassed in office on the bottom floor of Conger Hall.

Tennis Tops List for ABAC Athletics in 2007-2008

Coach Alan Kramer and the ABAC men's tennis team had the highest finish of any team at ABAC during the 2007-2008 intercollegiate sports campaign. The Stallions, led by National Player of the Year Paul Fitzgerald, finished third in the NJCAA national tournament in Plano, Texas. ABAC had no competition for the Region XVII crown so the team earned an automatic berth to the national tournament.

Kramer's women's tennis team finished fourth in the NJCAA national tournament after winning its 15th consecutive Region XVII championship. Freshman Monika Lalewicz won the national title at #1 singles for the Fillies.

Coach Steve Janousek's baseball Stallions wound up 28-28 on the year and exited the state playoffs in the first round. Coach Donna Campbell's softball Fillies finished third in the GJCAA state softball tournament with a 27-22 overall record.

Coach Herb Hendrix and the ABAC golf team did not have enough players to qualify for the state golf tournament. The women's soccer team of Coach Jimmy Ballenger compiled a 9-6-1 record and did not make the state playoffs.

The men's basketball team lost in the first round of the state tournament en route to a 17-14 overall record. Coach Todd Sheppard recently left the coaching profession to take a job with Synthes as a surgical consultant. The women's basketball team slipped to an 11-19 mark this year. Coach Julie Conner recently resigned her position to become the head girls' basketball coach at Tift County High School.



Dining Hall Open May 26– July 21

The dining hall will provide meals for orientations, the Police Academy, and various camps throughout the summer. During that time, the dining hall will look at doing catering services on an individual event, and requests that the minimum size be 100 people. If you have a group on campus that you would like to go thru the line, please keep in mind that our menus for our summer conferences are very "youth" oriented. All meals will also be served on paper products.

Meals will be breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday thru Thursday. Only breakfast and lunch will be served on Friday with the dining hall closed Saturdays and Sundays.

Summer Hours

breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
lunch 12 noon – 1 p.m.
dinner 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Door Prices:

Breakfast	\$4.60
Lunch	\$5.10
Dinner	\$5.60

Pennington Leading Students Into the Next Century

Dan Pennington will help lead ABAC into its second 100 years as the first junior Student Government Association Vice President. Nate Carney, the 2008-2009 SGA President, is also the first Junior in the position.

"I look forward to the progress that SGA can make in our first year of the second century of service," said Pennington. "I have taken this opportunity to serve the students."

Pennington, a Diversified Agriculture major from Madison, has plenty on his agenda for his term as SGA vice president. At the top of his list is to find a way to increase the student body's involvement in on and off campus events.

"ABAC students could have a more positive impact on the campus and the city of Tifton if we all get involved together," said Pennington. "ABAC has a

rich history and tradition that I am glad to be a part of."

Pennington is a second generation ABAC student. Both his parents, Dan Pennington and Dana Jackson, attended ABAC.

Along with Carney, Pennington also wants to increase the student body's knowledge of deadlines, especially the July 15 financial aid deadline.

"Since I started ABAC I have wanted to find a way to stay here and earn my Bachelor's degree," said Pennington. "I love ABAC, and I am excited about the years to come."

Turfgrass and Golf Course Management is one of the two new four-year degrees offered by ABAC. Pennington majors in the other four-year degree, Diversified Agriculture.

May Birthdays



27 Troy Spicer
27 Brandon Street
28 Donald Parks
29 Tamara Dennis
30 Terasita Smith
31 Sarah Clement
31 Donnie Thompson

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 26

TODAY—First Day of Summer Term

Friday, May 30

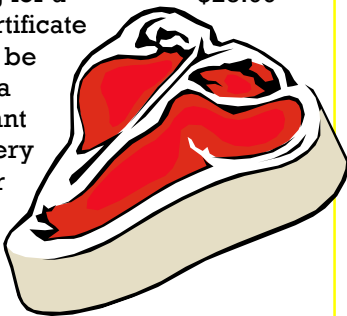
8:30a.m.—Student Registration & Advising

June is Beef Month

The ABAC Cattlemen's Association is celebrating by sponsoring a weekly contest during the month of June.

Every Monday, a question dealing with beef will be sent out over the Faculty and Staff Announcement lists. The first person to respond correctly by e-mail to ABAC Cattlemen's Faculty Advisor Mary Ellen Hicks at mhicks@abac.edu will win an apron great for grilling with the "Beef – It's What For Dinner" logo on it. Second prize weekly will be a packet of recipes featuring – what else? – Beef as the main ingredient. Third prize will be a "Beef – It's What For Dinner" bumper sticker.

On June 30, the weekly prize winners including second and third places will be placed in a drawing for a \$25.00 beef certificate that can be used at a restaurant or grocery store for beef.



Position Openings

- Assistant Professor of Biology
- Assistant Professor of Business
- Assistant Professor of English (2)
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Assistant Professor of Physics
- Assistant Professor of Sociology or Rural Sociology
- Chief Development Officer
- Overnight Desk Clerk
- ABAC Police Officer

For full job posting and more information on available positions at ABAC visit the HR website at www.abac.edu/hr.

Congratulations

Best Wishes to Bertha Daniel and Lorenzo Williams who were married on Sunday, 5/18 in Atlanta. Everyone wish them well.



ABAC FAMILY

Dr. Maggie Martin attended Georgia College Testing Association's Annual Conference in Athens on May 15-16.

Anthony Fitzgerald called out the words for the annual NIE Spelling Bee on May 19.

Brooke Sanders represented ABAC at the Berrien High Honors Night in Nashville on May 20.

Mike Chason was the emcee for the Tift County High School graduation ceremony on May 24.

President David Bridges and Ashley Williamson represented ABAC at the Griffin High School Honors Day ceremony on May 21.

Vonda Fenn appeared on the WALB-TV noon news program on May 21 to talk about the upcoming summer activities for kids through the Public Service and Business Outreach Center.

Easy Steps In Place For Campus Scheduling

To make the reservation of campus rooms easier, Dr. Amy Willis and Janet Weaver have developed a new facilities scheduling system.

The facilities scheduler can be accessed via the ABAC homepage under the Faculty and Staff drop-down menu.

The scheduler has several links including submit scheduling request, usage guidelines, and facilities rates.

From the scheduling request link <http://www.abac.edu/scheduling>, you will find links to check the availability for requesting a room. While completing a room request, a few things are important: 1. The more information you provide, the better to allow the Information Center to answer the many calls about events. 2. This campus wide calendar is also utilized by the Physical Plant and ABAC Police for event set-up and locking and unlocking doors.

Coming Soon: Step-by-step instructions and options to select the room type, seating, and equipment available for every room on campus. These additions will allow you to better select the room that meets your needs with respect to audio, laptop connectivity, projector, Elmo document camera, VCR/DVD, seating, computer lab vs. classroom vs. conference room, etc. Contact Weaver at 5001 for questions and assistance.

Remember Those Who Sacrificed

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day. This holiday commemorates U.S. men and women who have died in military service to their country.

Please remember those who have and continue to fight for our freedom.



Care & Concern

Lorie Felton is with a group of UGA Horticulture students in Italy. Through a fall on Friday, she dislocated her shoulder and bumped her forehead. Lori was treated in a hospital where no English was spoken. Her daughter, Eve, is with her, and they will stay in Naples a couple of days and then rejoin the tour, which continues for 10 more days. Please keep Lorie, Eve and Jimmy in your thoughts and prayers.