

# The Stable

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
Student Life & Housing

## Important Dates

> Priority Housing Renewal Deadline	March 1
> Spring Break	March 14-18
> Last day of Classes	April 29
> Final Exams	May 2-5
> Graduation	May 6



## A Message from the Director of Financial Aid...

Hello Everyone,

We have begun the Spring 2011 semester and our office staff has worked very hard to make sure that students' financial needs are met. Having our applications and [required forms](#) on the web has helped to streamline the financial aid process.

I would like to take this time to emphasize to students and parents that applying for financial aid early each year is important. All of our financial aid information is now on the ABAC web site. Students and parents need to begin applying for financial aid at the beginning of each calendar year to ensure early processing, award eligibility and timely disbursements. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the financial aid portion of the ABAC web site at [www.abac.edu/fa](http://www.abac.edu/fa).

Now is the time to begin applying for financial aid for Fall Semester 2011. Once you have completed your 2010 federal income tax return, you can fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students can submit this application online via *FAFSA on the Web* at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Remember, make sure the FAFSA is submitted by May 1, 2011 in order to meet ABAC's financial aid deadline of July 15, 2011. If you do not meet the deadline, financial aid cannot be guaranteed for you when classes begin in August 2011.

I would also like to remind students and parents that satisfactory progress standards (good academic performance) are required to maintain eligibility for financial aid. It is

important that students stay on track so that their financial aid is not interrupted or canceled for lack of progress towards meeting an educational goal. A quick tip to students and parents – Do not procrastinate. Go online instead of standing in line. We are here to serve students in a timely and efficient manner and we can help each other accomplish this goal if students and parents take the time to plan their financial needs for education as early as possible.

Best wishes for the remainder of this semester,

Traci K. Bryan  
Interim Director, Financial Aid

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## Summer Housing

It's that time again to start to think about taking classes this summer and summer housing. Registration for summer classes begins, Wednesday, March 23rd at 8:30am. Students who need a place to stay while taking classes are encouraged to live on campus.

Summer housing applications are now being accepted

in the Student Life & Housing office at the John Hunt Town Center. The cost for summer housing is a flat \$800 cost with no required meal plan. Housing for only maymester will cost \$200. Students may live on campus both maymester and summer semester while taking classes.

Please encourage your student to stop by the housing

office to sign-up for summer housing, and don't forget to remind him/her to reserve an apartment for fall today.



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### Housing Renewals

It is time to for students to reserve Housing for next Fall! All your student has to do is come by the Housing Office and complete a housing renewal application and pay the renewal fee. He/she will pay a \$200 renewal fee, of which \$150.00 is applied to his/her Fall semester housing charges and \$50

is the programming fee. This fee is nonrefundable. If he/she waits until March 1 and after, the fee increases to \$300 and he/she will lose priority status! Please consider having your student live on campus next year to take advantage of all of the benefits living on campus has to offer. ABAC Student

Life and Housing believes that living on campus provides a college experience that is much more complete and robust as opposed to commuting to classes only. National studies indicate that students who live on campus often have higher grade point averages, become more involved with the campus community, graduate on time, express greater

satisfaction with their undergraduate experience, and make use of campus resources (library, staff, labs, athletic facilities, and general support services) more often. Living on campus also includes the benefits of mediation for roommate conflicts, no extra utility costs, and freedom from the fluctuations of gas prices.

### Program Highlight

#### Black History Awards Ceremony

The Black History Awards Ceremony took place to honor prominent figures from past and present that have made a difference in the Black community. Honored from the ABAC Community was Dr. Don Parks who has done significant work with the Student African American Brotherhood and African American Male Initiative men on the ABAC campus. The men of SAAB and AAMI presented Dr. Parks the award and gave a touching speech about how Dr. Parks has made a huge impact on their education and in their work ethic! The night was also shared with students from the ABAC community who sang an amazing song selection.



### Show Your Pride with an ABAC License Plate

Commemorative license plates showcasing Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College are now available through the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles. For more information, contact Diane Kilgore at 229-391-5070 or [dkilgore@abac.edu](mailto:dkilgore@abac.edu).

