



# FOCUS

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### School of Human Science & United Way Host Fitness 5K January 26

The Fitness 5K race and one-mile fun run will be held at ABAC on Jan. 26. The race is sponsored by the School of Human Science and United Way of South Central Georgia. Registration is at 7:45 a.m., and the race begins at 9 a.m. Proceeds benefit the projects of the ABAC School of Human Sciences and the United Way of South Central Georgia.



The race will be held on the campus of ABAC, beginning and ending at the Red Hill tennis complex. The course will be a single loop through the college campus. In the 5K, awards will be given to the overall male

and female winners, most distinguished, and age group awards. All participants under 16 who complete the one-mile race will receive a finisher's medal. There will also be awards given to the overall male and female. All pre-registered runners will receive a t-shirt.

For more information on this event, interested persons can contact ABAC Soccer Coach Jimmy Ballenger at (229) 391-4939 or Cindy Epperly at (229) 392-5082.

**To participate in the 5K, there is a registration fee of \$20 until Jan. 11.** After that date, it will be \$25 per runner. Family registration is \$50 for a family of four (parents and their children only). Athletic teams wearing school colors will receive a special group rate if pre-registering as a group.

### Fillies' Pancake Breakfast January 19 at Applebee's

The Fillies softball team will hold its 12th annual Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on Jan. 19 from 8 – 10 a.m.



Tickets for the breakfast are \$6 each and can be purchased from Coach Donna Campbell or any Fillies' softball player. For more information or to purchase a ticket contact Campbell at (229) 391-4929 or via e-mail at [dcampbell@abac.edu](mailto:dcampbell@abac.edu).

### ABAC Business Office Welcomes Beasley as New Staff Accountant

The Business Office welcomes Kristin Beasley as the new Staff Accountant.

Beasley, an ABAC Alumni graduated in 2004 with an Associate's in Business Administration and then went on to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Georgia Southwestern through the partnership program with ABAC. Before coming back to ABAC, Beasley worked for Stafford as an accountant and also for L&M Farms as an office manager. She and her husband Scott live in Tifton with their two year old daughter BeBe. She is very excited about being back at ABAC and looks forward to many years with us!



Beasley

### Diane Jackson Retires after 12 Years at ABAC



Diane Jackson, who taught Liberal Arts classes and most recently served as the Library Assistant, is retiring after 12 great years at ABAC. Enjoy retirement Diane, you will be missed!

**ABAC will be closed Monday, Jan. 21 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Normal business hours resume on Jan 22.**

## ABAC Jazz Ensemble in Atlanta at the Jazz Educators Network Conference



The ABAC Jazz Ensemble performed at the international Jazz Educators Network Conference in Atlanta on Friday. Jazz Band Director Don Coates said the international organization is made up of over 15,000 members whose main goal is to further jazz education throughout the world. The Jazz Ensemble was selected by audition to perform at this year's four-day event.

## AG Business Club hosts "Fly Over the States" Gala January 24

The Agricultural Business Club and the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) team at ABAC will host the inaugural "Fly Over the States" Sponsorship Gala on Jan. 24. The event will take place at 7 p.m. at the Peanut Museum at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture.



Tickets for the gala are \$50 per person or \$350 for a table of eight.

**The deadline to reserve a ticket or table for this event is Jan. 14.** Patrons of the gala will meet past and present NAMA members and be treated to a steak dinner and quality entertainment.

This event will benefit the 2013 ABAC NAMA team and its goal of competing in this year's Student Marketing Competition. Last year the team competed against universities from across the United States and Canada, advancing to the semifinals of the competition. This year the ABAC team hopes to make it to the final round of competition and be recognized as one of the top six teams in the nation.

To purchase tickets, contact Audrey Luke-Morgan, lecturer in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, at (229) 391-4807 or via e-mail at [alukemorgan@abac.edu](mailto:alukemorgan@abac.edu).

# Celebrate ABAC



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Stallion Day**  
**February 16th**

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## Save the Date for Lots of Exciting Events

*Front Campus Rededication, Celebrate ABAC, Athletics Hall of Fame, Rodeo, Reunions, and Awards.*

Registration & Formal Schedule to Follow

## ABAC Birthdays

- 9 Bryan Golden
- 9 Donna Hatcher
- 10 Wayne Jones
- 11 Diane Owens
- 12 Anita White

