Evening for ABAC Scholarship Fundraiser Set for March 6

Guests can dine on a delicious meal and enjoy exceptional entertainment for a wonderful cause at An Evening for ABAC on March 6 at 6 p.m. in Gressette Gymnasium.

Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones is coordinating the annual ABAC Foundation fundraiser for student scholarships which will feature talented singer and actress Katie Deal in “Today, Tomorrow & Forever: A Tribute to Patsy Cline.” Light refreshments will open the evening at 6 p.m. followed by a delightful dinner sure to please any appetite.

Jones said in this homage to country music great Patsy Cline, the audience will learn about the lives of both Deal and Cline and why Cline’s music is still beloved by so many country music fans.

“Katie Deal makes this a great show,” Jones said. “The Patsy Cline songs she sings are true classics, and I think our audience is going to be in for a very entertaining evening.”

Deal has sold out two national tours of “A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline,” which led her to tell her own story of how Cline’s music and life has influenced and changed her life forever. The show features a live band with Deal as its powerhouse singer.

Evening for ABAC tickets are $100 for singles and $180 for couples. A reserved table for eight is available for $1,250. A portion of the cost for each ticket is tax deductible. Tickets are available by calling (229) 391-4895.

Jones said sponsors are always the key to making the event a financial success for the ABAC student scholarship program. A President’s Club sponsorship for $10,000 funds four ABAC scholarships; a Titanium level sponsorship of $7,500 funds three scholarships; a Platinum level sponsorship for $5,000 funds two ABAC scholarships; and a Gold sponsorship for $2,500 funds one ABAC scholarship.

For further information on sponsorships or the event, interested persons can contact Jones at (229) 391-4819.

Tifton Rotary Club Helps Fund Playground Equipment for the Georgia Museum

The Tifton Rotary Club presented the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village with a Rotary District Community Grant for $1,875. “The funds will be used for materials to build children’s playground equipment adjacent to the Peanut Museum at the entrance to the museum grounds,” said Garrett Boone, Museum Director. ABAC senior forestry major, Austin Moore has taken the lead on constructing the playground. Pictured receiving the check (r-l): Tifton Rotary Club President Jonathan Jones, Volunteer Coordinator for the Museum Lynn M. McDonald, Moore, Boone, and Friends of the Museum Board President Jim Sinclair.

Auditions for ‘The Whipping Man’ will be held in Conger 323 on Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Dr. Brian Ray, Baldwin Players Director at bray@abac.edu
Stafford School of Business Increases Technology Use

Franzelle Pertilla’s social media class explores the technologies available to family and small business to make them more competitive in the marketplace. Robert Gerhart, Vice President of Technology and CIO, presents the case for technical knowledge and cognitive skills gained from the use of personal productivity applications and services. The goal of increased technology is to infuse the use of industry standard technology, such as office applications, social networking, collaboration tools and communication services into the academic experience of all ABAC students. Students will leave ABAC equipped with both a first class education and the applied technical skills required in today’s workforce.

Microsoft

ABAC faculty, staff and students can download the most recent version of Microsoft Office for free at http://tiny.cc/z9vksx

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*Contact Technology Support Center for assistance, located in the Student Center 2nd floor, across from the elevator, or at 229.391.5400.

FREE CAKE!

After the following Orientation dates:

- May 29, 2015
- June 5, 2015
- June 26, 2015
- July 10, 2015
- July 17, 2015
- August 7, 2015

Register for SafeZone Training

The SafeZone program was created to develop, enhance and maintain environments in workplaces and school that are culturally competent and supportive to LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) individuals, as well as straight, cisgender people who care about diversity, equality and inclusion. Thursday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. or Friday, February 13 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Register for one of these sessions with Kimberly Keen at kkeen@abac.edu

Follow ABAC at Livestream and watch certain events that you’re unable to attend. Visit this link for more information http://new.livestream.com/accounts/8310502
Museum Hosts First ‘Bottles and Brushes’ of the Year on Friday

The Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC will host the first “Bottles and Brushes” art class of 2015 Friday from 6-8 p.m. Participants will paint “Birds on a Wire” by Brenda Rose, a local artist and the “Bottles and Brushes” instructor.

“This delightful painting would be a welcome addition to any home art collection,” said Polly Huff, assistant director and curator at the Museum.

Rose will guide participants through the process of recreating her original work, while students create their own interpretation before their eyes. Participants can bring their favorite beverage while enjoying an evening of creativity and fun. The Gallery at the Museum will provide the paint, canvas and brushes.

Registration for the class is on a first come, first served basis upon payment of the fee. Space is limited so early registration is important. Participants must register ahead of time by contacting Huff at (229) 391-5222 or by e-mailing her at phuff@abac.edu. The class fee is $25 per person or $40 for couples. It is non-refundable and non-transferable. The fee includes all supplies and instruction.

Companies who are looking for a unique team-building experience or a way to reward exceptional employees can participate in the corporate edition of “Bottles and Brushes.” The corporate painting will be custom-tailored to fit each company’s mascot, theme, or idea.

Gift certificates are available for future classes.

Second Year Nursing Students Recognized

The School of Nursing and Health Sciences hosted the “Light of Care” ceremony last week recognizing the second year nursing students. Each student received a small lamp pin; the lamp is a historical symbol of nursing.

Opera at ABAC on Thursday

One of the most cherished operas of all time will be in the spotlight at ABAC on Thursday when the Peach State Opera Company presents “The Elixir of Love” at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. While available tickets will be sold at the door for each show, advance purchase of tickets is encouraged to help ensure seating for patrons. Individual tickets for each event are $15 for adults and $10 for students under 18 years of age. Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at 229.391.4895.

There is something for everyone to do in the Library on Friday from 6 until 10 p.m.

Come out for a fun-filled night of Knitters & Fiber Artists, Game Night and Readers Unite. Contact Marie Davis at mdavis@abac.edu for more information.

ABAC BIRTHDAYS

19 Lisa Seibert      20 JoAnn Brannen
20 Paul Willis       24 Mary Dees
25 Mike Chason       25 Lindsey Roberts

Please submit information by Thursday at noon to Lindsey Roberts at lroberts@abac.edu for inclusion in the next edition of the FOCUS.