Campus Open to Students at Stallion Day February 12

High school students will have an opportunity to experience all the sights and sounds of the campus of ABAC on Feb. 12 at Stallion Day. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall.

“Stallion Day provides an exciting opportunity for both students and parents in their search for a college,” said Brooke Jernigan, admissions counselor in the Office of Enrollment Services. “Interactive classes, on-the-spot admissions, and Conversation Corners are just a few things that set us apart from other open campus days.”

Visitors can take tours guided by the ABAC Ambassadors before perusing the exhibits at the Stallion Marketplace located in Gressette Gym from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The Stallion Marketplace offers a glimpse at over 50 programs of study including on-campus bachelor’s degrees in Rural Studies, Diversified Agriculture, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management, Early Childhood Education, Management, and Accounting.

Conversation Corners will take place from 10:45 – 11:50 a.m. in the Health Sciences Building. This activity allows students to choose two detailed information sessions focusing on areas such as learning communities, music, housing, student involvement, and the Honors Program. Parents are also welcome to attend.

“Two unique Conversation Corners that are new this year will focus on home school and transfer students,” said Jernigan. “We are excited about reaching these students.”

A free lunch for the visiting students in the Donaldson Dining Hall will be provided from noon – 1 p.m. Meals are available for parents at a cost of $6 per person. During the noon hour, high school seniors will have a chance to win waivers for housing, a one-semester meal plan worth over $1,000 and a $500 tuition grant.

Students who have submitted official transcripts and official SAT/ACT scores will also receive on-the-spot admission to the college at the event.

From 1 – 1:45 p.m., parents will remain in the dining hall for an information session while students take part in interactive classes from the six schools of study at ABAC.

Students and parents will reunite from 2 – 3:30 p.m. to take advantage of sessions on financial aid and housing and to tour the ABAC Lakeside freshman housing complex.

“We hope that when students leave Stallion Day, they will be certain that ABAC is their state college of choice,” said Jernigan.

Prospective students should sign up ahead of time for the Stallion Day event at www.abac.edu/stalliondays or call 391-5004. If there are any questions regarding Stallion Day, prospective students can contact Enrollment Services via e-mail at abacinfo@abac.edu.

Fillies Flip Flapjacks
Maggie Davidson (left), from Moultrie, and Olivia Moffett, from Nashville, serve up some hot pancakes to the Moffett family at the 10th annual Fillies’ Softball pancake breakfast.
A variety of sports will take place this week on the campus of ABAC. Students and the local community can come and enjoy competitions in both men’s and women’s tennis and baseball this week. All sporting events at ABAC are free of charge.

On Friday, the Stallions and Fillies tennis teams will play the University of South Carolina – Aiken at 4 p.m. at the Red Hill Tennis Complex.

“The USC – Aiken team has become a good match for us,” said Alan Kramer, Athletic Director and Head Coach of the ABAC tennis teams. “It is good competition, and both teams learn a lot. They are a team we enjoy competing with.”

The Stallions baseball team will also compete in a double-header beginning at 2 p.m. against George Wallace Community College on Friday at the ABAC baseball field.

The ABAC tennis teams will take to the courts again on Saturday at noon to play against the Georgia Perimeter Jaguars.

“Georgia Perimeter has always been a rival of ours and will continue to be,” said Kramer. “We will have good play, and they are a good team to compete against, but it is a different extreme compared to the USC – Aiken team.”

For more information on upcoming sporting events at ABAC, contact Shirley Wilson at 391-4930.
From a rodeo to a concert by a member of the Grand Ole Opry, all alumni, students, and friends of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will get a wide variety of activities to choose from during this year’s Celebrate ABAC on March 4-5.

Due to popular demand, ABAC is bringing back the “Gee Haw Whoa Back”, two sanctioned rounds of rodeo competition. The preliminary round will be on March 4, followed by the finals on March 5.

Both rodeo events begin at 7 p.m. at the ABAC Rodeo Arena with gates opening at 6 p.m. Admission is $10 for general admission, $5 for children 6 – 12 years old and ABAC students with their Gold Card, and free to children under six. The rodeo will also include pony rides, carnival games, food, and more.

Grand Ole Opry member Mike Snider will headline “An Evening for ABAC” beginning with a dinner at 6 p.m. on March 4 followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture, now operated by ABAC. The $75 per person event includes the dinner and entertainment provided by the former “Hee Haw” performer and his String Band. Reserved tables are available for $1,250, and a portion of the ticket price for reserved tables is tax deductible. Concert only tickets are $30. All proceeds go to student scholarships. This event is ABAC’s premier student scholarship fundraiser and was formerly known as “Dollars for ABAC Scholars.”

The Golden Alumni Luncheon at noon on March 4 will feature the induction of the Class of 1961. The ABAC Bluegrass Band will provide the entertainment. Afternoon activities include campus tours, stories of days gone by, and a “Travel With ABAC” presentation where information will be provided on upcoming ABAC trips to South Dakota, Alaska, London, Paris, Australia, and New Zealand.

A candlelight memorial service will be held at the Chapel of All Faiths at 4 p.m. on March 4 to honor ABAC alumni, students and faculty and staff who have passed away, as well as to recognize those in military service. The Baldwin Players will also present “An Evening of Storytelling” on March 3-5 in Conger 319 at 7:30 p.m. each night.

On March 5, the annual ABAC Alumni Association awards ceremony will honor former ABAC students for their achievements at 10:30 a.m. at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. Tickets to the brunch ceremony are $20 each and must be purchased in advance. At noon, the ABAC Family Day and the opening of the “Needles and Pins” quilting exhibit will be the showcased events at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture Atrium and Gallery. Alumni can also choose to attend the Agriculture and Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Cookout at noon at the Agricultural Sciences building.

From 1 – 4 p.m. on March 5, alumni will tour the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village. Opportunities will include steam train rides, an old-fashioned spelling bee, sack races, and more. Talented alumni can sign up for the talent show by contacting Vonda Fenn at (229) 391-5070 or vfenn@abac.edu. The deadline to sign up for the talent show is Feb. 4.

For more information on Celebrate ABAC, interested persons can contact the Office of College Advancement at (229) 391-4900 or visit the web site at http://www.abac.edu/celebrate.
Author Keith Brown to Speak February 8 at ABAC

Author and motivational speaker Keith L. Brown will speak on Feb. 8 to ABAC students on “not impossible – I’M POSSIBLE”. The speech will take place in Howard Auditorium from 7 – 8 p.m. with a reception to follow in Thrash Gym from 8 – 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided by the Office of Student Success.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Human Resources, the College Assistance Migrant (CAMP)/High School Equivalency Program (HEP), and the Office of Student Life and Housing. This program is open to all ABAC students at no charge.

Brown speaks to over 300,000 people each year. He was named as one of the top speakers and consultants in education by Insight Publishing. He is a member of the National Speakers Association, a professional speechwriter, and a legislative liaison.

Some of his clients include Brown University, Savannah State University, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Emory University, and the American Cancer Society.

Brown is also the author of the award-winning book “Chitlins” and “not impossible – I’M POSSIBLE”. He is the co-author of the 303 Solutions series that include “303 Solutions to Reaching your Goals and Living Your Dreams”, and also co-author of “Conversation on Success” with Jack Canfield, co-founder of “Chicken Soup for the Soul”.

Keen Hopes To Make A Difference with ABAC Degree

Matthew Keen has always had a passion for art and literature, so when he heard that ABAC offered a degree in Rural Studies that tied in with his interests, he knew the new bachelor’s degree program was for him.

“I was particularly interested in the uniqueness of the Rural Studies program, specifically on how rural culture might be examined through a broader scope,” said Keen. “The diversity of the curriculum has allowed for an expansive examination of both the richness of resources available in rural environs and has provided insight into the dynamic complexities of issues facing rural societies in an ever-changing global paradigm.”

Keen, who will receive his degree with an emphasis in arts and culture, has worked with a few historical societies in an ever-changing global paradigm.

“He would like to put his education in Rural Studies degree, interested persons can visit the ABAC web site at www.abac.edu/ruralstudies.