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Over 600 Expected For Winter Stallion Day Coming Up On Saturday

One high school senior who visits the ABAC campus for Stallion Day on Saturday will take home a \$500 tuition grant for the 2010 fall semester.

The grant will be given away during the lunch hour, which also includes a free meal for the prospective students. A meal plan worth over \$1,000 for one semester during the 2010-11 academic year will also be given away as well as other prizes. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall.

Prospective students should sign up ahead of time for the Stallion Day event at www.abac.edu/stalliondays or call (229) 391-5004.

Director of Enrollment Services Donna Webb said over 600 people including students and their parents have already signed up for the event.

"This day is set aside to showcase everything ABAC has to offer," Webb said. "Visiting is one of the best ways to find that perfect college fit, so we encourage prospective students to take

the opportunity to experience it for themselves."

Webb will also announce students who have completed all admissions criteria to qualify for on-the-spot acceptance to ABAC.

Visiting students will get their first look at the 421-acre ABAC campus through special tours led by the ABAC Ambassadors. The Stallion Marketplace offers a glimpse at over 50 programs of study including the on-campus bachelor's degrees in Rural Studies, Diversified Agriculture, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management, Early Childhood Education, Management, Accounting, and Natural Resource Management.

On-campus clubs and organizations which have not reserved tables for the event should do so today with Meredith Rutland at mrutland@abac.edu.

Set-up for exhibitors for the Stallion Marketplace begins on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and continues through Friday at 3 p.m. All exhibits must be set up by 3

p.m. on Friday.

Visitors can choose from special interest sessions ranging from housing to the music program. Every visiting student will also take part in an interactive classroom experience.

Admissions, housing, and financial aid will be key topics of conversation for both parents and students all day long. In fact, breakout sessions with financial aid personnel will be held from 2-3:30 p.m. The day ends with an in-depth tour of the ABAC Lakeside freshman housing complex on the north shore of Lake Baldwin.

Scholarship auditions will be held in the music building for any high school vocal or instrumental major. Auditions will take place from noon - 5 p.m. Scholarships will range from \$100 - \$1,000. Anyone interested in applying for these scholarships must contact Don Coates, associate professor of music, at (229) 391-4950 or via e-mail at dcoates@abac.edu.



ABAC Makes A Mark At GMEA

ABAC made its presence known at the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) In-Service Conference in Savannah. Don Coates, Woody Leonard, Donna Webb and Dr. Susan Roe recruited the top music students in the state with one of the best displays. Eighteen ABAC students participated in all college band, choir, and orchestra, and Jake Thompson, a music major from Tifton, was named First Chair in the All-College Band.

Serving for a Cure Fundraiser Saturday

A tennis clinic fundraiser titled "Serving for a Cure" will be held at ABAC on Saturday to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life effort. The men's and women's tennis teams will host a clinic for all local middle school and high school tennis players.

The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. - noon at the ABAC Tennis Complex. There is a fee of \$40 payable to the American Cancer Society. Participants will receive a t-shirt for participating.

Participants will be grouped based on level. Focus will be on the fundamentals of the game including serves, volley, backhand, forehands, over-heads, and match tactics.

To register for this clinic, contact the ABAC Athletics Office at (229) 391-4930 or e-mail ABAC Athletics Director Alan Kramer at akramer@abac.edu. All interested in participating must register by Wednesday at noon.

Mr. ABAC Goes 'Overboard' February 18



Contestants participating in the 19th annual Mr. ABAC competition are (kneeling, l-r) Tanner Newhouse, Cody Thrift, Felipe Pedraza, Stephen Aaron, Cody Seagraves, Cain Thurmond, and Tremaine Dupree. (standing l-r) are Chris Estes, Ryan Wetherington, Lloyd Black, Andrew Cruz, Colton Farrow, Michael Gill, Robby Tillman, and Lauren Woods. Not pictured are Jimmie Spurlin and Thomas Turcotte.

Seventeen men attending ABAC will compete for the title of Mr. ABAC in the 19th annual competition on Feb. 18. The theme for this year's event is "ABAC Overboard." Sponsored, produced, and directed by the Family and Consumer Sciences Club, the event will begin at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

The cost for tickets is \$3 in advance and \$5 the night of the contest. Tickets will be available in Bowen Hall, Room 205 and from Derek Sutton in Enrollment Services.

Contestants are sponsored by campus clubs, athletic teams, residence halls, and student media. They will compete in casual attire, formal attire, and interview categories. Contestants will also be judged on a written timed essay.

The top contestant will receive a plaque and a cash prize. Contestant, interview, and essay awards will be given. The Family and Consumer Sciences Club members will also choose "Mr. Photogenic," "Best Eyes," "Best Smile," and other awards.

Students involved in this year's competition include **Stephen Aaron**, a political science major from Ellijay.; **Lloyd Black**, a business administration major from Tifton; **Andrew Cruz**, a biology major from Athens; **Tremaine Dupree**, an early childhood education major from Willacoochee; **Christopher Estes**, a diversified agriculture major from Covington; **Colton Farrow**, an animal science/pre-veterinary medicine major from Pitts; and **Michael Gill**, a political science major from Sylvester.

Other participants include **Tanner Newhouse**, a rural studies major from Bonaire; **Felipe Pedraza**, an agricultural education major from Sylvania;

Cody Seagraves, a wildlife transfer major from Hull; **Jimmie Spurlin**, an agricultural education major from McDonough; **Cody Thrift**, an agricultural transfer major from Alma; **Cain Thurmond**, an agribusiness and agricultural economics major from Jefferson; **Robby Tillman**, an electrical engineering major from Doerun; **Thomas Turcotte**, a pre-veterinary medicine major from Ranger; **Ryan Wetherington**, a wildlife technology major from Mulberry, Fla.; and **Lauren Woods**, an economics major from Sylvester.

ABAC Athletics Hall of Fame Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets for the third annual ABAC Athletics Hall of Fame on March 6 are on sale now. Tickets for the induction ceremony and lunch are \$30. Don't miss the induction of Boo Weekley, the 1991 ABAC national title softball team, Joseph Grist, Harley Klepfer, and Jim Sparks! Contact Shirley Wilson at swilson@abac.edu for tickets.

ABAC Scholarship Deadline March 1

The deadline for submitting applications for freshman scholarships at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is March 1. Any students who are interested in scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year should apply by March 1 to the Office of Academic Affairs on the second floor of the Student Center.

Students can begin the scholarship application process online by going to www.abac.edu/scholarships. Once students have printed the application, completed it with the necessary essay and recommendation letters, and sent it to the Academic Affairs office, they will be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

All scholarship recommendation letters must also be received by the Office of Academic Affairs by March 1.

For more information about scholarship applications, contact the Office of Academic Affairs at (229) 391-4780.

An Evening on the Square
February 23 6 p.m.

ABAC ON THE SQUARE

Come and see what ABAC on the Square in Moultrie, Georgia has to offer during An Evening on the Square! Join us for a night of information sessions, financial aid assistance, and on the spot admissions! February 23 at 6 p.m. Register Online at www.abac.edu/moultrie

Stallion Day February 13

Contact Meredith Rutland at mrutland@abac.edu to reserve your table for the Stallion Marketplace.

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 – 9:00	Check-in & Tours	Donaldson Dining Hall
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome & Overview of the Day	Donaldson Dining Hall
9:30 – 10:30	Stallion Marketplace & Tours	Student Center
10:45 – 11:50	Conversation Corners	Health Sciences Building
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Donaldson Dining Hall
12:45 High School Seniors Only – must be present to win	Drawing for a \$500 tuition grant, a meal plan for one semester, and two housing application fee waivers	Donaldson Dining Hall
1:00 – 1:45 STUDENTS	Interactive Classes Ag & Natural Resources Business Human Sciences Liberal Arts Math and Science Nursing	Various Classrooms
1:00 – 1:45 FAMILIES	Information Session	Donaldson Dining Hall
2:00 – 3:30	Financial Aid Sessions Choose One – 2:00, 2:30 or 3:00 2:15, 2:45, or 3:15 Additional Housing Conversation Corners - 2:30 or 3:15 Lakeside Tours – Continuous starting at 2:00	Ag Sciences Building <i>rooms:</i> 131 and 137 Lakeside Multipurpose Room Lakeside Lobby
3:00	COMPASS Placement Test	Student Success Center

ABAC Birthdays 12 Todd Hicks

Georgia Southwestern University Representatives Here Today

Representatives from GSW's School of Education will be on hand to answer questions today from 2-3 p.m. The meeting will take place in Health Sciences 108.

Relay for Life ABAC Team Meeting On Thursday

The Relay for life ABAC team meeting will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the President's Dining Room.

To sign up for the team, people can visit www.tifrelayforlife.com For more information contact Donna Webb at 391-5016.

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Students Vote to Limit Student Announcements

The SGA voted at its Jan.27 meeting to limit announcements on the Student Announcement listserv to campus-wide events. Clubs will need to use alternative means of communication to remind members of regular meetings. Lost and Found notices, For Sale items, and other announcements may be posted to the Student Message Board at www.abac.edu/MessageBoard/

Announcements of campus-wide events for the student listserv will be sent out twice a week only, on Mondays and Thursdays. The deadline for Monday postings is noon on the Friday before the announcement needs to be made, and the deadline for Thursday postings is noon on the Wednesday before the announcement needs to be made.

ABAC Family

Brooke Jernigan and Ambassador Savannah Brown promoted Stallion Day on the WSST-TV show on Feb. 1 in Cordele.

Whitney Lightfoot and Ambassador Whitney Mitchell appeared on the WALB noon show on Feb. 5 to promote Stallion Day.

Baseball, Tennis, Softball At Home This Week

Coach Donna Campbell's Fillies' softball team is scheduled to play at home on Wednesday with a 3 p.m. doubleheader against Gulf Coast.



The Golden Stallions baseball team of Coach Steve Janousek will have a home game against CVCC at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. On Saturday, the Stallions lost to CVCC 5-1 and 11-1. On Sunday, ABAC knocked off East Georgia 8-3 and 5-3.

The Fillies tennis team (0-2) lost 8-1 to Hillsborough, and the Stallions(0-1) lost 5-4 to S. Carolina Aiken Saturday. Coach Alan Kramer's men's tennis team hosts Augusta State Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Coach Herb Hendrix and the ABAC golf team open their season on Feb. 21-23 with a tournament in Montgomery, Ala.