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PSBOC Celebrates 70 Years on March 5 During Celebrate ABAC Festivities

The Public Service and Business Outreach Center at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will celebrate 70 years of continuing education programs as a part of the Celebrate ABAC alumni weekend on March 5.

To commemorate this achievement, alumni, students, and friends of ABAC can take part in the festivities on March 5 that include two classes of "Forever a Student", a barbeque dinner, entertainment, and all the activities taking place in conjunction with the 70th anniversary celebration for \$15.

Pre-registration is required for this event. To register, interested persons can call (229) 391-5070, e-mail at psbo@abac.edu, or register online at www.abac.edu/psbo.

"Forever a Student" will feature four different classes. Participants can choose two of the four to attend. Classes from 1-2:15 p.m. include "History and Future of Agriculture: From Mules to Biofuels" featuring ABAC President

David Bridges or you can learn how to create your own page in Facebook 101. From 2:45- 4 p.m., Academic Affairs Vice President Niles Reddick will discuss his book on "Road Kill Art" or you can learn about the many ABAC trips coming up in a session titled "All Aboard." There will be a networking break between sessions.

All these sessions plus an introductory swing dance class will be held again on March 6 during the afternoon.

Following the last class sessions on March 5, a barbeque dinner will take place from 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall. Diane Kilgore, Director of the PSBO, said the evening will include the cutting of a 70th birthday cake.

Kilgore is one of only four directors of the continuing education program. Tom Cordell started the program in 1940 and established a nationwide reputation with 39 years of service. He was followed by Bob Keith and Jane

Tanner before Kilgore took the reins.

ABAC's program is now third in the entire University System of Georgia in terms of the number of classes offered behind the University of Georgia and Kennesaw State University.

ABAC On the Square Hosts Evening on Square Tuesday

Come and see what ABAC on the Square in Moultrie 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

Ms. ABAC Pageant Thursday at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium



These 25 coeds will compete for Ms ABAC at 7 p.m. Thursday in Howard Auditorium. Contestants competing are (Front Row L-R) Carrie Collier, Katie Thigpen, Laurel Higginbotham, Cynthia Bivins, Courtney Collins, Jessica Robinson, Conny Davidson. (2nd Row L-R) Shiree Dominy, Brittany Smith, Kristen Card, Brittany Ayers, Nikki Thompson, Blake Williams, Sarah Papson. (3rd Row L-R) Kendall Vance, Olivia Bennett. (4th Row L-R) Samantha Barrett, Haley Thigpen, Holly Lovett, Savannah Brown, Jazmin Thomas. (Top Row L-R) Whitney Mitchell, Jessica Padgett, Nadine Loitz, Ashley Morris.



Thurmond Named Mr. ABAC

Cain Thurmond, an Agricultural Business major from Jefferson, was named Mr. ABAC Thursday night. The top six finalists included (L-R) Tremaine Dupree, Thomas Turcotte, Felipe Pedraza, Thurmond, Michael Gill, and Colton Farrow. Gill won the contestants' award.



Students Learn about Peru from Native of Country

Gabriela Meneses spoke to several classes last week at ABAC. She shared the arts, culture, and religion of her native country, Peru. The brightly colored clothes she wore represent the specific area in which she comes from.



Center for Teaching and Learning Now Open To Aid in Development

President David Bridges spoke at the open house of the Center for Teaching and Learning last week. The role of the Center for Teaching and Learning at ABAC is to promote institutional effectiveness through professional development for faculty and staff. For more information on the center, contact Joy Godin at jgodin@abac.edu.

Speakers for Bureau Needed by Wednesday

ABAC would like to develop a Speakers Bureau. This list of possible speakers can include faculty, staff and administrators who would be willing to make presentations in the community. The list will be distributed to area high schools and civic clubs. Not only does this share your knowledge, but it is also good public relations. Please let Ashley Williamson (5057) know if you would like to be included on the list and what topic(s) you feel comfortable presenting by Wednesday at noon. Also, please let her know if you have a student performance group available to entertain off campus.

Carl Ray to Speak At ABAC Wednesday

Carl Ray, noted playwright and performer of the influential "A Killing in Choctaw", will be the featured guest in honor of Black History Month at 5 p.m. on Feb. 24 at the Chapel of All Faiths at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The program is open to anyone who would like to attend at no charge.

Ray wrote "A Killing in Choctaw" based on his life growing up in Alabama and the tragic incident in 1962 that changed his life. Ray was beaten severely and his father was murdered in front of him because he did not say "sir" to a white man when questioned.

Shortly after his father's untimely and horrific death, Ray went to the Tuskegee Institute and received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1967. He had a career in the aerospace industry but he was sidetracked early in his career by the need to perform as a stand-up comic.

He founded a youth opportunity program in East Palo Alto, Calif., in 1968 and began recruiting youth to attend historically black colleges and universities in 1970. He has chaperoned more than 4,000 students on bi-annual tours to these institutions. In 1988 he and his wife, Brenda, established the Courtland Esteem School, a private school in San Jose, Calif. For several years they educated young African American students from first to sixth grade.

Since 1999, Ray has been reliving the story of his father's murder in his play. Ray has performed the play more than 160 times at various venues throughout the United States. In 2004, it was made into a documentary. In 2006, a program that was based on Ray's story, "Why History Matters: The Choctaw Project", won a Silver Telly statuette, the highest award for cultural programming.

'An Evening for ABAC' Tickets Still Available

"An Evening for ABAC" will take place at 6:30 p.m. on March 6 at the Tifton Campus Conference Center Ballroom. The performance will feature a night of jazz standards, dinner, and dancing. The ABAC Jazz Band and Jazz Choir will be the featured performers with special musical guest and former ABAC student, Kenyon Carter.

Tickets are \$125 per person or \$1,250 per table and will benefit Dollars for Scholars of ABAC. Each \$125 ticket will qualify for a charitable tax donation of \$80 and each \$1,250 reserved table will qualify for a charitable tax deduction of \$890.

Tickets for the Evening for ABAC can be ordered online at www.abac.edu/celebrateabac/, via mail, or by calling the ABAC Foundation at (229) 391-4900. All proceeds benefit the ABAC scholarship program.

Baldwin Players Announce Cast for 'Storytelling'

The cast for "An Evening of Storytelling", the Baldwin Players' upcoming spring production, have been selected. The cast will include ABAC students Katie Jones, Michelle North, Eric Pansen, Ayana Perryman, Michelle Skeen, and Jamil Williams.

Jones is an ABAC forest resources from Dallas; North is an ABAC early childhood education major from Tifton; Pansen is a biology major from Cumming; Perryman is a business administration major from Stone Mountain; Skeen is a nursing major from Moultrie; and Williams is a political science major from Cordele.

Faculty members in the production include Dr. Brian Ray, associate professor of English and Gwynda Shields, instructor of liberal arts, both of the School of Liberal Arts. Community members selected for "An Evening of Storytelling" include Bonnie Asselin and Tom Mark.

The production dates for the play are March 4 - 6 at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of Conger Hall, Room 319. Tickets are free to faculty, staff, and students with ABAC ID. The general public can purchase tickets at the door for \$5.

For more information, contact Dr. John Galyean at (229) 391-4960. The production is a part of the Celebrate ABAC alumni weekend.



ABAC Newspaper Wins State's Top Prize

For the third year in a row, ABAC's student newspaper, "The Stallion", has been named the best two-year college newspaper in Georgia. "The Stallion" received a total of 19 awards at the recent Georgia College Press Association (GCPA) Better News-presser Conference.

In addition to winning first place for General Excellence in the two-year division, signifying the overall best newspaper of the year, "The Stallion" placed among the top three winners in each of the contest's eight general award categories, including first place finishes for Best News, Layout and Design, and Improvement.

Current Managing Editor Jacob McWhorter also had the honor of being chosen as GCPA Vice President for 2010.

Other general awards included second place for Editorial Excellence, Sports Excellence, General Advertising Excellence and Photography Excellence, and a third place finish for Best Features.

"The Stallion" also excelled in individual categories, claiming 10 awards. Steven Stubbs of Rochelle grabbed first place for Best Investigative Reporting News Article, and Felicia Lockey of Waycross won first place for Best Column.

Second place awards went to Parker Ferren of Tallahassee, Fla., for Best Sports Photograph and Jacob McWhorter of Tifton for Best News Photograph and Best Entertainment Feature.

Third place awards were presented to Joseph Smith of Sylvester for Best News Objective Reporting News Article,

Ashlee Davis of Tifton for Best Column, McWhorter for Best Feature Story and Best Feature Photograph, and to Josh Griffin of Tifton for Best Sports Photograph.

The awards spanned the Fall 2009 and Spring 2009 semesters. The Fall 2009 staff included Amelia Gutierrez of Clewiston, Fla., Managing Editor; Smith and Lockey, News Editors; Davis, McWhorter, and Michael J. Austin of Brunswick, Lifestyles Editors; Griffin, Sports Editor; Hope Wood of Tifton, Business Manager; and Jake Borem of Tifton, Online Editor.

The Spring 2009 staff included Richie Knight of Covington, Managing Editor and Online Editor; Stubbs and Jessica Padgett of Tifton, News Editors; McWhorter, Opinion Editor; Stephanie Dorrough of Tifton, Lifestyles Editor; Ferren, Sports Editor; Joanna Ware of Soperton, Business Manager, and Zebb Luster of Fort Myers, Fla., Advertising Representative.

Dr. Eric Cash, a faculty member in the School of Liberal Arts, advises the ABAC newspaper.

"The Compass," Gainesville State College's newspaper, placed second overall in the two-year division, while "The Six Mile Post", the newspaper of Georgia Highlands College, took third.



L- R are Joseph Smith, Ashlee Davis, Jacob McWhorter, and Felicia Lockey of *The Stallion* newspaper staff.

Walking from Miami to Washington D.C.



Four college students from Miami-Dade College and St. Thomas University are walking to Washington D.C. from Miami, Fla., on a trip that began Jan. 1 and ends May 1. They stopped in at the ABAC Health Center on Feb. 15 to visit with Troy Spicer. The students include (l-r) Gabby Pacheo, Carlos Roa, Spicer, Juan Rodriguez, and Felipe Matos. Visit www.trail2010.org for more information on their journey.

Softball, Baseball, Tennis At Home

The Golden Stallions' baseball team of Coach Steve Janousek will play at home Friday for a 3 p.m. twin-bill against George Wallace. The Stallions will also be at home Sunday for 1 p.m. doubleheader against Lake Michigan.

Coach Donna Campbell's softball Fillies will be at home on Tuesday for a 3 p.m. doubleheader against arch rival Middle Georgia. The Fillies will also take on Andrew in two games on Thursday at 3 p.m.

The Fillies' tennis team hosts Gordon on Tuesday for a 2:30 p.m. match at the Red Hill Athletic Center.

ABAC Family

Kimberly Wardle appeared on the WTIF Morning Show on Feb. 19 to talk about "An Evening For ABAC."

Job Opportunities

- Director of Student Activities
 - Part-time Clinical Instructor, School of Nursing & Health Services
- Complete job listings can be found on the Human resources website at www.abac.edu/hr.

ABAC Birthdays

22 Herb Henderson
23 Elske McCardell
26 Hye Min Lee
27 Joyce Willis



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Please submit any information to Ashley Williamson at awilliamson@abac.edu by **Thursday at noon** for inclusion in the next FOCUS.



Schedule of Events

Activity	Location	Time
Friday, March 5th		
Golden Alumni Lunch Celebration	Health Sciences Building	11:30am - 1:00pm
Forever A Student Courses (Friday)	Health Sciences Building	1:00 pm - 4:00pm
Campus Tour (Friday)	Begins at Student Union	1:00 pm - 4:00pm
ABAC Golf (Friday)	Forest Lakes Golf Course	1:00 pm - until
Candlelight Remembrance Service	ABAC Chapel of All Faiths	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
WHOA Back With ABAC!	Meadows & Pedestrian Mall	5:30 pm - 7 pm
Alumni Reunions (select from below)		
Ambassadors	Evans Hall	7:00 pm - until
Goizueta Programs	Hunt Town Hall Classroom	7:00 pm - until
CAMP	Hunt Town Hall Classroom	7:00 pm - until
Golden Alumni	Lakeside Residence Facility	7:00 pm - until
Golddusters	TBA	7:00 pm - until
Music Groups	Howard Auditorium	7:00 pm - until
Ag / FACS Club Alumni	Ag Sciences Building	7:00 pm - until
Student Government Association	Nickelodeon Room	7:00 pm - until
Theatre Groups	Conger Hall	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Softball Alumni Picnic	Softball Complex	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Theatre Performance: "An Evening of Storytelling"*	Conger Hall, Room 319	7:30 PM
Saturday, March 6th		
Jazz Choir Mini-Concert	Howard Auditorium	9:30 am - 10:00 am
Alumni Awards Program	Howard Auditorium	10:00 am - noon
Athletics Hall of Fame Lunch	Athletics Complex	noon - 1:30 pm
General Alumni Lunch	Donaldson Dining Hall	noon - 1:30 pm
Ag & FACS Alumni Lunch	Ag Sciences Building	noon - 1:30 pm
Forever A Student Courses	Health Sciences Building	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Campus Tour	Begins at Student Union	1:00 pm - 4:00pm
ABAC Golf	Forest Lakes Golf Course	1:30 pm - until
Kids College	TBA	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Theatre Performance: "An Evening of Storytelling"*	Conger Hall, Room 319	7:30 PM
Fillies Softball Doubleheader	Softball Complex	3:00 pm & 5:00 pm
Evening For ABAC "And All That Jazz" (includes dinner and entertainment)	UGA's John Hunt Conference Center	6:30 pm - 10:00 pm