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Historic Front Campus Rededication Begins Friday at 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Historic Front Campus Rededication Ceremony

Located on the front steps of Tift Hall

2:30 p.m. Herring Hall Open House

Stop in and have a look at the new home for the Admissions, Business and Human Resource offices

3 p.m. Stafford School of Business Dedication

Join us in Lewis Hall for the official dedication of the Stafford School of Business and the unveiling of the ABAC Penley

6:30 p.m. Concert in the Meadows

The Mainstream Band will be performing in the meadows

8:30 p.m. Fireworks

Spectators can enjoy an extravagant fireworks display from the Grand Front Lawn to end the day with a bang! Bring a blanket or chair.

ABAC Sports Recap

With a wet weekend around the region all ABAC Athletic events were cancelled due to the rain. Upcoming home games this week include:

Tuesday:

Fillie Softball doubleheader against Georgia Military College at 2 & 4 p.m.

Thursday:

Fillie Softball doubleheader at Thomas University at 2 & 4 p.m.

Be on the lookout for emails and schedule changes as the rains continue for a few more days.

Changes in Regular Schedule

Please note the following changes to the regular schedule this week:

Office closures

Campus offices will close Friday at 1 p.m. to give staff the opportunity to attend the Historic Front Campus Rededication Ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Class cancelations

Classes will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on Friday to provide the same opportunity to faculty and students. All classes beginning after 1 p.m. will also be cancelled to accommodate Celebrate ABAC events. Hope you will join us for this once in a lifetime celebration.

Additionally, Tift Hall will be closed to anyone without an office in Tift Hall in order to prepare for events next week. Meetings scheduled with anyone that works in the building have been moved out of Tift Hall. If you need to speak with someone in Tift Hall, please call them by telephone.

Ms. ABAC in Howard Thursday at 7

Thirty-one contestants will compete in the 44th annual Ms. ABAC contest on Thursday at ABAC. The theme of this year's pageant is "Keep Calm . . . Sparkle On". The event is sponsored by the Ag Business Club.

Contestants will compete in casual and evening wear. They will also be judged on a written essay and an interview with the judges.



The top five contestants from 2012's Ms. ABAC contest.

The event begins at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Admission is \$10. Because of limited seating, advance ticket purchase is advised. Tickets can be purchased from any Ag Business Club Member, Judy Perry in Ag Sciences 118 or from Audrey Luke-Morgan at 391-4807 in Ag Sciences 111.

Golden Alumni Luncheon Kicks of Celebrate ABAC Friday

From touring the newly-renovated front campus to the thrill of watching bull riding at the rodeo, alumni and friends will help ABAC celebrate its 105th birthday Friday thru Sunday with the annual Celebrate ABAC Alumni Weekend.

The Celebrate ABAC schedule includes the Front Campus Rededication Ceremony, An Evening for ABAC Scholarship Dinner, the Alumni Awards Brunch, the Athletics Hall of Fame induction luncheon, and the always-popular Gee Haw Whoa Back Rodeo. All event tickets except for the rodeo must be purchased in advance through the Office of College Advancement at (229) 391-4895. Rodeo tickets will be sold at the gate on the two days of the event.

The celebration begins with the Golden Alumni Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Tickets for this event are \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance. The rededication of Tift, Herring, and Lewis Halls begins at 1:30 p.m. on the front steps of Tift Hall. The ceremony will include the unveiling of the George Thornewell Smith Parlor and The History Room located in the newly-renovated Tift Hall.

The Herring Hall Open House will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. The Stafford School of Business Dedication Ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. in Lewis Hall. At 4 p.m., a Candlelight Remembrance Service will take place in the Chapel of All Faiths as a way to honor ABAC alumni and friends who have passed away during the past year. That event will be followed by An Evening for



The Gee Haw Whoa Back Rodeo at 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday is just one of the many events taking place during the 2013 Celebrate ABAC Alumni Weekend Friday through Sunday

ABAC, the annual benefit to fund student scholarships, at 6 p.m. in Gressette Gym.

The featured performers for the Evening for ABAC event will be the college's own award-winning ABAC Jazz Band followed by an exclusive tour of the newly-remodeled Tift Hall.

Advance tickets for the Evening for ABAC performance and dinner are available for \$100 a person or \$180 a couple. Reserved tables for eight people are \$1,250. Proceeds from this event go to support ABAC student scholarships.

Friday's festivities will culminate with a Concert in the Meadow featuring Main Stream Band at 6:30 p.m. and a Fireworks Display Over Tift Hall at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the college will honor alumni with the Alumni Awards Brunch beginning at 11 a.m. at the Georgia

Museum of Agriculture on the ABAC campus. Advance tickets must be purchased for this event at a cost of \$25 per person.

Saturday afternoon, alumni can take part in the Alumni Day at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is free to alumni and their families. Alumni can stop by the Country Store, ride the Vulcan Steam Train, and grab a root beer float from the Drug Store before experiencing life in a 19th century rural community.

The Athletics Hall of Fame induction luncheon will take place at 1 p.m. in Gressette Gym. Tickets are \$30 per person for this event. Inductees include Julie Conner, Z.B. Hamilton, Henry Will Jones, Derrick Racine, and the 1999 national championship tennis team.

ABAC will host the PCA-sanctioned preliminary round of the Gee Haw Whoa Back Rodeo at 6 p.m. in the ABAC Arena. The final round will be held Sunday at 1 p.m.

The rodeo will include saddle bronco riding, bareback riding, bull riding, team roping, calf roping, steer wrestling, break-away roping, and barrel racing. The rodeo will also feature audience participation activities for kids and adults. Tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$10. Children five and under will be admitted free of charge.

For more information on Celebrate ABAC or to purchase tickets to any of the Celebrate ABAC events, interested persons can contact the Office of College Advancement at (229) 391-4895 or visit the web site at www.abac.edu/celebrate.

Tickets Available for Wiregrass Market Progressive Dinner March 22

Enjoy a five-course meal at a local food dinner on March 22 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village. A benefit for the Wiregrass Farmers Market will feature foods grown locally and prepared by area chefs and cooks, along with local wine and beer, and live music.

The dinner will begin at the Market pole barn for appetizers and wine-tasting before boarding the Vulcan steam engine to the Historic Village for soup, salad, and the main course. The meal ends with dessert and live music under the pole barn.

Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased in advance (cash or

checks accepted) for a specific departure time. Only 120 tickets will be sold for this event. Registration forms are available at Three Graces at Lankford Manor, Rockin' Joe Espresso, and the Museum Gallery, or by e-mail request. Dining groups will begin departing for the Village at 5:15 p.m. and continue through 7:35 p.m. in 20 minute intervals.

Entrees will feature locally-raised heirloom turkey, quail, gourmet mushrooms, and spring produce. Multiple options, including vegetarian choices, will be available at each course. The appetizer course will feature a tasting of cold-pressed, unrefined culinary oils

produced by The Oliver Farm of Wilcox County, and guests will also enjoy local wines from nearby Horse Creek Winery. Locally-roasted Roaster's Edge coffee will complement a wide array of Southern sweets.

Proceeds will support Wiregrass Farmers Market, which opens for the season on April 6 from 9 a.m. until noon, and will continue every Saturday through October. For more information, or to receive vendor guidelines and an application, contact wiregrass-market@gmail.com or call Polly Huff at 391-5222.

ABAC is coming to your town!

Houston Co. The Swanson House	February 26 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Colquitt Co. Federation of Women's Clubs	March 6 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Coffee Co. The Atrium	March 7 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Irwin Co. The Community House	March 12 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Ben Hill Co. The Carnegie Center	March 12 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Henry Co. Heritage Park	March 14 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Gwinnett Co. Historic Gwinnett Co. Courthouse	March 19 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Thomas Co. Building 209	March 21 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Floyd Co. Pepperell High School	March 21 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Lowndes Co. Converse Dalton Ferrell House	March 26 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"ABAC in your Town" Receptions Began Last Week

ABAC is bringing the college experience to you! Thursday was the first of 11 region events that will take place between now and March 26. Prospective students and their families are invited to enjoy an evening of light refreshments and visit with representatives from academics, admissions, financial aid, housing, and much more. Current ABAC students will also be in attendance to share their ABAC story. Let us answer your questions and help you complete your application! Win scholarships and door prizes. If you are interested in attending an event or helping recruit for the events please contact Donna Webb, Director of Enrollment Management, at dwebb@abac.edu or by calling 229-391-5016.



ABAC Ambassador President Jake Williams (right) and Sarah Rooks (second from right), talk with prospective students about their ABAC experience at Thursday's Tift County reception.

Register for Run for the Nurses April 13

Join the School of Nursing and Health Sciences on April 13 for a 1 mile fun walk/run, 5K run, and ½ marathon to assist in the future education of nurses through scholarships at ABAC. Register by March 10 and pay \$15 for the 1 mile, \$15 for the 5K and \$25 for the 1/2 marathon. Contact Becky Arnold at rarnold@abac.edu for more information.

Human Sciences Students Speak to TCHS Seniors

The School of Human Sciences coordinated with the Guidance Office at TCHS to hold a peer-to-peer recruiting effort on Feb. 21. They worked with Enrollment Management to "coach" ABAC students and prepare them for the visit. Amy Warren, Amanda Wulle and Darby Sewell accompanied 32 ABAC students majoring in education, family and consumer sciences and Rural Studies to talk with the entire senior class. One to two ABAC students went into each of the 24 Senior Class Blue Devil Blocks to share information about going to college, applying for college, "things I wish I had known as a senior" and "why I chose ABAC and I think you should too" information.



Black History Awards Program Last Week

Black history month activities culminated last week at the Black History Awards Program. Student selected the winners because of their care and support to all students of ABAC. The winner were: Elizabeth Wilcox from Housing, Terence Turner from Multicultural Education, Kris Liebegott from Student Activities, Housing and Greek Life and Kathy Smith from Sodexo. In addition to the awards, student read Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" Speech. Each student had a particular part to read. Prizes we also awarded to the top three winners of the Black History month essay contest. Winners included: Vicky Gracia, a Human Sciences major, in first place; Jonathan Woodring, an Occupational Therapy major, in second and third prize went to Ebony Messick, a pharmacy major.



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ABAC Birthdays

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March

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