Alumni Return to Campus to ‘Celebrate ABAC’!

Cook Holliday (left) received the Distinguished Alumni Award Saturday morning during the awards brunch.

The 2012 ABAC Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony Saturday night included The 1996 National Championship Softball team, William Batton, Greg Tanner, Donnie Veal and Jean Francois Lagloire.

Country Store Open
House Friday 5-8 p.m.
Visit the newly renovated Country Store on Friday from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Shop the “Georgia” room in the Country Store for a variety of products produced within the Peach State or shop American made products ranging from candy and toys to household items. The Country Store and vendors, will be offering apple cider, soft drinks, and appetizers for your enjoyment.

Local vendors will be on site with a sampling of their products. Mix and mingle with vendors such as Rutland Farm, Lauri Jo’s, GMA Drug Store, Bruce’s Nut-N-Honey Farm, Faddie Maddie, and several others. Make sure and register for door prizes to be given away throughout the evening.

For more information, interested persons can visit www.abac.edu/museum

First Tuesday Concert Tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The Old Toad Guitar Duo will perform at the First Tuesday concert on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths at ABAC. The duo is comprised of (l-r) Steve Mattingly and Matthew Cochran.
"Tea For Three" Exhibit Open at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village

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Wiregrass Market Progressive Dinner Friday at Georgia Museum of Agriculture

Get a taste of spring, at a local food dinner on Friday at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village. A benefit for the new Wiregrass Farmers Market will feature foods grown locally and prepared by area chefs and cooks. The Wine Loft will also provide dinner guests with a sampling of Georgia wines.

After sampling locally-produced goods and meeting some of the local artisans spotlighted in the Country Store’s new “Georgia Room,” diners will ride the steam train to the Village and enjoy a lamp-lit stroll to three historic sites to sample food and wine offerings. The meal ends with dessert and coffee under the pole barn, where diners can meet the market’s farmers and artisans and tour the new market site.

Tickets are $20 per person and are available at the Country Store and must be purchased in advance (cash or checks accepted) for a specific departure time. No tickets will be sold at the door. Dining groups will begin departing for the Village at 5:20 p.m. and continue through 7:40 p.m. in 20 minute intervals.

“Promises to be an enchanted evening with great food that celebrates our local farms and food traditions,” said Leeann Culbreath, a volunteer organizer. “Everything will be made from scratch and as locally grown as possible.”

The menu will be Southern with a gourmet flair featuring roasted herbed goat, seafood gumbo, citrus greens, fresh salads, homemade breads, and wide variety of appetizers and desserts to sample.

“We will have limited seating and there will be no sales at the door, so we encourage everyone to get their tickets so as soon as possible,” said Polly Huff, the Museum’s liaison for the new market.

Proceeds will support the new market, which opens April 14 from 9 a.m. until noon, and will continue every Saturday through October at the same hours. For more information, or if you are interested in becoming a market vendor, contact Huff at (229) 391-5222 or phuff@abac.edu.

Nursing Info Session in Moultrie Thursday

An information session on the associate degree nursing program will be held Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the college’s Moultrie campus, ABAC on the Square. Students will be provided with information about the nursing program and faculty will be available to answer any questions regarding the program.

“Nursing faculty will be available to discuss the associate degree nursing program,” said Becky Arnold, Associate Professor of Nursing. “The sessions are a great time to meet faculty and have questions answered as you prepare to begin your nursing education.”

Another upcoming information session on the nursing program will be held April 9 at 4 p.m. in Tifton. The session will take place in the Health Sciences building.

For more information on either session contact the School of Nursing at (229) 391-5020.

Run For Nurses Raises $10,000 For Scholarship Fund

The School of Nursing and Health Sciences’ “Run for the Nurses” 1-mile, 5K, and 10K running event was held Feb. 25. The event had 160 registered participants ranging from age 2 to 72. ABAC’s own Dr. Ray Barber, Clayton Riehle, and Nicholas Urquhart won medals in the 10K run. The running event raised more than $10,000 for the Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing Scholarship Fund. A great deal of appreciation is extended to all the ABAC family who helped with this event.

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Next Bottles and Brushes
March 23 at Museum
The next Bottles and Brushes art class will take place March 23 from 6-9 p.m. at the Museum. Participants will recreate “Some Pig” by Brenda Rose. There is a fee of $25 per person for the class or $40 for a couple. Participants must register ahead of time by contacting Polly Huff at 391-5222 or phuff@abac.edu.

ABAC Family
Betty McCorvey, Ann Olphie, Darby Sewell, Amy Warren, and Donna Webb presented on ABAC’s Near Peer grant project at the USG system office on March 1.

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Kao Visits Campus to Present Information About Taiwan
Director General Anna A. Kao (center) from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office visited campus last week. Stone Workman (back center) from U.S. Congressman Austin Scott’s office coordinated the visit to campus for Kao to share information about Taiwan’s economic and cultural climate with ABAC students, faculty and staff. Others pictured include VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Niles Reddick (second from right), Kao’s staff (left) and Alice Johnson (right) also from Scott’s office.

Staff Sergeant Gill Presents Flag to ABAC
Staff Sergeant Roger Gill and the Bravo Company 1-111th Aviation of the U.S. Army presented the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources with an American flag from Iraq. Gill, a single parent, brought the flag as a thank you for the care packages the school sent to his troops and for allowing his daughter, Ashley, an agriculture transfer major from Live Oak, Fla., to board her three horses during his deployment. The flag was flown on a combat mission on Dec. 4, 2011 especially for ABAC in support of Operation New Dawn.

Cofer Named Chair of NACADA Committee
Rebecca Cofer, Student Development Specialist in the Office of Academic Support at ABAC, was elected as the Chair for the Advising Students with Disabilities Commission for the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) from 2012-2014.
“As the new Chair, I hope to not only increase the Commission’s presence at the national conference sessions, but also work to create a real community among the Advising Students with Disabilities Commission,” said Cofer.
She was nominated anonymously this month for the position as chair. She was previously named NACADA’s New Advisor of the Year for 2008-2009. Cofer has been a part of the NACADA for six years doing everything from helping with publications to doing presentations for the organization.
“I am extremely proud to be elected for this position with NACADA,” said Cofer. “I have such respect for this organization and the members in it, so having been elected really means a lot to me.”
Cofer is a graduate of Virginia Tech, where she received her bachelor’s degree in English and History and her Masters degree in English Literature. While at Virginia Tech, she worked in the campus advising center and writing center. A native of Woodbury, NJ, she worked for Texas Tech University in the Office of Student Disability Services. Her husband, Jordan, is a faculty member in the ABAC School of Liberal Arts.