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ABAC Opens Campus for High School Students April 17

High school juniors and seniors will have an opportunity to experience the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College from top to bottom on April 17 at Stallion Day. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall.

Director of Enrollment Services Donna Webb said choosing a college is an important and sometimes difficult decision. ABAC is committed to making the decision process a bit easier for students and their families by hosting the annual spring open campus day event.

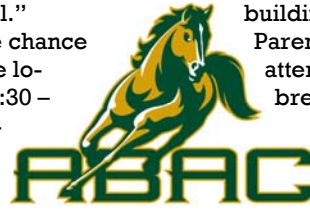
"Important topics such as making the transition from high school to college, developing a timeline to help ensure that you meet important application and scholarship deadlines, and selecting a major will be available for high school juniors," Webb said. "Seniors and their families attending Stallion Day will be reminded of things to do as they pre-

pare to begin college in the fall."

Visiting students will get the chance to tour 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 the on-campus bachelor's degrees in Rural Studies, Diversified Agriculture, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management, Early Childhood Education, Management, and Accounting.

"Everyone will get an opportunity to meet faculty, staff, and students from all the Schools and numerous clubs and organizations during the Stallion Marketplace," Webb said. "During the afternoon session, they can attend financial aid and admission information sessions, and tour the beautiful Lakeside suites."

Information sessions planned specifically for juniors and seniors will be held in Bowen Hall and the Health Sciences



building from 10:45 – 11:50 a.m.

Parents are also welcome to attend and will have special breakouts just for them.

A free lunch in the Donaldson Dining Hall will be provided for the visiting students.

Meals are available for parents at a cost of \$6 per person. Two housing fee waivers and two application fee waivers will be given away during the lunch.

The day ends with an in-depth tour of the ABAC Lakeside freshman housing complex on the north shore of Lake Baldwin. For students who would like to see what the college offers in athletics, there will be a baseball game against Andrew College at 2 p.m. at the ABAC baseball field.

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

Donaldson Award Deadline On April 9

The George P. Donaldson Award is presented by the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Alumni Association to the institution's most outstanding graduate who participates in the graduation ceremony. The award is presented in both the fall and spring graduations. The award recognizes students who have distinguished themselves through scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

The award was first presented in 1962 in honor of Dr. George P. "Pete" Donaldson upon his retirement as president of the college. "Mr. Pete," as he was affectionately known by those who knew and loved him, believed that a student should be well-rounded, and he always encouraged students to be their very best. For 28 years he exemplified what this award seeks to recognize—scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

ABAC students who are participating

in the spring graduation ceremony with an institutional GPA (3.0 or above) are eligible to apply for the award. There are several requirements for consideration:

- A 1-2 page essay of how involvement in ABAC student activities has prepared the student to carry on Mr. Pete's ideals for a quality student. That is, while at ABAC, how has involvement in student activities impacted the student's time in College and how has this involvement helped to craft the student's future?
- Three letters of recommendation from ABAC-affiliated faculty or staff noting the student's demonstration of scholarship, leadership and citizenship while an ABAC student.
- The student must be in good standing with the student judiciary.
- Participation in the graduation cere-

Honors Day On April 14 at 11 a.m.

The annual Honors Day ceremony will be held at ABAC on April 14 beginning at 11 a.m. in Gressette Gym. Classes and labs will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. and will resume at 2 p.m. Faculty should be in place at the gym by 10:45 a.m. As was the case last year, years of service awards and retiree recognitions will be a part of the ceremony.

mony on May 7, 2010.

- The Selection Committee will individually interview qualified applicants. This committee will communicate with each applicant to establish the date/time of the interview.
- The deadline for submission to Dr. Amy Willis is Friday (April 9) at 5 p.m. For questions, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 391-4900 or email apwillis@abac.edu.

First Tuesday Concert April 6 at ABAC

The musical sounds of Broadway will come to the First Tuesday Concert at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College at 7 p.m. on April 6.

The concert will take place in the ABAC Chapel of All Faiths. Tickets for the performance can be purchased at the door. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. ABAC students are admitted free with ID. Patrons of the Arts and Entertainment Series can attend at no charge.

Gary Aikens, tenor; **Andrew Davidson**, piano; **Blane Jacobs**, bass-baritone; **Scott Spivey**, tenor; and **Susan Spivey** on the piano will perform some of Broadway's most memorable tunes in the final concert of the academic year for the First Tuesday series.

Joining these artists in this concert will be the sophomore voice students of Dr. Susan Roe including Cameron Bell, tenor; Michael Johnson, tenor; Kody Jones, tenor; Erlencia Mumphery, mezzo-soprano; Ashley Williams, soprano; and Kevin Veal, baritone.

Selections at the concert will include songs from "Phantom of the Opera", "My Fair Lady", "The Music Man",

"Jekyll and Hyde" and others.



Jacobs

Aikens graduated from Mercer University in 1976 with a BA in Vocal Performance and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Church Music Degree in 1979. He is currently the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Tifton.

Davidson is now in his second year at ABAC, serving as an adjunct professor of music appreciation and class piano. In addition to his teaching duties, he serves as staff accompanist as well as the accompanist for the ABAC Choirs. He received his



Aikens

Bachelor's Degree from Florida State University where he studied under Leonidas Lipovetsky and recently earned his Master of Music Degree in Piano Performance from Valdosta State University (VSU).

Jacobs graduated with honors from ABAC in 1997 with a degree in Music. He also graduated from Judson College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in

Music and a Minor in Church Music. He is currently the Minister of Music and Youth at the First Baptist Church of Fitzgerald.

Scott Spivey graduated from VSU with a Bachelor's degree in Business

Administration in Accounting. In addition to spending many years as an Investment Consultant with Len Taylor Investments in Fitzgerald, Scott was also the founder and President of Prospectus Central. He is a member of the choir at First Baptist Church in Fitzgerald and is a frequent soloist for many of its performances.



Spivey

Susan Spivey graduated magna cum laude from VSU with a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance in 1994, where she also earned the prestigious Outstanding Music Major Award. She later completed the Bachelor of Music Education degree from VSU in 1996. She has taught music education in the public schools, taught private piano, and served the ABAC music faculty as an adjunct instructor of piano. Currently, she performs with the "Four Grands", a group of four pianists who have been playing together for the past two years.

The First Tuesday Concert Series takes place on five selected first Tuesdays during the academic year. Dr. Susan Roe, associate professor of voice at ABAC, directs the series. For more information, contact Roe at (229) 391-4943.



Bailey Retires After 16 Years at ABAC

Brenda Bailey in the business office retired after 16 years of service to ABAC. She loves ABAC so much, she will start back part-time in May. In an attempt to keep her from retiring, her fellow employees in the business office handcuffed her to a chair in Evans Hall during her reception.

Softball Fillies At Home Three Times This Week

Coach Donna Campbell and her softball Fillies take to the home turf this



week when they host Darton on Tuesday for 4 p.m. doubleheader, Gordon on Saturday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader, and Young Harris on Sunday for a 1 p.m. twin-bill. Coach Herb

Hendrix and the ABAC golf team will be on the road today and Tuesday at the Meridian Community College Invitational in Meridian, Miss.

Concert Choir Presents Spring Concert April 15

The ABAC Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Susan Roe, will perform a variety of choral music at the spring



The sopranos and altos will follow, singing Earlene Rentz's "Every Remembrance of You."

concert at 7 p.m. on April 15 in Howard Auditorium on the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. This concert is open to the public at no charge.

The choir's selections for the evening will begin with "The Star Spangled Banner" arranged by John Stafford Smith, followed by "Antiphon" from Ralph Vaughan Williams', "Five Mystical Songs" and "I Carry Your Heart With Me" by David C. Dickau and the poems by e.e. cummings.

"Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair" by Victor C. Johnson, will then be sung by the tenors and basses of the concert choir accompanied by Andrew Davidson, accompanist for all the choirs, and cellist, Betsy Sone Jones.

The ABAC Jazz Choir will perform Peter Blair's "Doctor Blues", "As Time Goes By" arranged by Jay Althouse, "Moonglow" arranged by Darmon Meader, and "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" arranged by Mark Hayes. The Jazz Choir will be followed by the ABAC Chamber Singers who will perform "Sing Me To Heaven" by Daniel E. Gawthrop.

Two spirituals, "Ride On, King Jesus" arranged by Moses Hogan, and "Praise His Holy Name" by Keith Hampton will be performed by the entire Concert Choir to conclude the evening's performance.

For more information, contact Roe at (229) 391-4943.

ABAC Family

Dr. Shelley Fandel, Ms. Amy Warren, Donna Webb, Meredith Rutland, and Dr. Darby Sewell attended the Georgia Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) state meeting March 18-20 in Athens to recruit students and network with alumni. ABAC students from the SPAGE and FACS Clubs attended to serve as judges and representatives of ABAC.

Mike Chason spoke on "The Eagle In You" to the CAMP program students on March 29. He also emceed the Special Olympics opening ceremony on April 2.

Dr. Erin Campbell has been selected to participate in an NEA Summer Seminar. She will participate in a seminar at Elon College on Building the New South.

Patricia Barber, Chrissy Dent and twelve nursing students assisted with the Superpuff Saturday Asthma Day Camp on March 27.



Berrien High School Students Visit ABAC
Kim Hall, an ABAC nursing student, gives some Berrien High School students a lesson on IVs during their visit to ABAC Friday.

ABAC Birthdays

- 5 William Anderson
- 6 Wanda Golden
- 8 Amanda Bridges
- 9 Jeannie Rigdon
- 10 Diantha Ellis
- 10 Bernice Hughes
- 10 Sheri Wyles
- 11 Erika Ellis

Did The Census Miss Coming To Your House?

If you did not get a census form in the mail by now and you have a P.O. Box, the U.S. Census Bureau says that you more than likely will not get a form. P.O. Boxes are not included in the mailings, only residential homes with mail receptacles.

Questionnaire assistance centers are located at the YMCA, the Coastal Plain Regional Library, the Leroy Rogers Senior Center, and the Mell Baptist Association. Personnel at these places can answer questions and provide forms. Forms are also available at the Tifton-Tift County Public Library, and the City Hall Customer Service,

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