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Honors Day On Wed.

The annual Honors Day at ABAC will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Gressette Gym to recognize outstanding students, faculty, and staff for the 2010-2011 academic year. Classes will be cancelled at 10:30 a.m. and will resume at 2 p.m. This event is open to the entire campus.

Mosier Brothers to Perform Thursday

Bluegrass music with the energy of rock and roll will fill every corner of Howard Auditorium on Thursday at 7 p.m. when The Mosier Brothers perform at ABAC.

Sponsored by the ABAC Arts Connection, tickets to the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students under 18. ABAC students will be admitted free with ID.

The Mosier Brothers bring 30 years of experience to an acoustic bluegrass band that features former Phish bluegrass coach Jeff Mosier on vocals and banjo with brother Johnny Mosier on guitar and background vocals. Legendary Widespread Panic fiddler David Blackmon, drummer Jack Watson, and bassist Kris Dale make the core of the Mosier Brothers band a traditional acoustic group with a quieter sound.

Jeff and Johnny Mosier grew up with the tradition of bluegrass music. For 23 years they fronted the bluegrass-flavored band, "Good Medicine". In the 80s, they hosted a bluegrass radio show called "Born in the Barn". The brothers then formed "Blueground Undergrass" with Blackmon and pedal steel guitarist Mark Van Allen. In 2009, "Blueground Undergrass" underwent a change when the Mosiers and Blackmon formed The Mosier Brothers, whose acoustic sound will help create new arenas for the music they have played together for more than a decade.

To purchase tickets, interested persons can call the Office of College Advancement at (229) 391-4895.

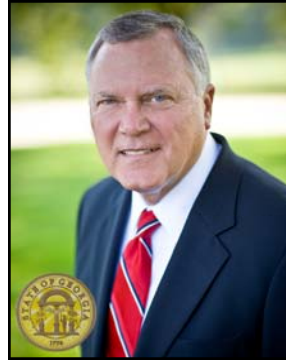
Governor Deal To Speak at May 6 Commencement

Governor Nathan Deal will be the guest speaker at the spring commencement ceremony at ABAC on May 6 at 6 p.m. in Gressette Gym on the ABAC campus.

Deal grew up in Sandersville to career educator parents and attended Mercer University, where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1964 and law degree in 1966, both with honors. While in college, he began preparing for duty in the United States Army and earned the rank of captain in his two years of service.

Deal's career in law includes 23 years in private practice from 1979 - 1992. He was a county attorney for Hall County from 1977 - 1979, a juvenile court judge from 1971 - 1972, and Assistant District Attorney in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia from 1970 - 1971.

Deal served 12 years in the Georgia Senate, and nine terms in the United States Congress. He was elected President Pro - Tempore by his colleagues in



the Georgia Senate. He also served as chairman and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Health during his time as a U.S. congressman. In May of 2009, Deal announced his bid for governor of Georgia and captured his party's nomination in August of that year. He was sworn in as Georgia's 82nd governor on Jan. 10, 2011.

Outside of political life, Deal and his wife of 44 years, Sandra, have four children and six grandchildren. He is a board member at Mercer University and a member of the Advisory Board of Honors Programs at North Georgia College and State University. He is also a former president and lifetime member of the Rotary Club.

The ABAC commencement ceremony will include the presentation of the prestigious George P. Donaldson award to the top graduate who participates in the event by ABAC Alumni Association President George Granade.

Approximately 220 students are expected to receive diplomas.

Spring Band Concert Tuesday at 7 p.m.



The ABAC Concert Band will perform Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Director of Bands Woody Leonard invites all students, faculty, staff, and members of the community to attend at no charge.

George Scott Day, Jazz Festival Set For April 21

George Scott Day, an annual Celebration of the Arts, and the 33rd annual ABAC Jazz Festival will take place on April 21 on the campus of ABAC.

The event, sponsored by the ABAC School of Liberal Arts and the ABAC music program, is held each year as a tribute to George Scott, an associate professor of English at ABAC, who passed away in 1994. Activities begin at 9:55 a.m. at The Meadows with free performances from high school jazz bands from throughout the state.

Americus-Sumter kicks off the day at 9:55 a.m. followed by Tift County at 10:20 a.m., Lee County at 10:45 a.m., Lowndes at 11:10 a.m., Colquitt County at 11:35 a.m., Valdosta at noon, Ware County at 12:25 p.m., Lanier County at 12:50 p.m., Thomas County Central at 1:15 p.m., Northside of Warner Robins at 1:40 p.m., Peach County at 2:05 p.m., Henry County at 2:30 p.m., Savannah Country Day at 2:55 p.m.; and Riverdale at 3:20 p.m. A Jazz Clinic will be held at



4:15 p.m. in Bowen Hall, Room 100 following the performances. In addition to the jazz band performances, there will be giveaways, spotlights on club activities, art displays, and great food. Spectators can bring their own lunch or just come and

listen to the music. In the event of rain, the Jazz Festival will take place in the Donaldson Dining Hall.

The "Pegasus" literary magazine from ABAC will host a reception in the music building from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Following this event, the "Pegasus" will hold its Poetry and Prose awards ceremony from 11 a.m. - noon featuring ABAC faculty from the School of Liberal Arts. Some selected works will also be read during the ceremony. From 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., an ABAC art exhibit will be on display at the Meadows, featuring artwork from ABAC students.

To culminate the Jazz Festival, the ABAC Jazz Ensemble will be in concert

with saxophonist and clarinetist Victor Goines in Howard Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students to this event. ABAC students and faculty/staff will be admitted free. The ABAC Jazz Ensemble was featured in concert at the National Jazz Educators Network National Conference in St. Louis in 2010.

Goines is a New Orleans native who has played with musical greats including Ray Charles, Bo Diddley, Bob Dylan, Dizzy Gillespie, B. B. King, and Lenny Kravitz. He has been a member of The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and the Wynton Marsalis Septet since 1993. He has performed on more than 20 recordings and has composed more than 50 original works. From 2000 - 2007, he served as first artistic director of the Julliard School's jazz program and is currently the director of jazz studies at the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University.

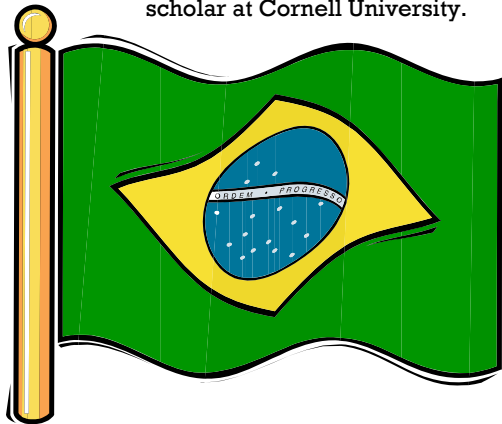
For additional information on this event, interested persons can call the ABAC music program office at 391-4945.

Cunha to Present Colloquium April 25

A colloquium will be presented at ABAC on April 25 by Dr. Aercio Cunha, a Fulbright Scholar from Brazil. He will be discussing "The Housing Problem: In Brazil as in the US". The colloquium will be held in the Center for Teaching and Learning in Carlton, Room 202 from 4 - 5 p.m.

Cunha's academic background includes a bachelor's degree in economics from Federal University of Minas Gerais, graduate studies at the University of Sao Paulo at the Economics Research Institute (non-degree), a Master's

degree and Ph. D. in economic theory from Vanderbilt University, and as a post-doctoral researcher and Fulbright scholar at Cornell University.



ABAC Pool Will Open May 2

The ABAC pool will open on May 2 for students and faculty to enjoy during the spring and summer months. The pool hours are Monday - Thursday from 3 - 7 p.m. and Friday - Sunday from 1 - 6 p.m.

The ABAC pool is free for students with ID. ABAC employees and retirees can get free ABAC pool membership passes, and guest passes are \$4 in the Student Enrollment office. Parties can be booked only after pool is closed for regular hours. There is a requirement of one lifeguard for every 15 party members. ABAC lifeguards will be used.

Pool parties must be coordinated through Bobbie Baldree in the ABAC Information Center at 391-5001.

Softball, Baseball Teams Home This Week

Home games in baseball and softball will capture the spotlight this week in ABAC athletics.

The Fillies softball team will square off against Darton College in a double-header on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Fillies Field.

The Stallion baseball team will also take on Darton College at 6 p.m. on Friday and again in a double-header beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Stallion Field.

Parking Fines Must Be Paid By April 29

Students must pay all parking fines on or before April 29 at 9 a.m.

Students who fail to pay fines by the deadline will not be able to graduate, receive grades, receive transcripts, or secure schedules for future semesters.



Pacesetters Named at ABAC

Ten Pacesetter awards from the campus newspaper's editorial board and staff were presented at the recent ABAC Student Leadership Banquet.

The institution's award-winning student newspaper, "The Stallion," extends Pacesetter recognition annually to those who have worked for ABAC through their actions and exemplary service. Pacesetters are chosen from the student body, the administration, the faculty, and the staff who, through their hard work, talent, and devotion, embody the spirit of the college.

This year's faculty and staff Pacesetter recipients included Don Coates, Associate Professor of Music; Kris Liebegott, Director of Student Activities and Greek Life; Dr. Jeff Newberry, Associate Professor of English; Keith Perry,



Pacesetter award winners at the recent student leadership banquet at ABAC included (l-r): Kris Liebegott, James Brown, Dr. Jeff Newberry, Jazmin Thomas, Ashley Morris, Bernard Green, Don Coates, and Keith Perry. Not pictured are Dr. Don Parks and Dr. Susan Roe.

Assistant Professor of Communications; Dr. Don Parks, Director of Student Success; and Dr. Susan Roe, Associate Professor of Voice.

Student Pacesetter award recipients included James Brown, a psychology major from Sylvester; Bernard Green, a business major from Tifton; Ashley Morris, a rural studies major from Newnan, and Jazmin Thomas, an agriculture communications major from Perry.



Dustin Bass Makes Impact On ABAC Students

Dustin Bass was selected for the prestigious SGA Impact Award by Student Government Association President Jazmin Thomas at the recent student leadership banquet at ABAC. Bass is an instructor of agricultural economics in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The award goes to the ABAC employee who is deemed to have had the biggest impact on the students over the past year.



Liebegott Recognized for SGA President's Award

Kris Liebegott (left) has been named this year's President's Award winner by ABAC Student Government Association President Jazmin Thomas. Liebegott is the Director of Student Activities at the college.

Students Select Vantrees As 2011-12 SGA President



Kevin Vantrees, the 2011-2012 Student Government President, is congratulated by this year's Student Government Association President Jazmin Thomas at the recent student leadership banquet. Vantrees is also a member of the ABAC Ambassadors, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and the Agribusiness Club.



Covington Student Named Senator of the Year at ABAC

Ronnie Few (left), a diversified agriculture major from Covington, was named Senator of the Year by Student Government Association President Jazmin Thomas (right) at the recent student leadership banquet at ABAC. Besides his involvement with the SGA, Few also served as a vice president for the Residence Hall Association this year.

Stallion Day This Saturday

We look forward to many high school visitors on the ABAC campus Saturday! Please help us welcome the students and their families to campus in the dining hall at 9 a.m. or engage in a conversation with them at lunch! ****Please note these will be the best times for interaction since there is no Stallion Marketplace or interactive classes.**

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 – 10:00	Bookstore open for business	Student Center, 1 st floor
9:00 – 10:00	Check-in & Tours	Donaldson Dining Hall
10:00 - 10:45	Welcome Junior Session Senior Session	Howard Auditorium TBD TBD
*10:00 - 10:30	Welcome Student and Parent Perspectives	Donaldson Dining Hall
11:00 – 11:50 Pick 2 sessions to attend ➤ 11:00-11:20 ➤ 11:30-11:50	Conversation Corners Join the experts and have your questions answered on these areas from faculty, staff, and students.	Health Sciences Building <i>rooms:</i> Athletics and Intramurals—114 GACollege411 Session—167 Honors Session—259 Junior Information Panel—254 Senior Information Panel—108
*10:30 – 11:50 Pick 3 sessions to attend ➤ 10:40-11:00 ➤ 11:10-11:30 ➤ 11:40 – 12:00	Conversation Corners Join the experts and have your questions answered on these areas from faculty, staff, and students.	Health Sciences Building <i>rooms:</i> College 101—240 4 Year Degree Programs—249 Help Your Student Choose a Major- 237 Resources for your Student—242 Transitions—200
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch and Survey	Donaldson Dining Hall
1:00 – 2:00 Session Times 1:10 to 1:20 1:40 to 2:00	<u>Admissions/Financial Aid</u> <u>Information Sessions</u> Ag Sciences: Room 131, Seniors Room 139, Juniors	<u>Housing Information Sessions</u> <i>Get the full experience, live on campus!</i> Lakeside Multi-purpose room Housing Tours ABAC Lakeside
2:00 PM OPTIONAL	Darton vs. ABAC	ABAC Baseball Field
* Family Schedule		

ABAC Birthdays

- 11 Steven Cooper
- 11 Erika Ellis
- 13 Marvin Holtz
- 13 Shelia Wynn
- 14 Donna Campbell
- 14 Elizabeth Wilcox
- 16 James Galt-Brown
- 17 Anthony Fitzgerald
- 17 Brooke Jernigan

ABAC Sponsoring Trip to New York City May 28-31

The Educational Outreach Office at ABAC will host a trip to New York City on May 28 – 31.

The four-day package includes the performance of the ABAC Chamber Singers at the Lincoln Center, as well as visits to Grand Central Station, Times Square, Central Park, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and a choice of a Broadway show, either “Wicked” or “Jersey Boys”.

Travelers will also take a tour of Lower Manhattan including Wall Street and Ground Zero as well as a ride on the Staten Island Ferry for views of Ellis

Island and the Statue of Liberty. Other New York City highlights will feature Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall, and St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

The cost of this trip is \$1,599 and includes transportation to and from Atlanta, round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations at Novatel, two dinners in the city, and performances at Lincoln Center and on Broadway.

For more information on this trip, visit the web site at www.abac.edu/psbo/Travel/index.cfm, contact Diane Kilgore at dkilgore@abac.edu, or call 391-5065.