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## Pacesetters Named at ABAC Leadership Banquet

One Superior Pacesetter award and 11 Pacesetter awards were presented by the campus newspaper's editorial board at the recent Student Leadership Banquet at ABAC.

ABAC'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 **Dill and Susan Driscoll**, Deans of the Stafford School of Business; **Donna Webb**, Director of Enrollment Management for the Office of Admissions; **Nicholas Urquhart**, Lead Academic Support Coun-



Pacesetter award winners at the recent student leadership banquet at ABAC included (l-r): Sue Mastrario, Suzanne Black, Donna Webb, Kristen Ray, Devin Gibbs, Mary White, Efrain Ruiz, and Nicholas Urquhart. Not pictured are Dill Driscoll, Susan Driscoll, Luis Mendez, and Jacob Nyhuis.

selor for the Office of Academic Support; and **Mary White**, custodian in the Branch Student Center and Herring Hall.

**Efrain Ruiz**, a diversified agriculture major from Whitmire, S.C.; received the Superior Pacesetter. The Superior Pacesetter is given to the person students believe has done the most for the college during the year while exemplifying leadership and service to the campus.

Student Pacesetters included **Suzanne Black**, a diversified agriculture major from Clermont, Fla.; **Devin Gibbs**, a rural studies - writing and communication major from Doerun; **Sue Mastrario**, a rural studies - business and economic development major from Ashburn; **Luis Mendez**, a business administration major from Lizella; **Jacob Nyhuis**, a diversified agriculture major from Montverde, Fla.; and **Kristen Ray**, a rural studies - social and community affairs major from Waycross.

## Stallions & Fillies Tennis Finish Second

ABAC Stallions and Fillies finished second in the GCAA tennis tournament held in Covington, Ga. at Oxford at Emory over the weekend.

The #7 nationally ranked Stallions were down 2-4 after singles, fought back and narrowly missed what would have been one of the biggest come-backs in GCAA tournament history, eventually falling 4-5 to #3 nationally ranked Georgia Perimeter Jaguars.

"Our Stallions played their hearts out today and came up short against a very solid GPC team," said Alan Kramer, Athletic Director and Head Coach."

The highlight of the tournament for the Stallions was the three-set #1 doubles win by Oliver Snaider and Ricky



Michael Bailey (left) and Dragomir Culjat (right) that placed second in doubles over the weekend.

Symanski who saved a match point in the third set tie-break to earn All-Region. Other Stallions named All-Region were Dragomir Culjat at #2 singles, Parker Cuevas-Woodall at #4 singles and Michael Bailey and Dragomir Culjat at #2 doubles. The #15 nationally ranked Fillies finished second

behind #13 nationally ranked Georgia Perimeter Jaguars. Nikki Hall won flight 5 and was named All-Region. Olivia and Nikki Hall won 3 doubles and were both named All-Region. GPC snapped the Fillies streak of 19 straight GCAA Conference Championships.

## Honors Day & Employee Cookout Wednesday

The Honors Day ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Classes and labs will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. and resume at 2 p.m. All full time faculty are expected to participate in the ceremony unless officially excused by your Dean.

Immediately following the ceremony, in celebration of a successful 2013 academic year, ABAC will sponsor an employee appreciation cookout for all ABAC Faculty, Staff and Sodexo personnel. The cookout will take place in the grass area adjacent to Gressette Gym. A group of campus volunteers will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs for your enjoyment. Faculty and staff awards will be presented during the event as well.



## Georgia Museum of Agriculture

# Camp Wiregrass

A day camp program focusing on Georgia history and natural resources.

Children ages 4-11 can enjoy the Georgia Museum of Agriculture this summer with Camp Wiregrass, a day camp program focusing on historical and natural resource themes. Campers will explore southern Georgia's rich history and natural resources through hands-on, interactive activities, games, and crafts.

**2013 session descriptions on back!**



**Thank you to Friends of the Museum for their wonderful donation to reduce camp cost for everyone!**



### Munchkins (4-5 yrs old)

Munchkin campers will enjoy stories, games, and crafts. Camp will be 8:30am-12pm and will include a small morning snack. Original cost: \$103  
Cost after the Friends of the Museum's donation: \$75

### Explorers (6-8 yrs old) & Trekkers (9-11 yrs old)

Explorer & Trekker campers will enjoy interactive activities, games, and crafts throughout the week. Camp will be 8:30am-3:30pm and will include an afternoon snack. Campers will need to bring a sack lunch and to prepare to get wet during most afternoons. Original cost: \$200. Cost after the Friends of the Museum's donation: \$170.



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or visit

[www.abac.edu/museum/kids-camp](http://www.abac.edu/museum/kids-camp).

# STUDY ABROAD **BELIZE**

**Informational meeting:  
Thursday, April 25th  
@ 4p.m.**

**Bowen Hall 206**

**You could be a part of this  
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**Come learn more!**



For more information email Amy Warren [awarren@abac.edu](mailto:awarren@abac.edu)  
OR call the School of Human Sciences main office 229-391-5080



Relay for Life is Friday from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at E.B. Hamilton. ABAC will be at Campsite 22 all night. Come out and support this cause!



## Fillies Softball Plays in State Tournament Thursday at 1 p.m.

ABAC Fillies Softball Team are 26-19 on the season and 9-7 in the conference.

The Fillies earned the #4 seed going into the State Tournament this Thursday playing #5 Seed, East Georgia College at 1 p.m. in Locust Grove, GA. The link to watch the game live at 1 p.m. on Thursday is <http://thegcaa.com/information/13gcaasoftballlinks>

If you can't catch it live, it will be archived for later viewing any-time you wish. When/if we win Thursday at 1 p.m. we play #1; GPC at 5 p.m. that same day. Championship is set for Saturday at 1 p.m. Go Fillies!



The fillies warming up for the "Pink Out" last Friday in their special pink uniforms. This annual event raises money for the ABAC Relay for Life team.

## Arbor Day Tree Planting Friday @ 9



Come out Friday at 9 a.m. at Lake Baldwin as ABAC Celebrates Arbor Day with the planting of a weeping willow donated by Sodexo.

## ASSETS Coastal Ecology Field Trip to Sapelo and Jekyll Island

A group of 12 ASSETS scholars and 3 faculty members from ABAC's School of Science and Mathematics were at UGA's Marine Institute on Sapelo Island from April 12-14 engaged in the study of the ecology of Georgia's coastal barrier islands. Over the course of the weekend the group visited the 1820 Sapelo lighthouse and Hog Hammock, the only permanent residential community on the Island. The group also traveled to Jekyll Island to visit the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, which attempts to rehabilitate turtles who've been injured through boat strikes or are suffering from natural debilitating conditions.



Ms. Beth Thornton pauses for a teaching moment and discusses the geological processes that result in dune formation.

## Williams Retirement

Please join the Stafford School of Business in celebrating Mrs. Teresa Williams' retirement after 30 years of dedication to the College. There will be a reception Thursday from 4-5 p.m. on the first floor of Lewis Hall.

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## Music Majors' Spring Recitals This Week

Twenty-one music majors at ABAC will perform in their spring recitals on Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Each of the sessions will last approximately one hour and will feature a diversity of styles in performance ranging from voices to hand-held and upright instruments. Musical selections will feature a variety of compositions from composers from the Baroque through the Twentieth Century. The performance is free to the public and to all ABAC faculty, staff, and students.

The recitals will feature music majors **Avery Atnip**, a freshman from Thomasville; **Travius Burch**, a freshman from Sylvester; **Krystina Braswell**, a freshman from Conyers; **Cody Cone**, a freshman from Poulan; **Drew Ellis**, a sophomore from Cordele; **Jonathan Fallin**, a sophomore from Fitzgerald; **Kezia Green**, a sophomore from Sylvester; **Daniel Hardy**, a freshman from Ashburn; **Nicholas Hartley**, a sophomore from Moultrie; and **Erica Humbert**, a freshman from Thomasville.

Other performers will include **Johnathan Hobgood**, a freshman from Moultrie; **Brandon Horton**, a freshman from Thomasville; **John Mathis**, a sophomore from Nashville; **Calah McDuffie**, a sophomore from Ocilla; **Alena Phillips**, a sophomore from Richmond Hill; **Kendra Shepherd**, a freshman from Rex; **Mariah Slaughter**, a freshman from Cairo; **Ethan Smith**, a sophomore from Sylvester; **Wes Trull**, a freshman from Fitzgerald; and **Tyler Williams**, a freshman from Tifton.



## ABAC Birthdays

- 16 James Galt—Brown
- 17 Anthony Fitzgerald
- 17 Brooke Jernigan
- 19 Maggie Martin
- 27 Tammy Carter

