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ABAC Jazz Ensemble Selected To Perform in St. Louis

The ABAC Jazz Ensemble will travel to St. Louis, Mo., to perform at the Jazz Education Network International Conference at the University of Missouri in St. Louis, from May 20-22. The ABAC group is one of only 10 university and college bands in the nation invited to be a part of this three-day event that includes clinics, conferences, and performances.

"The Jazz Education Network is the international organization for jazz," said Don Coates, director of the ABAC Jazz Ensemble and associate professor of music at the college. "We submitted a recording last year for the opportunity to attend this conference, and we were chosen."

The ABAC Jazz Ensemble is internationally known, with three European trips under its belt. In recent years, the



The ABAC Jazz Ensemble has been selected to play at the Jazz Education Network International Conference in St. Louis on Saturday afternoon.

group has played at the opening of the Tour de France in London, England, The North Sea Jazz Festival in Rotterdam and in Switzerland at the Montreux Jazz Festival.

The Ensemble will perform on Saturday at 4 p.m. Selections from the performance will include "Peri's Scope" by Bill Evans, "Taking a Chance on Love"

by Vernon Duke, "Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most" by Tommy Wolf and Frank Mantooth, and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" by Jerome Kern. The Jazz Education Network Conference will host concerts, clinics and workshops taught by music educators and professionals at the top of the jazz genre from 9 a.m. - 2 a.m. each day.

ABAC jazz members will be able to choose between a variety of concerts, clinics and workshops on an hourly basis, as well as get the chance to look at industry exhibits and talk to music professionals and vendors from across the country.

For more information on the Jazz Ensemble, contact Coates at 391-4942 or via e-mail at dcoates@abac.edu.

ABAC On The Square To Host Business After Hours

ABAC on the Square in Moultrie will host the quarterly "Business After Hours" event in conjunction with the Moultrie-Colquitt County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

"Every quarter, the Chamber of Commerce gets together for an evening event, and a local business will serve as a host," said Kay Powell, Director of ABAC on the Square. "This quarter we have the opportunity to host. This is a business networking event that really helps everyone in the community."

The event will take place in the lobby area of ABAC on the Square. Light refreshments will be provided. Members of the Chamber of Commerce and the ABAC administration will be on

hand.

ABAC on the Square is now accepting applicants for the summer term and fall semester. The summer term begins on June 7, and the fall semester begins on Aug. 16. For more information, contact Powell at (229) 891-7235 or at kpowell@abac.edu.



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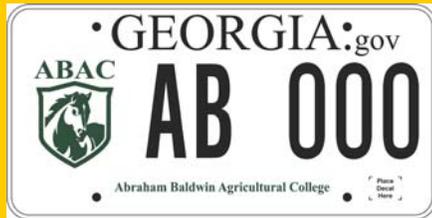
State College Tuition Takes Small Jump

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia announced an increase of \$100 per semester in State College tuition at its meeting on Wednesday. The ABAC tuition will be \$1,347 per semester beginning with the fall term.

"It is a very modest increase that will help offset a portion of the lost revenue from the budget reduction," ABAC President David Bridges said. "Even with this slight increase, I think an ABAC education is still a great value in the University System."

Tuition at Valdosta State will go up \$300 per semester, and tuition at the University of Georgia will go up \$500 per semester. Two-year colleges such as Darton will see a \$50 per semester increase.

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Sylvester Student Wins English Award At ABAC



Kayla Lindsey, an English major from Sylvester, won the English award for the 2009-10 academic year at ABAC. The award is worth \$300. It was presented by Dr. Billy Reynolds, Associate Professor of English. Faculty members in the English program fund the award each year.

Students Complete Two-Year Worth County Project

Dr. Rod Brown, Associate Professor of Forestry, and students in the forestry program at ABAC completed a two-year project this spring at Camp Osborn in northern Worth County.

"Camp Osborn is an 828-acre property owned by the Chehaw Council of the Boy Scouts of America," said Brown. "Most of the property is in forest."

The Chehaw Council contacted Brown to see if he and his students would be interested in doing some mapping and inventory of timber stands for Camp Osborn. This included mapping roads, streams, and property boundaries using a Global Positioning System and collecting data regarding the species of trees on the site.

"A total of 21 students collected data and did inventory over two spring semesters," said Brown. "Ten students participated this spring semester, and eleven participated in the previous



Forestry students from ABAC recently completed a field exercise in Worth County involving Boy Scouts of America property at Camp Osborn.

spring."

The students who conducted these field labs were part of the Forest Measurements and Global Information Systems classes at ABAC. "ABAC's forestry program and F&W Forestry Services of Albany partnered for this project to help out the Boy Scouts," said

Brown. "We collected all the data, and F&W Forestry Services will develop a long-term management plan, which entails a description of the property and any recommendations that need to be made."

Examples of these recommendations could include prescribed burning or the thinning out of overly dense areas of forest.

Though ABAC's part of the project is now complete, Brown isn't ruling out other ventures with the Chehaw Council.

Regents Facilitate Transfer of State Museum of Agriculture

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia took action to facilitate the transfer of assets, including land and buildings, from the Georgia Agrirama Development Authority at the State Museum of Agriculture to the University System of Georgia (USG) at the Regents' meeting May 12 in Atlanta.

The acceptance of the property by the regents follows up on House Bill 1090 from the Georgia Legislature, which moves all the assets of the State Museum of Agriculture (Agrirama) to the USG. The museum will become a part of the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

"ABAC and the Agrirama share overlapping missions," ABAC President David Bridges said. "We are always looking for ways to enhance the education of our students, spur economic development and support the community in which we serve."

Bridges said the museum, which sits on a 95-acre site on Interstate 75 in Tifton near the ABAC campus, will be operated as a part of the 102-year-old college's academic and educational mission.

ABAC Student Gets Married On Graduation Day

It was a double celebration day on May 7 for ABAC student Leandra Gonzales. Not only did she receive her associate's degree in computer science from ABAC on that day but she also got married just before the commencement ceremony.

"It was the only day my fiancée, Eric Vilchez, and I could get married,"

said Gonzales. "He is in the Army, and this was the only leave time he had. As soon as we left the airport, we headed to the Pearson Courthouse."

Gonzales was not planning on a lot of people attending her wedding ceremony, but when she got there not only were family members present, but friends of the family as well.



President David Bridges (left) and Academic Affairs Vice President Niles Reddick congratulate Leandra Gonzales from Pearson on her big day at ABAC on May 7.

"I got there and saw that my sister's friends were at the courthouse," said Gonzales. "We got married on the front steps because there was not enough room in the courthouse for everyone."

Gonzalez was the valedictorian at Atkinson County High School in 2008 prior to choosing ABAC to

begin her college career. She was the ABAC Freshman Convocation speaker during the 2008 fall semester.

Gonzales and her new husband left on May 8 for his post in Ft. Drum, N.Y., 30 miles from the Canadian border. He will finish his service with the Army in December and then they plan to return to Georgia.

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Fall – June 11, June
18, July 8, July 9, July
22, July 23, and Aug.
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ABAC Birthdays

- 17 Betty McCorvey
- 18 Jeanie Paulk
- 21 Keisha Spears
- 22 Amy Jackson
- 23 Gloria Sulkowski
- 23 Nicholas Urquhart

ABAC Job Opportunities

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- Part-time Clinical Instructor
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Tennis Ends Intercollegiate Sports Year At ABAC

In the final action of the ABAC intercollegiate sports year, the men's tennis team at ABAC wound up seventh in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) tournament on Friday in Plano, Texas.

ABAC's Rasid Winklaar made it to the semifinals of the tournament and was named the International Tennis Association (ITA) Region IV Player of the Year. Winklaar was the NJCAA Region XVII Player of the Year when Coach Alan Kramer's Stallions won the state tournament at the Red Hill Athletics Center on April 17. ABAC Assistant Coach Dale White was named the ITA Region IV Assistant Coach of the Year.

Kramer, who also coaches the ABAC women's tennis team and serves as athletics director at ABAC, was named to the NJCAA Women's Tennis Hall of Fame at the NJCAA women's tournament earlier this month in Tucson, Ariz. The Fillies won their 17th straight Region XVII title on April 17 before finishing 17th in the national tournament. Bia Miranda from ABAC was named ITA Region IV Rookie of the Year, and Marley Myers was selected as the ITA Region IV Arthur Ashe Award recipient.

The ABAC golf team of Coach Herb Hendrix finished second in the NJCAA

Region XVII tournament behind Darton, which won its eighth consecutive crown. Coach Steve Janousek's baseball Stallions lost to South Georgia in the first round of the GJCAA state tournament to finish with a 21-33 overall record.

The women's softball team of Coach Donna Campbell compiled a 10-28 record this year and did not make the state tournament for the first time in many years.

In the fall, Coach Jimmy Ballenger's women's soccer team rolled up a 10-7-1 record. The Fillies lost a 2-1 overtime decision to Georgia Perimeter in the first round of the state playoffs. Katrina Duncan-Marshalleck scored 23 goals on the year to go with the 26 goals she scored as a freshman to become ABAC's alltime leading scorer.

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