State Farm Intern Program at ABAC

The ABAC Stafford School of Business and State Farm have partnered together to create the State Farm Intern program with agents Chad Sumner, Tifton and Brent Dixon, Adel. Each semester a group of ABAC students will be selected to intern with a local State Farm Agent. During the internship these students will be exposed to the insurance industry with the hopes that a number of the students will decide to pursue a career with State Farm. The first intern group began work last week and will continue through July. The summer interns and local agents are pictured left to right, Last row: Chad Sumner, Dr. David Bridges, Brent Dixon; Second row: Clay Harris and Dr. Niles Reddick; Third row: Luis Mendez, Davontae Hunt, Kendall Hickox, and Seth Mann; Front row: CiCi Arriaga and Susan Driscoll.

The ABAC Men’s Tennis Team Placed 9th at National Tournament

The Stallion Tennis team traveled to Plano, Texas last week for the NJCAA Men’s National Tennis Tournament. The team placed 9th overall out of 26 teams. Parker Cuevas-Woodall won the Regional IV ITA Player to Watch award at the NJCAA National Tournament banquet. In addition to winning this award, Cuevas-Woodall made it to the semifinals in singles at the #4 slot. Oliver Snaider won the Regional IV ITA Sophomore Player of the Year award at the NJCAA National Tournament banquet. Snaider and Ricky Symanski made it to the doubles semifinals in the #1 slot. Great work to the coaches and players!

Changes to Point of Contact for GSW Early Childhood Program at ABAC

Those interested in the Georgia Southwestern State University Early Childhood program will now contact Lynn Larsen (lynn.larsen@gsu.edu). Larsen will be handling all duties except room reservations which will be handled by Cindy Epperly. Larsen is housed in Bowen Hall and will assist students interested in entering this program. Diantha Ellis is still the advisor for management and accounting. For more information regarding these changes contact Melissa Willis (mkwillis@abac.edu).
Relay for Life Memorial Day Raffle
Tickets are $1 each and can be purchased at the Branch Student Center at ABAC, 2nd floor, Enterprise Data Services/Office of the Registrar. You may also send your payment through campus mail to EDS – ABAC Box 7. Checks need to be made payable to American Cancer Society and Memo “ABAC EDS Memorial Day Basket”. The drawing will be held on Thursday. This basket is valued at $150 and will be sure to satisfy most of your needs for a short getaway or weekend trip. Includes items from a cooler to fire starters to cups to chips to chairs. Contact Clayton Riehle (criehle@abacedu) for more information.

June 15 Deadline for Avian Adventures
The deadline is June 15 for high school juniors and seniors who wish to enter the Avian Adventures 2013 Poultry Science Scholars Program at ABAC. The program will be held at ABAC on June 24-26.
This short course is open to high school juniors and seniors interested in learning more about the field of poultry science. The application fee for this program is $50 and includes two nights of housing at ABAC Lakeside and six meals. Space is limited. Topics covered in this program will include microbiology, avian production and anatomy, and embryology. In addition, students will take part in discussions with faculty and undergraduate students, as well as leading experts in poultry science and the poultry industry. Participants will also learn about college life and the admissions process at ABAC and the University of Georgia.
Those interested should print out the application online at www.abac.edu/academics/schools/ag-natural-resources/outreach/avian-adventures. Checks should be made payable to the ABAC Foundation. Students should mail the application and payment to Dr. Tim Marshall, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources at ABAC, at ABAC 8, 2802 Moore Highway, Tifton, GA 31793.
For more information or questions on this program, students can contact Marshall at (229) 391-4790 or at tmarshall@abac.edu.

ABAC Pool Open
Pool hours are Monday-Thursdays 3-7 p.m. and Friday-Sundays 1-6 p.m. ABAC students get in free with current ABAC ID. Pool passes for faculty and staff can be obtained from Gay Ann Hodge in the Student Financial Services office on the second floor of the student center with this completed form. Outside memberships can be purchased at the following prices: individual membership $100 or family membership $200. If you have a membership, you can purchase a one-day guest pass for $4. For more information contact Hodge at 229.391.4999.

Mark Your Calendar
Orientation
Summer: May 31
Fall: June 7
June 21
July 12
July 19
August 9
First Day of Classes
Full Summer: June 3
Session A: June 3
Session B: July 1
Fall: August 14

Weltner Hall Occupants Relocate
The three offices formerly located in Weltner Hall have moved to other locations on the ABAC campus. The ABAC Police Department has moved to Evans Hall directly behind the J. Lamar Branch Student Center. The Office of Multicultural Education is now located on the first floor of Conger Hall in the space formerly occupied by the School of Business. The South Region Agricultural Education Office is located in Chambliss Hall on the north end of the building adjacent to the Pedestrian Mall. Phone numbers and email addresses for employees in these areas remain the same, so call if you have any problems locating their offices.
Georgia Museum of Agriculture Barn Quilt Project Underway

The Georgia Museum of Agriculture ABAC, along with the Wiregrass Quilters Guild, are working on a year-long Barn Quilt Project that will be unveiled at the 2014 Folklife Festival and Annual Quilt Show. Barn quilts have become popular again with more and more becoming visible. Quilt trails have been developed in many states.

The history of the American Barn Quilt can be traced back almost 300 years to the arrival of immigrants from the central regions of Europe; Germany, Austria and the Netherlands. It is widely believed that barn painting/quilting originated in Pennsylvania with these immigrants and then spread out.

Painting a decorative and distinctive quilt pattern on their barns was a wonderful way of allowing for decoration. It also became an excellent way for travelers to find particular families or crossroads as locals would just tell them which pattern to look for. Around the 1840’s barn painting and decorating became an actual trade with specialized artisans. These artists combined many folk designs as well as specific geometric patterns from quilt squares. The craft flourished over the next several decades, into the time period portrayed by the Georgia Museum of Agriculture.

The design for the new barn quilt which will become a permanent part of the landscape at the museum will be created by the Wiregrass Quilters Guild over the summer using a pattern from the wiregrass area. The design of the quilt will then be transferred to outdoor grade sheets of wood and painted by the Quilters Guild, local artists, and volunteers over the winter. Additionally, students from ABAC creative writing classes will research and write curriculum materials surrounding the history of barn quilts, and the local project’s details.

During the course of this project, there will be one internship position available to assist the GMA and the Quilters Guild with the execution of the project. A rural studies or art major is preferred.

In April 2014, the GMA and Quilters Guild will host a “Quilter’s Picnic” by the Opry Shelter for the dedication and unveiling of the barn quilt. The barn quilt will be hung for permanent display to coincide with the 2014 Annual Quilt Show at the GMA during the Folklife Festival. In addition, the GMA Gallery will host a Quilt Exhibit at that time spotlighting Georgia artist Sue Turnquist, who is the 2013 American Legacy Viewers’ Choice Quilter.

Curriculum materials will be available to school groups visiting the GMA, and a brochure will be available to visitors, both referencing the new barn quilt. An original fabric quilt will be made by the Guild duplicating the barn quilt’s pattern. The fabric quilt will be placed somewhere on site, and clues will take visitors on a scavenger hunt to find and view it.

For questions on the barn quilt project or to inquire about being a part of it, interested persons can contact GMA Gallery Coordinator Polly Huff at phuff@abac.edu or 229.391.5222.

School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Jeanie Paulk, Instructor in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at ABAC, assisting graduate Micheal Coker with the lighting of her lamp during the Nursing pinning ceremony. The lighting of the lamp signifies the passing of knowledge and responsibility from the instructors to the graduates.

Memorial Day May 27

Memorial Day occurs every year on the final Monday of May. This is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Take time to thank those who have served our country.

The offices at ABAC will be open for business as normal on Monday.

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