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Bainbridge High Student Awarded Presidential Scholarship

President David Bridges has announced that Bainbridge High School senior Sara Beth Pelham will receive the Presidential Scholarship from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College beginning with the 2010-11 academic year.

Combined with the HOPE scholarship, the Presidential Scholarship will cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and meals for as long as Pelham meets the scholarship requirements while attending ABAC.

"We are very pleased with the performance of our current Presidential Scholars, and I am confident that Sara Beth will also make a positive impact on our student body," Bridges said. "We are happy that she chose ABAC."



Sara Beth Pelham

The 18-year-old daughter of Wesley and Amy Pelham will begin classes at ABAC when the fall term opens on Aug. 16. She is interested in pursuing a degree in animal science and hopes to work in animal science genetics one day.

"I have always dreamed of going to ABAC for the strong animal science program," Pelham said. "I'm also really excited about meeting new people."

Pelham, who lives in Faceville, will get a taste of the ABAC campus this summer when she stays in the ABAC

Place Apartments while attending the University of Georgia Young Scholars Program at the UGA Tifton Campus. In the fall Pelham will live at the ABAC Lakeside Suites with a friend from Bleckley County that she met through lamb shows.

At Bainbridge High School, Pelham plays the oboe in the marching, concert and symphonic bands. She also participates in the Interact Service Club, FFA, National Honors Society, and Spanish Honor Society. In addition to her school involvement, she is a member of the First Baptist Church youth group and has dedicated countless hours to organizations in the community.

Pelham plans to be involved with the ABAC concert band program. She also has extracurricular interests in the ABAC Ambassadors leadership program and collegiate FFA.

From Barbados To ABAC

James Ingrahm admits he had never heard of ABAC before he came here from Barbados to play tennis. Now he finds it difficult to leave after receiving his Associate of Science degree in Business at the commencement ceremony on May 7.

Barbados is a country on an island in the West Indies. His parents and his sister had an airplane flight of three hours to Miami, and then boarded another flight from Miami to Savannah. They traveled overland from Savannah to Tifton to enjoy watching ABAC Presi-



dent David Bridges present a diploma to James. "I didn't know ABAC was so beautiful," James' mother, Sarah, said. "The appearance of the campus is so serene. The lake is really beautiful." Ingrahm hopes to continue his tennis career at either Wichita State University or Gardner-Webb University. He will definitely miss the Stallions

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Summer Kids Classes and Camps Begin May 30

This summer the Public Service and Business Outreach Center at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will offer a variety of classes through its Kids College beginning May 30. Pre-registration is required.

A selection of sports camps will be offered in tennis, gymnastics, baseball, softball, basketball, golf, and cheerleading throughout the summer. Swimming lessons for all ages will be taught during the summer as well.

Children can also participate in classes involving music, dance, art, acting, science, animals, photography, bowling, cooking, and more. There is a fee for each class.

For more information or to register, contact ABAC's PSBOC at (229) 391-5070 or online at www.abac.edu/psbo.



Promotions Approved for ABAC Faculty Members

Ten faculty members at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will receive academic promotions, effective Aug. 1, 2010.

Dr. Shelley Fandel, Shaun Seat, Linda Truman, Becca Turner, and Amy Warren will receive promotions to the rank of assistant professor from instructor. **Dr. Darby Sewell and Tamara Dennis** will receive promotions to the rank of associate professor from assistant professor. **Dr. Rodney Brown, Donna Hatcher, and Dr. Marvin Holtz** will receive promotions from associate professor to professor.

Fandel has been a part of the ABAC faculty since 2007. She received her A.A. in Political Science from ABAC; a B.S. in History from Georgia Southwestern State University; a M.S. in History from Valdosta State University; and her Ed. D. in Education from Walden College. She teaches in the School of Human Sciences.

Seat earned his B.S. in Chemistry and his M.S. Ed. in Educational Leadership from Valdosta State University. He has been a part of the ABAC faculty since 2004 and teaches in the School of Science and Mathematics.

Truman received her B.B.A. in Management and her M.S. in Management

Information Systems from Georgia College and State University. She has been a member of the School of Business faculty since 2006.

Turner joined the ABAC faculty in 2007, teaching in the School of Liberal Arts. She received her B.S.A. in Agricultural Communication and her M.M.C. in Mass Communication from the University of Georgia.

Warren received a B.S. in Early Childhood Education and a M.S. in Early Childhood Education from Florida State University. She has taught in the School of Human Sciences since 2007.

Sewell has been a member of the ABAC faculty since 2002. She received her A.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences from ABAC; her B.S. and M. Ed. in Family and Consumer Sciences from the University of Georgia; and her Ph. D. in Family and Consumer Sciences from Iowa State University. She serves as

Interim Dean of the School of Human Sciences.

Dennis received her A.S. in Nursing from ABAC and her B.S.N. and M.S.N. from Valdosta State University. She has been with the School of Nursing and Health Sciences since 2002.

Brown has been a part of the ABAC community since 1982. He received his B.S.F.R., M.S. and Ph. D. degrees in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia. He teaches in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Hatcher received her B.F.A. in Sculpture and Art History from the University of Georgia and her M.F.A. in Art from Cornell University. She has served the students of ABAC since 2001 as a faculty member in the School of Liberal Arts.

Holtz started his teaching career at ABAC in 2001. He received his B.A. in Biology from Lyon College; his M.S. in Biology from Niagara University; and his Ph. D. in Science Education from Florida State University. He teaches in the School of Science and Mathematics.



Tenure Approved for ABAC Faculty Members

Eight members of the faculty and administration at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College have been approved for tenure, effective Aug. 1, 2010.

Those receiving tenure included **Dr. Niles Reddick, Dr. Tim Marshall, Dr. William Moore, Kathy Moreno, Jeff Newberry, Dr. Brian Ray, Dr. William Reynolds, and Dr. Darby Sewell.**

Reddick joined the ABAC administration as Vice President for Academic Affairs and professor of Humanities in 2007. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Valdosta State University, his M.A. in Psychology from the University of West Georgia, and his Ph.D. in Humanities from Florida State University.

Marshall received his A.S. in Agriculture from ABAC; his B.S.A. in Animal Science from the University of Georgia; and his M.S. and Ph. D. in Animal Science from the University of Florida. He serves as the Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources and has been a part of the ABAC faculty since 2006.

Moore, assistant professor of wildlife and forestry, has been a member of the

ABAC faculty since 2002. He received his B.S. and M.S. in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia and his Ph. D. in Forest Resources from Clemson University. He currently teaches in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Moreno is an assistant professor in accounting with the School of Business. She has been with the college since 2002. She received her A.S. in Business Administration from ABAC; her B.H.S. in Nutrition from the University of Florida; and her B.B.A. and M.A. in Accounting from Valdosta State University.

Newberry is an associate professor of English in the School of Liberal Arts. He received his B.A. and M.A. in English from the University of West Florida. He has been a part of the ABAC faculty since 2002.

Ray has been a member of the ABAC teaching community since 2005. He serves as an associate professor of English in the School of Liberal Arts. He received his B.A. in Theater from Yankton College; his M.A. in English from the University of South Dakota; and his Ph.

D. in English from Middle Tennessee State University.

Reynolds received his B.A. in Liberal Arts and M.A. in English from Mississippi State University and his Ph. D. in English from Western Michigan University. He is an associate professor of English and Interim Department Head of Literature and Languages in the School of Liberal Arts, where he has been a member of the faculty since 2005.

Sewell has been a member of the ABAC faculty since 2002. She received her A.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences from ABAC; her B.S. and M. Ed. in Family and Consumer Sciences from the University of Georgia; and her Ph. D. in Family and Consumer Sciences from Iowa State University. She serves as Interim Dean of the School of Human Sciences.

Tenure may be granted to a faculty member who has served at least five years as an assistant professor and has shown the potential for making significant contributions to the college and in the professor's field.

ABAC Students Selected For Women's Leadership Institute

Three Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College students have been accepted into the Women's Leadership in Public Service Institute on June 8-13 at The Lodge at Tallulah Falls.

Savannah Brown, a sophomore science major from Wray; **Jessica Gandy**, a junior rural studies major from Lenox; and **Randi Walden**, a sophomore agricultural business and economics major from Stockbridge, have all been accepted into the six-day program.

Gainesville State College has partnered with Rutgers University and its Center for American Women and Poli-



Brown

tics as the only institution in Georgia to offer this national program that focuses on cultivating women's leadership roles in public service, politics, government, community outreach and grassroots efforts.

Brown served as the treasurer of the ABAC Ambassadors leadership organization this year. She is also the reigning Ms. ABAC and serves as a mentor in her church youth group. She plans to obtain her Associate of Science degree and then transfer to a university to further her education, pursuing a degree in optometry.

Gandy is active in student activities. She served as President of Phi Theta Kappa for two semesters and tutors at the Academic Assistance Center. She



Gandy

received her associate's degree in political science from ABAC and is now pursuing her bachelor's degree in rural studies on the campus.

Walden is an active participant in 4-H. She is a third generation member of the organization. She received a Pacesetter Award pre-

sented by the student newspaper, "The Stallion" at the recent Student Leadership banquet. Pacesetters are awarded annually to those who have worked for ABAC through their actions and exemplary service.



Walden

Gonzalez, Reynolds Graduate From Executive Leadership Institute

Shadowing campus leaders to get a taste for their leadership styles was one of the benefits of the University System of Georgia Executive Leadership Institute (ELI), according to recent ELI graduates Javier Gonzalez and Dr. Billy Reynolds from ABAC.

Gonzalez is the director of the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) at ABAC, and Reynolds serves as the interim head of the Department of Literature and Language in the School of Liberal Arts.

ELI is the flagship System-wide development program designed under the guidance of the Chancellor of the University System and with significant input from executive leaders from each institution.

Reynolds studied ABAC's own Paul Willis in Enrollment Services, while Gonzalez traveled to North Georgia College and State University to shadow



ABAC Academic Affairs Vice President Niles Reddick (center) congratulates Javier Gonzalez (left) and Dr. Billy Reynolds for completing the Leadership Institute.

Dr. Linda Roberts-Bates, Vice President of Academic Affairs. "The institute wanted us to be exposed to areas of a campus that we were not familiar with," said Gonzalez. Reynolds added, "It

was really important for me to go across campus and see a different part of the process at ABAC."

Reynolds studied the enrollment services program. He was asked to describe the process and make recommendations.

"I didn't have any recommendations to make because after studying the process I observed that enrollment services is doing everything possible to get good students into ABAC while keeping enrollment numbers up," said Reynolds.

He came away with a new perspec-

tive and appreciation for what enrollment services at ABAC entails.

"Personal connection with incoming students plays a key role in the recruiting process, along with the underpinning of the processes that have been created for goal-setting," Reynolds said. "The recruiting process is not limited to enrollment services - we all have to find our small ways to help."

Gonzalez said his experiences at North Georgia were a refreshing change of pace for him.

"It was very different," said Gonzalez. "Dr. Roberts-Bates' duties included meeting regularly with the faculty senate, continual involvement in developing new programs and classes for the college, and working with the building of new facilities. I saw the academic and political aspects of the job."

One similarity that the two participants share is that they both learned a great deal about leadership.

"The Institute really helped me to see different leadership styles and things I can incorporate into my own leadership," said Reynolds.

Gonzalez echoed Reynolds' statement.

"I learned a lot about my leadership style, as well as the other participants' styles," said Gonzalez. "I can now better acclimate my leadership style to reflect others' styles if the situation calls for it."



Chamber Meets At ABAC on the Square

Chip Stapleton from the Moultrie-Colquitt County Chamber of Commerce addresses the audience at the quarterly Chamber After Hours event at ABAC On The Square in Moultrie on Thursday evening. ABAC President David Bridges gave an update on ABAC and thanked the Chamber members for their support of classes at ABAC on the Square. Summer term classes begin in Moultrie on June 7, and fall semester classes begin on Aug. 16. Contact ABAC On The Square Director Kay Powell for more information at (229) 891-7235.

Free Tuition Grants Available For NRCW At ABAC

Twenty tuition grants will be available to high school students who want to participate in the 49th Annual Natural Resources Conservation Workshop on June 13-17 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. These tuition grants are for rising 10th – 12th grade students from Georgia. The deadline for applications for the grants is June 4.

The Natural Resources workshop gives students a rare, one-of-a-kind chance to learn about Georgia's natural resources. Professionals in a variety of different fields will utilize classroom and field trip activities to help students learn the fundamentals and the responsible use of Georgia's natural resources.

The 2010 workshop tuition is \$150 per student. That cost covers room and board for the workshop. This year the ABAC Ag Alumni Council will provide funding for 20 students. Other students will have their tuition covered by local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, local businesses, and individuals.

"This year, the ABAC Ag Alumni Council will award 20 tuition grants of \$150 each to students who would like to

attend the workshop," said Vonda Fenn, Program Coordinator of the ABAC Public Service and Business Outreach Center. "This will support ABAC and get the best students on the campus. This is a great way to recruit high school students who might later return as ABAC students because of their summer experiences at the college."

Students who wish to apply for the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop tuition grants from ABAC should contact Fenn at vfenn@abac.edu or call her at (229) 391-5070. For more information about the Workshop, visit www.abac.edu/psbo/nrcw.

On the last day of the workshop, campers will be eligible to receive college scholarships by making the highest test scores on the exit exam.

"We will award over \$17,000 in scholarships for ABAC and other schools all over the state," said Fenn. "The scholarships range from \$250 - \$6,000. This is an opportunity for these students to have a wonderful week at the camp and then go home with a college scholarship."

Summer Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday

Closed

Sunday

2 - 10 p.m.

Save the Dates Advising & Registration

Summer – June 3

Fall – June 11, June 18, July 8, July 9, July 22, July 23, and Aug. 10

ABAC Job Opportunities

- Comptroller
- Coordinator of Residence Life
- Part-time Clinical Instructor
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Crop Science
- Full-time Faculty Positions
- Part-time Credentialed Faculty

ABAC Birthdays

- 24 Janet Myers
- 27 Troy Spicer
- 27 Brandon Street
- 28 Laurien Diffie
- 28 Don Parks
- 29 Tammy Dennis
- 29 Terasita Smith

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