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ABAC Trip to New York City, Niagara Falls, Montreal & Quebec Set for September 9-15

New York City, Niagara Falls, Quebec, and Montreal will be among the stops on an autumn trip to the Adirondacks on Sept. 9-15 sponsored by the Public Service and Business Outreach Center at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The trip is open to anyone who would like to travel.

PSBOC Director Diane Kilgore said the trip promises to be one of the best of the many that ABAC has sponsored.

"I'm really excited about this trip," Kilgore said. "The places we are traveling to are just wonderful, and the scenery during that time of year should be gorgeous."

The cost for the journey is \$1,979 per person double occupancy. This price includes a charter bus to the Atlanta airport, air travel, 11 meals, all tours, six nights lodging, luggage handling, a tour director, and local guides. The deadline is July 1.

The New York City portion of the journey includes the Broadway show, "Mama Mia," and dinner after the show. There will be some time for sightseeing as well.

On the next day, the group will take the "Adirondack Special," an Amtrak train from New York to Montreal, Canada. Sights in Montreal include the Basilica of Notre Dame and a special lunch at the "Sugar Shack," where costumed performers will celebrate the party which is always held after the maple syrup has been boiled down.

The three-night stay in Canada includes a tour of Montreal, a visit to the walled city of Quebec, and a trip up the St. Lawrence River for a cruise through the 1,000 Islands near Alexandria Bay. Then it's on to Niagara Falls for a boat ride on the famous "Maid of the Mist."

Dinner will be in a revolving restaurant offering an unforgettable view of the entire area. On the final day of the excursion, the group will exit Canada via the Rainbow Bridge and travel to Buffalo, N.Y., for the flight back to Atlanta. Another motor coach will bring all travelers back to Tifton.

For more information on the trip, interested persons can contact Kilgore by email at dkilgore@abac.edu or by phone at (229) 391-5070.

Former Professor Passes Away

Dr. Ernest Edwards passed away last Wednesday at the age of 83. He retired from ABAC in 1989 after a 35-year career as a faculty member in what was at that time the Division of Humanities.

Born in Tennille, Ga., Edwards was an ABAC alumnus, graduating in 1945. After completing his ABAC education, he took a break from academics and studied piano in Albany for a few years. He returned to the college scene, receiving his bachelor's degree in Music/English from the University of Georgia in 1953.

Edwards later returned to UGA, receiving his master's degree in fine arts in 1958 and his doctorate degree in interdepartmental humanities in 1971. He became the Glee Club instructor and piano teacher at Tifton High School in 1955 and taught parttime at ABAC. He was also the advisor for the ABAC Glee Club during that time.



When he joined the ABAC faculty on a full time basis in 1957, he soon made a name for himself by becoming the first recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award. His piano concerts gained him acclaim throughout the Southeast. For many years, he was the full time organist for the First Baptist Church of Tifton. In his spare time, Edwards loved growing orchids and teaching piano.

Summer Registration In Moultrie Tuesday

Registration for the summer term will be held at ABAC on the Square in Moultrie on Tuesday beginning at 4 p.m. ABAC on the Square Director Kay Powell will welcome the group at 4:30 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session led by Dr. Gail Dillard, Vice President for Student Affairs.



Advising and Registration Begins This Week

Summer – June 4
Fall – June 5 (Early Bird), June 19, July 9, July 10, July 23, July 24, and August 11.



ABAC Pool Is Open

The pool is open from 3-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 1-6 p.m. Friday through Sunday.



Summer Dining Hours

DONALDSON DINING HALL

June 1 thru July 17
Breakfast: 7:30– 8:30 a.m.
Lunch: 12 – 1 p.m.
Dinner: 5 – 6 p.m.
The Donaldson Dining Hall will then close until August 8, 2009.



The Pizza Hut & Subconnection will be open for lunch only to provide service for those on campus.

July 20 thru 24 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
July 27 thru 31 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
August 3 thru 7 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
August 10 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
August 11 thru 14 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
August 15 & 16 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm



Final Numbers for ABAC Sports Teams

Tennis led the trophy parade for the 2008-09 intercollegiate sports year at ABAC.

Coach Alan Kramer's Stallions and Fillies captured NJCAA Region XVII titles at the Red Hill Tennis Center on April 25. The Fillies won their 16th straight region championship behind the play of Region XVII MVP Monika Lalewicz, and the Stallions took home the gold behind Region XVII MVP Rasid Winklaar. In the national tourney, the Fillies finished sixth, and the Stallions finished third. Matthew Holland won the national championship at #6 singles for the ABAC men's team.

Coach Herb Hendrix and the ABAC golf team finished third in the Region

PSBO Kids College Classes Going on Now!

Beginning Week of June 8

- Flag Football Camp
- Golden Stallions' Baseball Camp
- Middle Ages Madness
- My Body and Me
- Mysteries and Magic Tricks
- Once Upon a Time
- Softball Advanced Skills Camp
- Superheros Save the Day!
- Swimming (various ages & levels)
- Under the Sea
- Wrestling Camp
- Acrylics for Kids



To see complete list of classes visit www.abac.edu/PSBO/ or call the PSBO office at 229-391-5070.

ABAC Family

Niles Reddick's new novel "Lead Me Home" will be published on the Heartland Imprint of Rose Heart Publishing Company. One excerpt was published in last year's Pegasus and another excerpt was published in a literary journal, Moonshine. Mike Chason called the names of the 411 graduates from Tift County High School at the 2009 commencement ceremony on May 23. Niles Reddick was recognized at "Books & Bar-B-Q" at the Colquitt County Regional Library along with many others to celebrate their success in writing and being published. Nicholas Hardin from the Baldwin Library was a co-author of the published book "Obsidian Road".



On behalf of my family, thank you for the lovely spray that the faculty and staff sent for my mother's funeral. It was one of the first arrangements that we saw at the funeral home and was a very lovely spray. My mother loved all kinds of flowers and plants very much, and indeed spent much of her time tending to her own garden, so the flowers were a very fitting memorial to her. It really was a nice remembrance, and we appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

Vicki Martin

Congratulations! It's a Girl

Joy Shurley is the proud grandparent of a beautiful baby girl, Autumn Marie Shurley. She was born May 21 in Atlanta at 4:52 and weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. Autumn's parents are Justin & Brook Shurley.

ABAC Birthdays

5 Theresa Clemens

6 Jenelle Handcox

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