**Shawn Thomas is the new Director of Student Financial Services (SFS) in the Office of Student and Financial Services at ABAC.**

Thomas, formerly of Roanoke, VA, received her bachelor’s degree in marketing and finance from LaSalle University, her Master of Education in adult and organizational development from Temple University, her master’s degree in Human Resource Management from Holy Family University, and is currently completing her Doctorate of Education in higher education and organizational leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

She has been previously employed with LaSalle University and Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine as a student loan coordinator. She has served as a word processor and graphic artist for Strategic Marketing Corporation and a financial aid counselor with Computer Learning Centers, Inc. At Temple University she served as a student debt management counselor and an executive assistant to the MBA/MS Programs Office and the Office of Planning and Policy Analysis.

Her other work experience includes serving as both assistant director and director of academic records and student accounts at the National College of Business and Technology and as the director of financial aid and veterans affairs at Virginia Western Community College.

Thomas started at ABAC July 5. Stop by and say hello.

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**Keeping up with our alumni is important both to ABAC and to our graduates. We want to know what you’re doing and we want you to know what your alma mater is up to. And, we know you like to have a quick reference to locate your classmates and other ABAC friends. Here’s your chance to stay connected…**

We have contracted with Harris Connect to update contact information for our alumni so that we can keep you up-to-date on news, activities, and events here at ABAC. Harris will also help us produce a beautiful, hardcover publication as well as an electronic version of the book that will allow you to reconnect with old friends and to network professionally.

Harris specializes in alumni and membership publications and the data specifications involved with this type of project. You will be contacted by email and/or by regular mail or by phone over the next few months to verify and update your contact and career information.

We appreciate and thank you in advance for your participation!
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