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### Auditions for 'Rabbit Hole' Begin Tonight at 7 p.m.

Auditions for the Baldwin Players' production of "Rabbit Hole" will be held at ABAC tonight and Tuesday at 7 p.m. each night in Conger Hall, Room 319. The play will run from Nov. 10-12.

Written by David Lindsay-Abaire, "Rabbit Hole" focuses on the various ways family members deal with loss, grief, and healing. "Rabbit Hole" was the recipient of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. It received its first full production in New York in 2006, and it has also been produced by regional theatres in cities such as Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Dr. John Galyean, Director of the Baldwin Players, said ABAC students as well as members of the community are welcome to audition for roles in the production.

For more information or to pick up a script excerpt, interested persons can contact Galyean at (229) 391-4960 or at [jgalyean@abac.edu](mailto:jgalyean@abac.edu).

### Constitution Day Ceremony Thursday

The ABAC Political Science Club, College Republicans and College Democrats will team up to celebrate constitution day on the ABAC campus Thursday.

A ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday night in the Chapel of All Faiths. Representative Tony McBrayer will speak as part of the ceremony and a local boy scout troop will conduct a flag retirement ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Family Weekend October 7-8

Visit the family weekend website at [www.abac.edu/familyweekend](http://www.abac.edu/familyweekend) for a complete schedule of events. Make sure to sign-up by Sept. 29!



### 2011-2012 Ambassadors Selected

The ambassadors attended a mandatory training this weekend at Lake Blackshear. Members for the 2011-2012 school year include: (front row, L-R) Amanda Freeman (Secretary), Mallory Moore, Laurel Higginbotham (President) (second row, L-R) Whitney Yarborough, Kailie Hall, Mollie Roberts (Historian), Jesse Still (third row, L-R) Mackenzie Sirmans, Rebekah Huffmaster, Keaton Griner (Vice President), Savannah Brown, Lacy Stephens, (forth row, L-R) Thomas Farmer and Taon Tucker (fifth row, L-R) Jake Williams, Mac Leskosky (Treasurer), Jason Hobbs, and Austin Dunn

## ABAC Events Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

The annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration at ABAC will spotlight different segments of the Hispanic culture during selected days in September.

Each event is part of the new Viva Las Tradiciones (Long Live the Traditions) celebration. This event is sponsored by Cultura Latina Club, the High School Equivalency Program (HEP), the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), the ABAC Retention Program, the ABAC Diversity Committee, and the Office of the Dean of Students.

On Wednesday, students will collect purses, totes, and shoes at the Donaldson Dining Hall until noon to send with the annual Mayor's Christmas Motorcade. All donations will be dropped off at City Hall and will be sold to purchase Christmas gifts for Southwestern State Hospital residents.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration will take place on Sept. 21 from 12:30 – 2 p.m. at The Meadows at ABAC. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Miles Anthony Irving, Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology at Georgia State University. Irving received his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and

M.A. in Education from the University of California Santa Barbara. His general research focuses on how human experience and culture influences cognition. He works with the Atlanta Public Schools system to improve the education of children in urban environments.

Tifton Mayor Jamie Carter will present the proclamation, and Javier Gonzalez, Director of the Multicultural Education Programs, will give the historical perspective as a part of the program. Performers will represent the various countries through folkloric and modern dances. A highlight of the program will be the presentation of the flags. Traditional Hispanic dishes will be available for participants to enjoy. The entire community is invited to attend the celebration.

The closing event for the Viva Las Tradiciones will be the play "Yo Soy Latina" (I Am Latina) on Sept. 23. The production will take place in Howard Auditorium at 7 p.m. and is free of



charge. "Yo Soy Latina" is a funny and moving play that challenges a group of diverse Latina women to examine their identities and their connections in the contemporary American landscape. The play's premise unites these women

who come to share their individual anecdotes of living Latina in contemporary America. The Latino Flavored Productions Company from New York presents this play on college campuses throughout the nation every year.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. The national celebration ends on Oct. 12 with the observation of the date that Christopher Columbus discovered America.

### Strings & Things Open Through Oct. 1

Exhibit hours for the month of September are Tuesday—Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information visit [www.abac.edu/museum](http://www.abac.edu/museum)



## Fall Frolics Highlight October at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture

A variety of autumn events will take place for young and old alike when the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village, operated by Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, kicks off its first ever Fall Frolics throughout the month of October.

Fall Frolics begins with A Walk Through History on Oct. 1 with spinning, weaving and preserving demonstrations, a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Military Encampment exhibit, and a Creek Indian Encampment exhibit. On Oct. 8, Forges and Fiddles will feature the opening of a pottery exhibit, guest fiddlers, blacksmith demonstrations, and soap-making. On Oct. 15, the Museum will host a Harvest Celebration with fall games, a caramel



apple station, corn shelling, and mule-drawn hay rides. The celebration on that day will conclude with a "Pig-nic" and a movie under the stars.

Critter Saturday will be the theme of the Oct. 22 event at the Museum. It will feature interactive native animal exhibits from Chehaw Park, a hands-on mobile wildlife display, pony rides, and a petting zoo.

The final event for the month will be held on Oct. 29 with a Trick or Treat in the Village. Children can take a trick or treat tour of the Village, see the Monster Spider Web, and listen to ghost stories.

Children and adults can participate in the Museum's costume contests. Visitors can also take part in the Haunted Village and Steam Train ride on Oct. 28-29.

Other events during the month include the pumpkin patch, corn maze, and family farm ball every Saturday.

Admission to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village on Tuesday-Friday is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors (age 55 and over), \$4 for children 5-16 years of age, and free for children four and under. Saturday admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (age 55 and over), \$5 for children 5-16 years of age, and free for children four and under.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, interested persons can contact the Museum at (229) 391-5200 or visit the Museum's website at [www.abac.edu/museum](http://www.abac.edu/museum).



### ABAC Students Remember 9/11

The ABAC College Republicans held a memorial service Sunday at 3 p.m. to remember the 10th anniversary of the September 11 tragedy. The club also placed a cross in the meadows with a yellow ribbon for every person lost in the 9/11 attacks. The memorial will stay up until the Sept. 15 constitution day activities.

### Wilson Moves To New Position With Dean of Students

Vickie Wilson opens a new chapter in her ABAC career today when she takes over the Administrative Associate's position in the office of Dean of Students Bernice Hughes. She replaces Van McGriff, who retired on Aug. 31 after 26 years at ABAC.

Wilson joined the ABAC staff in 1996 as the secretary in the Youth Connection office. She then moved to the Registrar's Office for five years before taking on the Administrative Assistant's position in the School of Human Sciences, a position she has held for nine years.

Wilson received her associate degree from ABAC in 1998. She steadfastly pursued a bachelor's degree from Georgia Southwestern and received her baccalaureate degree diploma in business management in December, 2010.

Please congratulate Vickie on her new position. A search is now underway for her replacement in the School of Human Sciences.

### ABAC Family

Mike Chason was the emcee for the Literacy Volunteers of America Carnival of Knowledge trivia competition on Thursday.

### ABAC Stallion Day

Mark your calendar :  
**November 12**  
**February 11**  
**April 14**

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Please submit any information by **Thursday at noon** to Ashley Williamson at [awilliamson@abac.edu](mailto:awilliamson@abac.edu) for inclusion in the next FOCUS.

### ABAC Birthdays

- 12 Robbie Hawsey
- 12 Clayton Riehle
- 12 Becca Turner
- 13 Erin Campbell
- 18 Dale White



### ABAC Students Support ABAC Fillies With 'Green Out'

ABAC students and staff wore green in support of the ABAC fillies soccer team who beat Andrew college 11-1 last Thursday. The fillies are 4-1 for the season. Come out and support the fillies at their next home game Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. against Georgia Military.