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ABAC Admissions Night Sept. 27 at 5 p.m.

The Office of Admissions at ABAC will host an Admissions Information Night on Sept. 27 from 5 – 8 p.m. in Room 132 of the Agricultural Sciences building on the ABAC campus.

Enrollment Management Counselor Brooke Jernigan said all prospective students are welcome to attend, no matter where they are in the admissions process.

“We will be there answering questions and helping every prospective student on an individual basis,” Jernigan said. “It’s a drop-in event with no set program. We just want to help these students get ready for the spring and fall semesters at ABAC.”

Two more sessions of the Admissions Information Night will be available to prospective students on Oct. 11 and Nov. 15. For more information, interested persons can contact Jernigan at (229) 391-5018. Applications are now being accepted by ABAC for spring term classes which begin on Jan. 9, 2012 and for the 2012 fall semester.

ABAC Family Weekend October 7-8

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

Ag Classic Golf Tourney Oct. 3 at Forest Lakes

The 11th Annual Ag Classic Golf Tournament at ABAC will be held on Oct. 3 at ABAC’s Forest Lakes Golf Club. There will be an 8 a.m. morning flight and a 1 p.m. afternoon flight with a complimentary lunch served between the flights.

For more information, interested persons can contact tournament coordinator Vonda Fenn at (229) 391-5067, via e-mail at vfenn@abac.edu or by visiting the website at www.abac.edu/alumni/

Hispanic Heritage Celebration Wednesday

The 8th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration will take place on Wednesday 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 Cater will present the proclamation, and Javier Gonzalez, Director of the Multicultural Education Programs, will give the historical per-

spective 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.

Hispanic Heritage Month began 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

Ag-Related Companies Can Find Employees in Future ABAC Graduates at Career Connections

Companies with interests in the field of agriculture can begin a search for future employees on Nov. 15 at the third annual Career Connections event at ABAC.

The event serves as a showcase for agriculture-related businesses to display their wares and set the table for contact with future employees from students in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources at ABAC. There is no cost to participating employers, and lunch will be provided for all exhibitors.

The School of Agriculture and Natural Resources has over 800 students major-

ing in a variety of areas including Natural Resource Management, Diversified Agriculture, and Turfgrass and Golf Course Management. The Career Connections event represents a perfect opportunity for employers to connect with potential interns and future employees.

For more information on the Career Connections event, interested persons can contact Lorie Felton, associate professor of agriculture, via e-mail at lfelton@abac.edu or visit the ABAC web site at www.abac.edu/ag/careers for more information.



ABAC Sprit Shines Bright at Woodham Middle

Felix Eligio, father of Fillies Tennis player Melissa Eligio, shows his ABAC sprit on his classroom door at the Pensacola middle school. Eligio was instructed to decorate his door for his favorite college, and he chose ABAC. Gee Haw Whoa Back!

ABAC Stallion Day

Mark your calendar :
 November 12
 February 11
 April 14

Fillies Home Soccer Schedule

October 1—Georgia Military—1 p.m.
 October 4—Middle Georgia—4 p.m.
 October 7—Georgia Perimeter—5 p.m.
 October 12—Darton—5 p.m.
 October 17—South Georgia—4 p.m.

September 21 International Day of Peace

Established by United Nations resolution in 1982, this event is a global holiday when individuals, communities, nations, and governments highlight efforts to end conflict and promote peace. To inaugurate the day, the "Peace Bell" is rung at U.N. headquarters. The bell is cast from coins donated by children from all continents, as a reminder of the human cost of war. For information, visit the International Day of Peace site at www.internationaldayofpeace.org
This information brought to you by the ABAC Diversity Affairs committee.

ABAC Family

Mike Chason presented the "EAGLE in You" motivational speech to high school students at Sixth Street Academy on Sept. 16.

ABAC Birthdays

- 20 Susan Roe
- 23 Christine Whitley
- 24 Cathy Rogers
- 25 Hans Schmeisser

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Please submit any information by **Thursday at noon** to Ashley Williamson at awilliamson@abac.edu for inclusion in the next FOCUS.

Ag Business Club Sponsoring Kiss the Pig Contest this Fall

If you are interested in becoming a contestant in the fall kiss the pig contest contact Dustin Bass at dustinbass@abac.edu

Sign Up Now For ABAC Spring Trips

Travelers can kiss the Blarney Stone in Ireland, lounge on the French Riviera, take a sunset safari in Panama, or traverse the Great Wall of China during the spring of 2012 through the travel program sponsored by the Office of External Affairs and Advancement at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. All the trips are available to the general public.

For more information on any of these trips, visit the ABAC travel web site at <http://www.abac.edu/travel>, contact Diane Kilgore at dkilgore@abac.edu, or call (229) 391-5070.

The 2012 travel season at ABAC begins with an 8-day escape to the lush hills of Ireland. Visitors will sightsee in Dublin and Killarney March 14-21 to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, shop for traditional Irish goods, kiss the fabled Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle and experience some of the most beautiful scenery in Western Europe. The cost of the trip is \$2,539 per person (based on double occupancy) and includes roundtrip airfare and lodging. This trip is co-sponsored by ABAC and the Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce.

For those who favor the more glamorous life, a seven-day excursion to the French Riviera is being offered March 21-28. Once there, travelers will visit Nice, France and Ventimiglia, Italy where they can take a leisurely walk through the Rothschild Villa and Gardens and learn the secrets of perfume-making in Grasse-St. Paul De Vence,

home of the Fragonard Perfumerie. The cost of this trip is \$2,749 per person (based on double occupancy) and includes lodging and roundtrip airfare.

From April 26 - May 2, adventurous travelers can explore Panama, including Panama City, Panama Viejo, Casco Antiguo, the Panama Canal Railway, and the Smithsonian Galeta Marine Laboratory. This trip is \$2,049 per person (based on double occupancy). Roundtrip airfare and lodging are included.

A nine-day stay in Beijing City is being offered May 21-29 with an optional two-night Hong Kong post-tour extension for those travelers who have always wanted to visit China. The trip will feature stops at the Beijing Zoo, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall of China, and the Temple of Heaven. The cost for this trip is \$2,599 per person (based on double occupancy) and includes lodging and roundtrip airfare. Those travelers who sign up by Nov. 21 will save \$100 per person.

The optional Hong Kong post-tour extension will feature a stay in Kowloon, near the heart of Hong Kong's shopping district, a visit to Hong Kong Island and its Stanley Market and Aberdeen Fishing Village, and a panoramic ride to Victoria Peak. The optional package is \$849 per person (based on double occupancy).

Other trips scheduled for the 2012 travel season include Hawaii, the Canadian Rockies, Spain and Portugal, and a Danube River cruise.