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10th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration



Hispanic Heritage Day at ABAC was quite a success and full of exciting new activities this year. Events throughout the day included a screening of the PBS documentary *Prejudice and Pride*, panel discussion including four individuals to discuss Latino American Contribution and Impact on America, class visits, cultural dancing, free food representative of Hispanic culture, presentation of the Hispanic flags and much more. The day was made possible by the hard work of the Office of Multicultural Education and Betty McCorvey. 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.



Banned Book Read-Out Thursday in Conger Hall 319

Pegasus, the student literary magazine, and the Baldwin Library have joined together for this year's Banned Book Read-Out on Thursday at 2 p.m. in Conger Hall, Room 319, at ABAC.

This event offers participants the freedom to read banned and frequently-challenged books. All persons are invited to read, but spectators are invited as well. Invitations are on Facebook at www.facebook.com/events/157548604452024/.

Thanks to Baldwin Library Director Marie Davis, this year's event will feature a door prize, an official American Library Association Banned Book Week tote bag stuffed with a selection of banned and frequently-challenged books. This prize will be given away to a random person at the event.

According to the American Library Association, there were 464 challenges reported to the Office of Intellectual

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Celebrate the right to read.

Banned Books Week
Sept. 22–28, 2013



Freedom in 2012, and many more go unreported. The 10 most challenged titles of 2012 were "Captain Underpants" (series), by Dav Pilkey, "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie, "Thirteen Reasons Why" by Jay Asher, "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E. L. James, "And Tango Makes Three" by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson, "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, "Looking for Alaska" by John Green, "Scary Stories" (series) by Alvin Schwartz, "The

Glass Castle" by Jeanette Walls, and "Beloved" by Toni Morrison.

Banned Books Week is the national book community's annual celebration of the freedom to read. Hundreds of libraries and bookstores around the country draw attention to censorship by mounting displays of challenged books and hosting a variety of events. The 2013 celebration of Banned Books Week will be held Sept. 22-28.

Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. More than 11,300 books have been challenged since 1982.

Professors are invited to bring entire classes to this event. Questions about the event should be directed to Jeff Newberry at 229-391-4972 or jnewberry@abac.edu.

ABAC's Page Wins ITA Regional Championship

Josh Page won the men's singles at the ITA regional championships this past weekend. He beat ABAC's Alejandro Perez in the final match. Page will head to Fort Myers, Fla. to play in the Small College National Championships in October. Perez had an upset win over Georgia Perimeter's number 1 player in the semifinals. Perez may have a chance to make it to Nationals if he receives an at-large bid.

Alejandro Perez and Jonah Jakubec lost in the final of the doubles. They had an upset win over Georgia Perimeter's number 1 team in the semifinals but couldn't pull off the win in the finals.

Kelly Burge and Camelia Abdallah both made it to the semifinals of the women's singles, losing to Georgia Perimeter's number 1 and 2 players.

Family Weekend Oct. 4-6

All faculty and staff are invited to participate in Family Weekend. Tickets are \$10 which includes a t-shirt and dinner on Saturday night. Please purchase your tickets from Dean Bernice Hughes no later than Sept. 30 (extended deadline to include Sept. 30 payday).

The complete schedule can be found online at www.abac.edu/student-life/family-weekend

Ag Classic Golf Tournament October 7



The 13th Annual Ag Classic Golf Tournament at ABAC will be held on Oct. 7 at ABAC's Forest Lakes Golf Club.

There will be an 8 a.m. flight and a 1 p.m. For more information, interested persons can contact tournament coordinator Vonda Fenn at (229) 391-5067 or e-mail her at vfenn@abac.edu

ABAC Presents! Begins Season Sept. 29 with Albany Symphony

The Albany Symphony Orchestra will kick off the ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series on Sept. 29 at 3 p.m. in the Tift County High School Performing Arts Center with the performance of "East Meets West" conducted by Music Director Claire Fox Hillard and featuring internationally-renowned guzheng artist Su Chang. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. for this event.



Chang will perform "Identity: Zhongshang Zhuang," a striking and distinctive piece that combines the richness of the Western orchestra with a 3800-year-old Chinese folk instrument called the guzheng. It is a Chinese-plucked zither with 18 or more strings and movable bridges.

The orchestra will also perform Paul Hindemith's 20th century masterpiece, "Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber." The second movement of this piece features themes from Weber's music for Schiller's Chinese-based tale, Turandot. Rounding out the concert will be Weber's Overture from Oberon and "Symphonic Poem on 3 notes: La-Si-Do," by Oscar Award-winning composer Tan Dun (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon).

The Albany Symphony Orchestra was organized as the Albany Symphonette in 1965 by a group of individuals who enjoyed playing good music and foresaw the potential for an orchestra in Albany. Celebrating its 50th anniversary this season, the orchestra currently performs a series of Masterworks Concerts, two sets of

Carnegie Hall's LinkUp Concerts for third through fifth grade students in the area, and a Pops concert. The Albany Symphony has received multiple recognitions for adventurous programming by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publications (ASCAP) and the League of American Orchestras.

The Symphony collaborates regularly with many diverse organizations and agencies in the region. Chamber ensembles perform in three concerts at the Albany Museum of Art, and the Symphony has participated with the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce in its hosting of the Red Carpet Tour of Georgia. The orchestra has also partnered with the SOWEGA Council on Aging's Elder Abuse Awareness program, Albany's annual King Celebration, Phoebe Putney Hospital's Gala Fundraising event with Debbie Reynolds, the Southeast Alabama Dance Company's Nutcracker

production, and with numerous area colleges and universities.

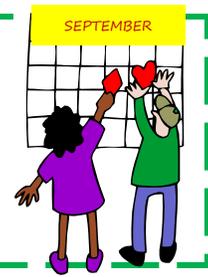
While available tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event, Series Director Wayne Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure seating for patrons. Tickets for the entire series are \$50 for adults, \$20 for students under 18 years of age, and \$125 for a Family Pass that includes two adults and two or more student passes. Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at (229) 391-4895. Individual tickets for each event are \$15 each for adults and \$10 each for students under 18 years of age.

Other performances in the series include "It's A Wonderful Life: Live from WVU Radio Theatre" on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in ABAC's Howard Auditorium, the Azalea Quartet on Feb. 18, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium, the Fisk Jubilee Singers on March 29, 2014 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Tifton, and jazz saxophonist Roger Pemberton on April 17, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

The series is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. The series is also supported, in part, by a generous grant from South Arts. GCA and South Arts also receive support from their partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.

Facilities Scheduling Link Changes Today!

Beginning today the new web address for facilities scheduling will be implemented allowing faculty and staff access the link both on and off campus. The new web address will be <http://apps.abac.edu/facilities/scheduling>. You can find this link on the Employees page for the ABAC website. Contact Bobbie Baldree at bbaldree@abac.edu with any questions.



ASSETS Scholars Travel to High Springs Florida
ASSETS scholarship recipients for outstanding STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) majors along with several Science Math faculty embarked on a six hour canoe trip down the Santa Fe River. In addition to field trips, ASSETS scholars have faculty mentors and participate in seminars, the STEM Affiliates club, and undergraduate research opportunities.



Join the Fight Against Alzheimer's Saturday

The School of Human Science and the ABAC Softball team will host the Tifton Alzheimer's Walk on the ABAC Campus Sept. 28. If you would like to participate in the walk go to www.alz.org and register. You may register a team or individually to participate in the walk. Registration the morning of the walk begins at 9 a.m. with the walk starting at 10 a.m. The walk is a 3 mile course winding through the ABAC campus.



Business Office Holds Training Wed.

The Business Office will be holding annual training classes Wednesday in the Herring Hall meeting room on the first floor. Everyone is encouraged to try and attend this training.

Students Visit Tifton-Tift County Chamber
Stafford School of Business students visited the Tifton-Tift County Chamber during the Board of Directors meeting. This exposure afforded students the opportunity to observe how leaders conduct an official business meeting, learn about facets of business, and network with established professionals from the community.

9 am.— Accounting 101

9:30 a.m.—You want to move what? Why?

10 a.m.—10 Budget Basics You Should Know

10:30 a.m.— Nothing Petty About It (Petty Cash)

11 a.m.— Grants 101

2:30 p.m.— Joint Staffing Agreements

3 p.m.— Purchasing 101

4 p.m.— Ready Set Go!!! Travel

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Vazquez Named ABAC Grounds Crew Employee of the Month

Felipe Vazquez was voted as the Sodexo Grounds Crew employee of the month for August. Vazquez received a \$20 gas card and a plaque. Thanks for all you do!

Stallion Scholars Evening

The second annual Stallion Scholars Evening will be held Oct. 7 in the Health Sciences Building. The event will include academic highlights, campus tours and a reception in Tift Hall. This event is used to bring high school seniors whom are note worthy academic students to campus. Contact Admissions at 229.391.5004 for more information on the event.

ABAC Birthdays

- 25 Hans Schmeisser
- 28 Mike Williams
- 29 Steve Janousek
- 29 Tracy Dyal



Hilliard Financial Info Sessions Wednesday and Thursday

These info sessions will be held at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on both Wed. and Thurs. for faculty and staff. The sessions will cover retirement planning and will be held in the Lewis Hall Student Lounge.