Thirty contestants will compete in the 47th annual Ms. ABAC contest on Thursday at ABAC. Sponsored by the Ag Business Club, the theme of this year’s pageant is “New Chapters . . . Old Traditions.”

The event begins at 7 p.m. in ABAC’s Howard Auditorium. Admission is $10. Because of limited seating, advance ticket purchase is advised. Tickets can be purchased from any Ag Business Club member or by calling Audrey Luke-Morgan at (229) 391-4807.

Contestants will compete in casual and evening wear. They will also be judged on a written essay and an interview with the judges.

All proceeds from the Ms. ABAC pageant will benefit ABAC Scholarships, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and ABAC’s 2016 National Agri-Marketing Association Team.

Fun-filled Harvest Celebration at the Museum on Saturday

From hay rides to corn shucking, the Harvest Celebration on Saturday promises to be a fun-filled fall day at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC. Building on the theme of “Discovering Our Agricultural History,” the entire site will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Museum Director Garrett Boone said activities will include arts and crafts, agricultural games and activities, wagon rides, and corn shucking contests. Hay rides and the Museum’s 1917 Vulcan steam engine will take guests around the Village throughout the day. Demonstrations in soap-making, basket weaving, and other traditional arts and crafts will also be available to visitors of the Museum during the Harvest Celebration.

Kids young and old will have a blast navigating through the train-shaped corn maze before sampling some of the festival’s fall treats. They can also pick out a pumpkin to take home from the pumpkin patch near the Country Store. Families should bring their cameras because fall photo spots abound in the pumpkin patch, corn maze, and throughout the Historic Village.

Admission to the Museum, Gallery, and Historic Village is $10 for adults, $8 for seniors, and $5 for children. Children four years old and younger are admitted free of charge.

For information about the Harvest Festival, interested persons can call (229) 391-5205 or visit www.abac.edu/museum/events.

Save the Date for the November Stallion Day

Mark your calendars for Stallion Day, November 14! The November Stallion Day is our one of our major recruiting events for the fall. Prospective students and their families will tour campus, speak with current students and faculty, and learn more about the academic programs at ABAC. If you are an advisor for one of the many ABAC clubs/organizations, please encourage your students to participate. Contact Brooke Jernigan at bjernigan@abac.edu for the club registration form.
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Pictured (l-r): Walden and Roberts.

Webb Accepted in to the Executive Leadership Institute

Hank Huckaby, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia (USG) announced last week that Donna Webb, Director of Enrollment Management at ABAC, has been accepted in to the Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) program. The ELI is the USG’s premier system-wide leadership development program that supports the continuous learning and development of USG leaders.

During the next seven months Webb and 37 others from USG institutions and the System Office, will engage in an intensive learning experience comprised of leadership challenges, coaching, and exposure to opportunities designed to enhance their self-awareness, broaden their perspectives and build their social capital.

Huckaby said, “the need for leadership development in higher education has never been greater. Our collective investment in the ELI supports our colleagues to further develop their core leadership competencies, which is essential to the System’s future success.”

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OCTOBER 27

DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY

ABAC’s 1st Annual Depression Screening Day

The Student Development Center of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College cordially invites you to participate in our first annual Free Depression Screening day!

LOCATION: CONGER HALL 109
TIME: 9 AM-12PM

IT WILL ONLY TAKE 10-20 MINUTES!

COMPLETE A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE

GET IT SCORED

MEET WITH A COUNSELOR

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER
1st Floor, Carlton Center
Phone 229-391-5135
www.abac.edu

Ramirez to Speak at Upcoming Healthy Relationships Class

Dr. A.J. Ramirez, owner of LEAF Therapy Services in Tifton will lead the School of Human Sciences next focus on Healthy Relationships. The session will take place October 14 at 4 p.m. in Bowen 100. Dr. Ramirez will discuss the research she has conducted on masculinity and femininity, cultural teachings that transmit messages about sexual behavior and risks. Encourage your students to attend. Contact Dr. Darby Sewell at dsewell@abac.edu for more information.
The Olney Theatre Center's National Players will perform William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" at 7 p.m. on Oct. 15 in Howard Auditorium on the campus of ABAC. The play is a part of the 2015-2016 ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series.

ABAC Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones said that in this production, the Romans venerate their leader, Julius Caesar, but Marcus Brutus sees that Caesar may be too powerful for the good of the nation. Brutus' struggle between the conflicting demands of honor, patriotism and friendship is the central psychological drama of this acclaimed theatrical work. In Shakespeare's tragedy, the masterful examination of conspiracy, assassination, and its fallout remains hauntingly timeless.

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Other performances in the ABAC series include a free bonus concert from the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus at the Tift County High School Performing Arts Center on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., the Peach State Opera Company's production of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Don Giovanni" on Feb. 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium, the Dallas Brass on March 8, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the TCHS Performing Arts Center, and saxophonist Greg Tardy with the ABAC Jazz Ensemble on April 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

While available tickets will be sold at the door for each show, Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure seating for patrons. Tickets for the entire series are $50 for adults and $20 for students under 18 years of age. Individual tickets for each event are $15 for adults and $10 each for students under 18 years of age. There is no charge for the bonus concert by the Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus on Nov. 7 but a ticket is required. Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at (229) 391-4895.

The title sponsor for the ABAC performing arts series is Bell Plantation. The "Julius Caesar" performance is presented by Ponders Printing and Office Supply. ABAC Presents! is supported in part by Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. Georgia Council for the Arts also receives support from its partner agency - the National Endowment for the Arts.

Reminders From the ABAC Health Center
Don't want to pack on the winter pounds? The Tiftarea YMCA offers ABAC Employee Discounts! For more information, call the Health Center at 229.391.5030 or Human Resources at 229.391.4890. Also, the Flu Vaccine is still available at the ABAC Health Center for students, faculty, staff and Sodexo employees. Over 100 vaccines have been administered in the past three weeks, be sure to get yours soon!

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The Olney Theatre Center is located just north of Washington, D.C. in Montgomery County, Md. It offers a varying array of professional productions year-round that enrich, nurture and challenge a broad range of artists, audiences and students.

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Don’t Forget About the Cattlemen’s Association Beef Plates Wed.

Let the ABAC Cattlemen’s Association take care of the cooking on Wednesday. The beef plates are being prepared by Walker’s BBQ of Sycamore. For only $10 per plate you receive ½ pound of beef BBQ, baked beans, potato salad, bread and a slice of cake. Your plate will be available for pick-up at the Ag Sciences building from 5 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday. This fundraising effort will support educational and professional experiences for the ABAC Cattlemen’s Association. Contact Mary Ellen Hicks at mhicks@abac.edu to purchase tickets or for more information.

5 Etta Lee  7 Vonda Fenn  8 Ray Smith
9 Cindy Barber  9 Heather Cathcart  9 Becky Arnold
10 Philip Hightower  10 Shirley Wilson