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### ABAC Offers SAT/ACT Testing On Campus

Testing for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT) is offered through the Office of Student Development for students who need to take either test before enrolling at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Dr. Maggie Martin, ABAC's Director of Student Development, said students should be aware that the SAT is only offered from October through June, while the ACT is only offered from September through June.

"It's a good idea to have a standardized screening instrument because each school has individual standards as well," said Martin. "It levels the playing ground and strengthens the students academically."

Testing dates this fall for the SAT on the ABAC campus are Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. For students who want to take the ACT, testing dates are Oct. 23 and Dec. 11.

Other testing dates at ABAC for 2011 include Jan. 22, March 12, May 7, and June 4 for the SAT, and Feb. 12, April 9, and June 11 for the ACT.

Students must register ahead of time for the tests and can take each test nu-

merous times. In fact, Martin encourages students to take both since they are different types of tests and to take each more than one time. Students can register for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register for the ACT.

Beginning in the fall of 2011, all students planning to enroll at ABAC in pre-baccalaureate degree programs must submit SAT or ACT scores as part of the enrollment process.

Enrollment Services Director Donna Webb said this new requirement covers most degree programs at ABAC. This requirement does not include students aiming to enter the ABAC nursing program or the technological degree programs.

"As far as administering these tests are concerned, this is huge for the college," said Martin. "We used to have up to 300 students taking these tests, but now it's only half that number. With this additional requirement, we hope to see the numbers grow again."

For more information on the SAT or ACT, contact the ABAC Office of Student Development at (229) 391-5135.

### ABAC Fall Carnival Oct. 28 at Museum of Agriculture

Children from the community are invited to attend the Fall Carnival at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Oct. 28 from 6:30 – 10 p.m. The carnival is hosted by ABAC's Student Government Association (SGA). Children are encouraged to wear their favorite costumes.

Each event at the carnival requires a designated number of tickets. Tickets are available for 25 cents each. Activities include balloon darts, a

cake walk, a pumpkin toss, face painting, "haunted" train rides, and a kid-friendly corn maze. The maze will become "haunted" from 8:30 p.m. until closing.

For more information on the Fall Carnival, contact the ABAC SGA office at (229) 391-5095.



### ABAC Gears Up For Sunbelt Ag Expo

The ABAC Bluegrass Band will be featured at 10 a.m., noon, and 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The ABAC Jazz Choir will perform at 10 a.m., noon, and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and the Thundering Herd Pep Band will perform classic rock tunes and beach music at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. on Thursday. ABAC will showcase the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources with 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. sessions on Oct. 19 and Oct. 20. The Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village, now operated by ABAC, will be in the spotlight with 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. sessions on Thursday. Last year Governor Sonny Perdue stopped by the ABAC exhibit to say hello and posed for some pictures with the ABAC Ambassadors.

## ABAC Signs Articulation Agreement with University of Florida

A new articulation agreement between Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Florida will help to ensure a smooth transfer for Florida students who want to begin their academic careers at ABAC and then complete them in their home state.

"This is a good thing for the University of Florida and for ABAC," ABAC President David Bridges said.

"Our Florida numbers are up considerably, and this agreement will provide a charted course."



Present for the articulation agreement signing ceremony were (l-r) Paul Willis, ABAC Director of College Enrichment; Dr. Tim Marshall, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, ABAC; Dr. Elaine Turner, Associate Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Florida; Dr. David Bridges, ABAC President; Frankie Hall from the Florida Farm Bureau and an ABAC alumnus; Dr. Mark Rieger, Interim Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Florida; and Dr. Niles Reddick, Vice President for Academic Affairs, ABAC.

The joint institutional agreement is between ABAC's School of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the University of Florida's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Dr. Tim Marshall, Dean of ABAC's School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said the educational partnership focuses on majors in Forest Resources and Conservation, Agricultural Education and Communication,

Animal Sciences, and Food and Resource Economics.

"I want to recruit the best and brightest kids in Florida to come to ABAC," Marshall said. "When they take everything we can offer them here, they can complete their degree at the University."

Dr. Mark W. Rieger, Interim Dean of the University of Florida College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, said the agreement enhances an already strong bond between the two institutions.

"It shows there is a very positive relationship between ABAC and Florida," Rieger said. "For Florida kids to come to this environment, we know they will come back to the University well prepared."

Both Marshall and Rieger said the intent of the agreement is to provide greater access to higher educational opportunities for traditional and non-traditional students in the fields of agriculture and natural resources.

Persons who are interested in more information on the joint agreement can contact Marshall at [tmarshall@abac.edu](mailto:tmarshall@abac.edu) or Dr. Elaine Turner, University of Florida Associate Dean in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, at [returner@ufl.edu](mailto:returner@ufl.edu)

## ABAC Professor Visits United Nations As Guest Of Kenya

Dr. Joseph Njoroge, professor of political science and religion at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, recently spent time in New York City as an esteemed guest of His Excellency, Ambassador Zachary Muita, the Kenyan Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN).

Njoroge received a personal tour of the UN and met delegates from some of the 192 countries represented from around the world.

"It was very good to actually see the UN at work because I teach political science and international relations here at ABAC," said Njoroge. "I had the chance to see and experience the different organs of the UN."



Dr. Joseph Njoroge from ABAC stands outside the office of the Kenyan delegate to the United Nations.

He said that because he was with the Ambassador, he was privileged to get an "insiders" look at the organization. "The personal tour was unusual because I went places the public can't go," said

Njoroge. "I was able to go into areas of the headquarters that are closed to others. It was also unique because I was there at a time when delegates from all over the world were coming to attend the General Assembly."

Njoroge was invited to New York as a political scientist and a leader who represents the Kenyan Diaspora community in the United States. He serves as chairman of the board of trustees for the

Kenyan Christian Fellowship of America.

"When Kenyan leaders want to meet with Kenyans living in America, they call on me," said Njoroge.

He was also there to attend a reception for Ambassador Muita as a farewell and a celebration to his appointment as the UN Assistant General Secretary of Africa. Muita's new position with the UN takes him back to Africa.

But Njoroge didn't spend all of his time cooped up inside. Over his four-day excursion in the "Big Apple", he also went to the Empire State Building and witnessed Times Square at night.

"In Times Square, even at one in the morning, I couldn't believe how busy it was," said Njoroge. "There were people everywhere."

After his experience visiting the UN headquarters, he hopes to start a Model United Nations on the campus of ABAC.

"I am very interested in the possibility of having a Model UN at ABAC, especially since we are offering more and more four-year degrees," Njoroge said. "It's a great way to introduce students to global perspectives."

## Writers' Harvest Oct. 26 Features Daugharty

The annual Writers' Harvest will be held Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The price of admission is one nonperishable food item or canned good. All donations go to support Brother Charlie's Rescue Mission. This event is sponsored by ABAC's literary magazine, "Pegasus".

This year's featured reader is ABAC's writer-in-residence, Janice Daugharty. The Pulitzer Prize-nominated author has written a story collection and seven novels including "Necessary Lies", "Pawpaw Patch", and "Earl in the Yellow Shirt." She will read passages from her latest novel, "The Little Known" and her short story collection, "Going to Jackson." Both books



will also be available for purchase at the event. "Pegasus" staff members will collect canned goods and non-perishable items through the date of the event. Donations can also be dropped off at Conger

Hall, Room 305, or at the "Pegasus" office on the third floor of the student center.

For more information on the Writers' Harvest, interested persons can contact Jeff Newberry via e-mail at [jnewberry@abac.edu](mailto:jnewberry@abac.edu).

## Alumni Award Nominations Due Dec. 1

Nominations are now being accepted for awards to be presented by the ABAC Alumni Association at the Celebrate ABAC alumni weekend on March 4 - 5, 2011 at ABAC. Nominations are due by Dec. 1, 2010.

Awards are based on professional achievement, community service, and service to the college. Anyone who has attended ABAC for one full year and has 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of credit is eligible for nomination.

Nomination forms may be obtained by logging onto [www.abac.edu/alumni](http://www.abac.edu/alumni) and clicking on the "Alumni Awards" link. Completed nominations may be mailed to the ABAC Alumni Office, ABAC 13, 2802 Moore Highway, Tifton, GA 31793-2601, or returned as an e-mail attachment to Vonda Fenn at [vfenn@abac.edu](mailto:vfenn@abac.edu). Nominations should provide specific details about the person being nominated. Nominations may be made by alumni, friends, family members, or ABAC faculty and staff.

## Open Enrollment Oct. 25—Nov. 5

The 2011 Annual Open Enrollment will take place Oct. 25 - Nov. 5. A benefits fair will kick off the period on Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. in the student courtroom on the third floor of the J. Lamar Branch Student Center.



Representatives from BlueCross/Blue Shield (health), MetLife (dental), Medco (Rx), CIGNA (life insurance), Hartford (LTD & STD), CNA (long term care), Teachers Retirement System, VALIC, TIAA-CREF, and Mass Mutual will be on hand to answer questions until 3 p.m.

Wild Adventures Discount Tickets will also be on sale during the event.

HR will also be there to help assist in any way they can. University System of Georgia ADP Benefits Worksheets & the ABAC HR Open Enrollment Packets will be sent out this week.

## Mark Your Calendar for Stallion Day November 13

### Flu Shots Now Available In The Health Center

Flu shots are available now in limited quantities in the Health Center. The cost is \$15.

Vaccines are available 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Friday.



## ABAC Offers Trip To See Rockettes

The Office of Educational Outreach at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

will offer two different one-day trips to see the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes in Jacksonville, Fla., on Dec.



10-11. Travelers can choose the date which best fits their holiday plans.

The show will feature the "Nutcracker" ballet, "The March of the Toy Soldiers" and a live nativity scene. Each trip will provide transportation via motor coach to and from the venue, lunch, and a matinee showing of the "Radio City Christmas Spectacular." The package price for each trip is \$159 per person.

For more information on the trip, visit the ABAC Educational Outreach web site at [www.abac.edu/psbo/](http://www.abac.edu/psbo/) or contact Diane Kilgore at [dkilgore@abac.edu](mailto:dkilgore@abac.edu).



## Fillies on the Road this Week

Coach Jimmy Ballenger's ABAC soccer team will play three games on the road this week. The Fillies play Georgia Military College today, Middle Georgia College on Wednesday, and Gordon College on Friday. The Fillies will be at home for a playoff game Oct. 26.



## ABAC Bluegrass Band Makes Debut

The ABAC Bluegrass Band made its debut in the dining hall on Thursday. The ABAC Jazz Band and Jazz Choir also played as part of their annual fall concert series.

## Kappa Sigma Tourney to Benefit Cancer

The Kappa Sigma fraternity at ABAC will host its first charity golf tournament at the Golf Club of South Georgia on Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The event is a four-man scramble. There is a \$50 fee per golfer that includes lunch and tee gifts. Golfers can also buy a hole for \$100 to have a sign made advertising a company business. Registration will take place at 12:30 p.m. on the tournament day. Cash and checks are accepted.

A drawing will be held at the end of the tournament before the winners are announced. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place teams of the tournament.

For more information on this event, contact John White, Event Coordinator, at (229) 402-4291.

## ABAC Birthdays

- 18 Michelle Barton
- 21 Michelle Wheeler
- 21 John Clemens
- 21 Nancy Anthony
- 22 Reba Selph
- 22 Jean Oliver-Burks
- 23 Beverly Wesley
- 24 Esthela Lopez

## Talent Has No Boundaries: Diversity Includes Disabilities

Tifton Mayor Jamie Cater signed a proclamation on the ABAC campus last week, recognizing October as "Disability Employment Awareness Month" for the City of Tifton.

Dr. Maggie Martin, Director of Student Development, and Richard Spancake, Director of Human Resources, attended the signing of the proclamation at the monthly Tift Area HR/Employers meeting at the dining hall.

Statistics show that one in eight Georgians of working age has a disability, and one in six of our nation's citizens has a disability. The 2010 theme of "Talent Has No Boundaries" emphasizes the rich diversity and talents that employees with disabilities bring to the workplace.

The ABAC Diversity Council encourages each ABAC faculty member, staff member, and student to embrace October as "Disability Employment Awareness Month".



## Trotter Helps With Student Recruitment

Brittany Trotter, a Family and Consumer Sciences transfer major from Demorest, traveled with Donna Webb to Perry on Oct. 13 to recruit prospective students at the FCCLA Leadership Rally at the Georgia National Fair. She and other students also attended a conference in Covington last month. Students can really be a useful tool in connecting with and recruiting prospective students.