Agrium Donates $5,000 for ABAC Students

Kevin Owens (r), Terminal Supervisor of Agrium Tifton, presents a $5,000 check to Dr. Jerry Baker, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources at ABAC. Jodie Snow, Chief Operating Officer for the ABAC Foundation, was also on hand for the presentation. Owens, a 2009 ABAC graduate, said the donation was made possible by Agrium U.S. Inc., through its Partners Growing Together Program and will be used mainly for student scholarships in the field of agriculture. Agrium also made donations to ABAC in 2008 and 2013.

ABAC Concert Choir Presents Fall Concert Tuesday

The ABAC Concert Choir will perform a variety of choral music at its fall concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in Howard Auditorium on the campus of ABAC. The concert is open to the public at no charge.

Dr. Susan Roe, who directs the entire ABAC music program, said the choir continues to increase in size and now has more than 75 students as members from all over the southeastern region of the United States.

The fall concert centers on pieces of music from colonial America arranged for choirs today and two selections from the Civil War era. Roe said all were done by American composers except Felix Mendelssohn’s “Elijah,” written in 1846. The majority of these selections are colonial American songs from the countries of the immigrants who moved to the original 13 colonies as well as two 21st century pieces which support the overall feeling of the evening.

For more information, interested persons can contact Roe at (229) 391-4943.

ABAC Alpha Gamma Rho Raises Over $8,000 for the Alzheimer’s Association

October 19 marked a historic day for the Gamma Delta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity at ABAC. The chapter raised $8,181.50 at their fourth annual barrel race philanthropy for the Alzheimer’s Association. This event marked them as the top collegiate group in the state for the Alzheimer’s Association fundraising efforts.
Stallion Day: Saturday

If your club has not requested a place for Stallion Day, please let Brooke Jernigan know no later than Wednesday that they plan to participate. Requests can be emailed to bjernigan@abac.edu

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Reminder: Open Enrollment for benefits ends Friday

Veterans Day Breakfast Tuesday
Who: All Veteran students, faculty and staff
What: Celebrate Veterans Day
When: Tuesday 8 a.m.- 10 a.m.
Where: J. Lamar Branch Student Center
(in the open student area in front of Student Financial Services)

There will be Chick-fil-A biscuits and Sodexo will be providing coffee/drinks. Veterans will have the opportunity to register for door prizes!
ABAC Virtuoso Series Features Pianist on Thursday

Dr. Benjamin Warsaw will be featured on the piano as the second performer in the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series at ABAC on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. This performance is open to the community at no charge.

Series Coordinator Doug Jurs said the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series is designed to promote an appreciation for the tremendous expressive capacity of fine piano and piano chamber music. The series features skilled musicians drawn from outstanding regional and national professional artists.

Warsaw will perform original piano compositions as well as selections including Frédéric Chopin’s “Opus 25 études” and George Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue.” As a pianist and composer, he works with many different forms of art and performs on a regular basis.

Recent concert highlights include Yamaha Hall and Haydn Birthplace in Vienna, Austria and the John F. Kennedy Birthplace in Boston, Mass.

For more information on the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series, interested persons can contact Jurs at djurs@abac.edu.

FFA Members Volunteer at Forestry Competition

ABAC Collegiate FFA students volunteered to assist during the National FFA Forestry Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Pictured (l-r) Alex Holman, Candice Barnes, Ashton Hosta, Ryan Starling, Julia Roy, Allie Williams, and Ariel Berrios.

Native American Experience to be Held at Museum Nov. 21-22

The educational Native American tour company, GoNativeNow, will be back for a third visit to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC on Nov. 21-22. The weekend culminates with the new Wiregrass Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 22.

School groups will have the opportunity to visit the Museum on Nov. 21 with GoNativeNow at their Native American encampment. Dance programs will be included throughout the day so students can learn the importance of music and dance in Native American culture.

On Nov. 22, the GMA will host the Native American Experience with the GoNativeNow tour company. Visitors to the Museum will explore Native American culture through viewing GoNativeNow’s encampment, creating Native American-themed crafts, and testing their primitive hunting skills.

A new addition to the GMA’s fall event lineup is the Wiregrass Thanksgiving Feast from 6-8 p.m. on Nov. 22. Guests will take part in a traditional Wiregrass Thanksgiving Feast dinner while enjoying a dance program from GoNativeNow. Tickets are now on sale at the Country Store. The cost for the Wiregrass Thanksgiving Feast is $20 per person, $50 for a family of four, and $10 per child five-16 years of age. Space is limited for this event so advance purchase of tickets is encouraged.

For more information on either of these events, contact Kelly Scott at the Museum at kscott@abac.edu.
Enactus ABAC Launches Last Week

The Stafford School of Business launched Enactus ABAC last week. With business as a primary focus, Enactus is open to participation from all campus majors. The Kick-off opened with encouraging remarks by co-deans Dill and Susan Driscoll, followed by pinning ceremony of officers by faculty advisor Franzelle Pertilla. Pictured are the officers (l-r): Spencer Wilbanks, Lindsay Partridge, Chevy Young, Kelsey Fowler, Pertilla, Chanteria Seymore and Aaron Harrell.

Faculty and staff wishing to attend Commencement on December 11 can pick up a ticket from the ABAC Bookstore.

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Deadline Saturday

TAP application deadline for Spring Semester 2015 is Saturday. TAP registration for ABAC Spring Semester classes will open on December 17. The tap form can be found at the following link: http://www.usg.edu/hr/benefits_docs/tapp_app.pdf

Important Tap Reminders:

• Remember to turn in your Fall 2014 grades upon completion of your courses.
• Any class withdrawn before the classes term drop/add deadline will have no effect on TAP eligibility (classes dropped after this date or classes in which a grade of at least a “C” was not earned result in TAP benefit suspension for one semester).
• If you register for more hours than listed on your TAP application, you must provide me with a copy of a correspondence (e-mail is fine) indicating that your supervisor approves the additional hours that were not on the form they originally signed.

If you have any other questions or need additional assistance, contact Kaycee Jones at 229.391.4892 or kjones@abac.edu

Travel Information Meeting at the Museum on Tues.

Interested in traveling with ABAC? Attend the informational meeting on Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and find out about upcoming trips. The meeting will focus around already scheduled trips, these trips can be found at www.abac.edu/travel. Light refreshments will be served. Please sign up http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/BfKsTd6fmar33QY or contact Lynda Fisher at lfisher@abac.edu for more information about the meeting.

Don’t forget: Kindergarten Day will take place on Friday from 9:30-2:00

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Please submit information by Thursday at noon to Lindsey Roberts at lroberts@abac.edu for inclusion in the next edition of the FOCUS.