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### Pancake Breakfast Tonight From 9-10

The Student Government Association Pancake Breakfast will be held tonight from 9-10 p.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall. Cooks and servers are needed for this event.

Any faculty or staff who would like to cook can volunteer their time from 7:30 – 8:45 p.m. Those faculty and staff who would like to be servers can volunteer from 8:45 – 10 p.m. Please do not wear flip flops or open-toed shoes.

For more information on the pancake breakfast, contact Bernice Hughes in the Office of Student Life and Housing at (229) 391-5140.

**ABAC Closed Dec. 24—Jan 3**

**ABAC will close at 5:30 p.m.  
on December 23 and reopen at  
8 a.m. on January 4.**

**Happy Holidays!**

### Christmas Time In The City



The Jazz Choir and Jazz Combo brought the spirit of the season to the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Nov. 30 with their annual Holiday Music Celebration. ABAC President David Bridges and his wife, Kim, provided refreshments for the students and concert attendees after the event.

### Regent NeSmith To Speak at ABAC Commencement Friday

William H. "Dink" NeSmith, Jr., a member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, will be the featured speaker at the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College fall commencement ceremony Friday at 6 p.m. in Gressette Gym.

A 1970 graduate of the University of Georgia (UGA), NeSmith is chairman of the University's Fanning Institute for Leadership, which promotes public service and outreach. He recently co-authored a biography of the institute's founder, Dr. J.W. Fanning.

NeSmith is past president of UGA's National Alumni Association and a director of the Richard B. Russell Foundation. He is an emeritus member of the UGA Athletic Association's board of

directors and the UGA Foundation's Board of Trustees.

NeSmith was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue in March, 2008 to the Board of Regents. He is co-owner and president of the Athens-based Community Newspapers, Inc., publisher of several dozen newspapers in Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas.

Perdue recently appointed NeSmith to the 20-member Commission for a New Georgia. He also serves on the board of directors of Ath-



ens First Bank and Trust, Southern Mutual Insurance Company and Pattillo Construction Company. He is past president of the Georgia Press Association and former chairman of Leadership Georgia (1986).

As chairman of Athens 96 for the four years leading up to the 1996 Summer Olympic Games, NeSmith led Athens' involvement in the Games' soccer, volleyball and rhythmic gymnastics events. He and his wife, Pam, have three children and live in Athens.

A total of 176 students are expected to participate in the ceremony.

## Tagged By ABAC



ABAC Public Relations Assistant Ashley Williamson gets some help putting on her new ABAC tag from ABAC President David Bridges. The ABAC license plate is now available in every tag office in Georgia.

The roads of Georgia will soon be filled with vehicles showing Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College license plates. The new ABAC tags are now available in every tag office across the state.

"We are very excited to finally get the tags on vehicles," ABAC President David Bridges said. "ABAC will not only benefit from the mini-billboards all over the roads, but a portion of the proceeds from each ABAC tag will be returned to the college."

### Late Night Study Area

The Academic Assistance Center (AAC) in the Carlton Center will be open through Wednesday of this week. Tutors will be available for math and writing at various hours during these days. Students should check at the front desk for tutor availability. Late night study hours in the AAC will be sponsored by the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) tonight through Wednesday from 9 p.m. until midnight. No tutors will be available during this late evening time but it is a convenient place for studying for final examinations.

### Register Online for Business Office Classes

The Business Office will be offering classes for faculty and staff on Dec. 13, Dec. 14, Jan. 20, and Jan. 25. Registration can be completed at <http://www.abac.edu/training/schedule/Scheduler.cfm>.

Topics for the classes include ABAC Accounting 101, Grants, Getting the most bang for your buck, You Need this check WHEN?, and many others.

For more information contact Deidra Jackson at [djackson@abac.edu](mailto:djackson@abac.edu) or 391-4921.

## McCrae Utilizes New Technology in the Classroom

New technology pays off in better student performance. Just ask Katrina McCrae, assistant professor of biology and science in the School of Science and Mathematics at ABAC.

McCrae has seen firsthand the improvement by students in her classes after she implemented the Hello World technology provided to ABAC by a \$48,297 grant from AT&T in 2009.

The technology that allows instructors to film and archive their classes for students to view at their convenience has been a big hit with her biology students.

"My students grasp the subject matter better and are more engaged in the classroom," said McCrae. "There has also been an increase in their grades."

That is not the only advantage this technology has brought to McCrae and her students. Students can also ask her questions through video and e-mail whenever they want.

"I have done live tutoring sessions from my house with the technology being used in Hello World," said McCrae. "If a student can't meet me during office hours, I can always get online and work a problem out for them at home."

She also believes that future students can implement Hello World's capabilities.

"I have had students who tell me they are taking one of my classes soon, and I advise them to go onto Hello World to see what my teaching style is like and get an idea of how the classes are," said McCrae.

Currently McCrae has Introduction to Biology I on Hello World, and she loves the fact that each lesson is archived.

"My goal is to have every class I teach each semester on Hello World to be reviewed and archived," said McCrae. "I want to help with the retention of my students, and this is a resource that students are interested in."

She hopes other instructors on the ABAC campus will follow suit and implement the Hello World technology within their curriculum.

Students who wish to view archived classes can go to [www.abacstallion.info](http://www.abacstallion.info). For more information on the AT&T project, interested persons can contact Melanie Partlow at (229) 391-5116.





# Victorian Christmas

## Saturday

### December 11

### 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Georgia Museum of Agriculture & Historic Village

**Grand Opening Reception at 11 a.m.**  
Lathe & Knife Masters exhibit

**Book Signing by John Fair on *"The Tifts of Georgia"***

**Train ride into the Village**  
**Sugar Cane Grinding**  
**Traditional Dessert Sampling**  
**Clogging - 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.**  
**Candy Pulling**  
**Corn Popping**  
**Live Music**  
**Caroling**  
**Petting Zoo**  
**Hayride 1 - 4 p.m.**  
**Pony Rides 10 a.m. - Noon**  
**Wood Turning Demonstrations**



Our homemade Sausage Biscuits  
for sale in the morning for \$1

Our homemade Vegetable Beef Soup  
& Cornbread for sale at lunch for \$5

**1392 Whiddon Mill Road, I 75 Exit 63B, Tifton GA**

**Saturday Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, Children \$5**

**& Children under 4 years-old free**

[www.agrirama.com](http://www.agrirama.com)

## Museum Gallery to Feature Lathe and Knife Masters

A brand new exhibit which showcases a way of life familiar to generations of Georgians opens Saturday at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

Titled Lathe and Knife Masters, the exhibit will be unveiled at the Museum's Gallery at 11 a.m. on Saturday as a part of the day-long Victorian Christmas event.

The Lathe and Knife Masters exhibit will feature the work of the Little River Wood Turners Club, a regional group of craftsmen who practice the art of turning wood the way it has been done for centuries and strive to pass their knowledge down to the next generation of wood turners.

Richard Rose and Leon Benefield from the club will exhibit a unique collection of works, including a stunning group of story sticks, carved with knives.

James Walker, Herman Hannon and Mike Collins, all from Tifton, formed the Little River Wood Turners in 2007 when they discovered there were enough wood turners in Tifton and the surrounding counties to share techniques, tips, and tools. The club now has over 25 members covering a large portion of the state who meet monthly for "show-and-tell".

Club members constantly produce innovative pieces for the enjoyment of the community, and participate in educational demonstrations and wood turning conventions around Georgia.

The exhibit will include works created on a lathe from antler pieces and Georgia wood, including cypress, sycamore, holly, magnolia, pecan, and cedar. Many of these pieces will be available for sale.

Both antique and modern wood turning tools and a special step-by-step educational model of the wood turning process, from tree to finished bowl, will also be on display.

The exhibit will be open at the Museum through Feb. 11. For more information or to schedule a private tour or a lecture by a member of the club, contact Polly Huff at 386-3849.

*Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with*

*Wishing you a very*



*peace, love and laughter!*

President & Mrs. David Bridges  
& The ABAC Ambassadors  
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

President & Mrs. David Bridges cordially invite you to a  
**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**  
Thursday, Dec. 9  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
National Peanut Museum  
Adjacent to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture Welcome Center



## ABAC Student Art Show December 9

Executive Assistant to the President Pam Leonard takes a look at Tanner Boone's installation titled "Dream of Memories" in the recent Stallion Art Show. The Fall Semester Student Art Show will be held in Bowen Hall on Thursday from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

## ABAC Birthdays

- 6 Jeff Gibbs
- 7 Jordan Cofer
- 7 Nancy Kinsley
- 9 James McCrimmon
- 10 Alice Slocumb
- 12 Vivian Jackson
- 12 Lawrence Sheperd