I would like to take this opportunity and thank each parent, grandparent, family member, and guardian for entrusting Residence Life & Housing with your student. Whether this is your first edition of The Stable or it is one of many I would like to introduce or re-introduce The Stable. The Stable is the Residence Life & Housing newsletter designed for parents. Here in Residence Life & Housing we understand that parents still want to know what is going on in the life of his/her student. The Stable is a monthly newsletter to keep parents informed of the opportunities, challenges, and important information that every student will face. The Stable will be sent to every parent who registers to receive a mailing via email at the beginning of every month school is in session. Registration is easy; just sign-up by emailing ckinsey@abac.edu. We look forward to this next semester and are always here to help students and their parents in whatever ways we can.

—Chris Kinsey, Res. Life Director

Housing Renewals

It is the time of year that our residents need to start planning for their living arrangements for next year. There are several benefits of making decisions regarding housing early. If your student is currently living on campus, between January 6 - February 21 they will be able to choose the building, room, and roommates they want and receive the lowest renewal fee rate of $75. This price goes up February 22 - April 1, with a $150 fee and the ability to choose building and roommates. Between April 2, until Fall move in students will have a $300 renewal fee and be able to choose their roommates. Encourage your resident to renew early for the best rates and the most options.

Upcoming Events for Your Resident!

* Session A Withdrawal deadline 2/3
* Renewal Ice Cream Party 2/6 @ 7
* Spring Graduation App. Priority Deadline 2/7
  * Spring Break 3/17-21
  * Homecoming Events 3/31-4/5
  * Relay for Life 4/25-26
While your student is living on campus they are only a short walk away from academic resources that allow them to learn through their core and major classes. Just because the Office Of Residence Life and Housing does not give grades does not mean that we do not want to contribute to your students development in our own way. In order to keep our residents engaged we offer weekly programs that foster the on campus community as well as educate residents to current issues that they will likely face in college and beyond. The themes and topics range from diversity issues, financial skills, interview and resume prep, to social programs designed to encourage interaction between students and having a good time. Through these programs students have the opportunity to learn different viewpoints of those around them and become apart of the on campus community, plus there is almost always free food involved. Encourage your student to get out and get involved with as many campus activities as they can. It can make all the difference in their college experience.

### Helping Your Resident Get Involved

Encouraging your students to take part in all of the events that happen on campus. From fun programs to informative speakers there is something for everyone. There are also many student organizations that students can join to keep themselves busy and meet others with similar interests. Intermural sports are also very popular, allowing student teams to compete against each other in softball, bowling, basketball, and others. Along with all of these fun opportunities there are academic and service groups. Academic groups can give students an edge in their classes or take an area of interest to the next level. Service opportunities allow ABAC students to give back to locally.

### Work orders

We understand that light bulbs blow, sinks leak, and refrigerators decide to stop refrigerating. But because your student has chosen to live on campus, the Housing Department provides services by certified and trained individuals to meet your students needs. So, when an issues arises, here are the steps that your student can take to submit a Housing Work Order.

1. Go to ABAC home webpage
2. Click on "Student Life"
3. Click on "Housing"
4. Click on "Housing Work Order"
5. Fill out information in full detail and submit