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### Fifth Annual 'Run for the Nurses' April 2 at ABAC

Future nursing students will benefit from scholarship funds raised from the fifth annual "Run for the Nurses" event on April 2 sponsored by the School of Nursing and Health Sciences on the campus of ABAC.



The event includes a 5K run and half marathon. Both begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Health Sciences Building just off Moore Highway on the front campus of ABAC. All proceeds benefit the Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing Scholarship Fund which assists in the education of future nursing students.

Between Feb. 7 and March 5, the cost for runners to register is \$25 for the 5K and \$35 for the half marathon. If participants register later than March 5, the cost for the 5K is \$30 and the half marathon is \$40. Interested participants can

register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or at <http://www.abac.edu/academics/schools/nursing/outreach/run-for-the-nurses> for a printable registration form. Online pre-registration ends on March 31. Runners can still register on race day.

Trophies will be presented in the 5K and half marathon to the overall and master overall male and female finishers, and medals will be given to the top three male and female finishers in five-year age groups. All half marathon runners will receive a finisher's medal. Trophies will also be awarded to the first male and female ABAC alumni to cross the finish line in each race.

The Lisa Purvis Allison Scholarship Fund was developed to honor Allison and assist other aspiring students in fulfilling their dreams of getting an ABAC education to become a registered nurse. The scholarship is awarded twice a year to a nursing student

who meets the stated criteria to assist with final semester expenses. Nursing faculty and the family of Allison are involved in the selection process.

Arnold said Allison began the nursing program at ABAC as a single parent of two children following the death of her husband in a tragic accident. While completing the last year of the program, she was diagnosed with colon cancer. She was an outstanding student who personified the caring and compassionate nature of nursing. Upon graduation she successfully passed her state board exam and was licensed as a registered nurse. She lost her battle with cancer shortly after that time.

For more information on the "Run for the Nurses" event, interested persons can contact Becky Arnold at (229) 391-5024 or e-mail her at [rarnold@abac.edu](mailto:rarnold@abac.edu).

### ABAC Instructor Gains International Business Experience in Asia

The 2016 calendar year began on a high note for Franzelle Pertilla, an instructor in the Stafford School of Business at ABAC. The Sam Walton fellow was among 15 elite educators in the field of international business selected to take part in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) conference from Jan. 5-15 in Singapore and the Philippines.

"This trip came about for the purpose of the Faculty Development in International Business (FDIB) Centers for International Business and Research (CIBER) focusing on Singapore and the Philippines,"



Pertilla said.

One very important criteria for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was that attendees teach

international business. Pertilla's previous participation with the FDIB sponsored by the CIBER institutions in partnership with Georgia State University and Clayton State made this trip a possibility. Also contributing to the opportunity to travel to Asia was ABAC's participation in the national CIBER network and Pertilla's expressed interest in the conference.

"I sought out this opportunity to make sure my instruction remains relevant and current, especially in this fast-paced global economy," Pertilla said.

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## ABAC Circle K Selling Valentine Treat Bags

Would you like to say Happy Valentine's Day to a friend or co-worker at ABAC -- or express appreciation to your student workers? ABAC's Circle K Club makes it easy with Valentine Treat Bags. For only \$5, you can send a treat bag with candy and other Valentine-themed goodies to someone you care about. Proceeds will help Circle K in its efforts to provide outstanding community service to the area. Orders must be in by Tuesday and will be delivered Wednesday through Friday. Anyone interested should contact Deidre Martin at [dmartin@abac.edu](mailto:dmartin@abac.edu) or 391.4907



## 'Heart to Heart' Exhibit Opens Saturday at GMA

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, hearts are everywhere this time of year. On Saturday, the Gallery of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC will open a unique exhibit where hearts are the featured performers.

The Gallery is partnering with the ABAC School of Liberal Arts, School of Nursing and Health Sciences, the Tift Regional Heart and Vascular Center, ABAC alumnus C.L. Morehead, Jr., and the University of Georgia Museum of Art for an event which will educate the community about heart disease while showcasing an exhibit of art inspired by the miracle of medicine.

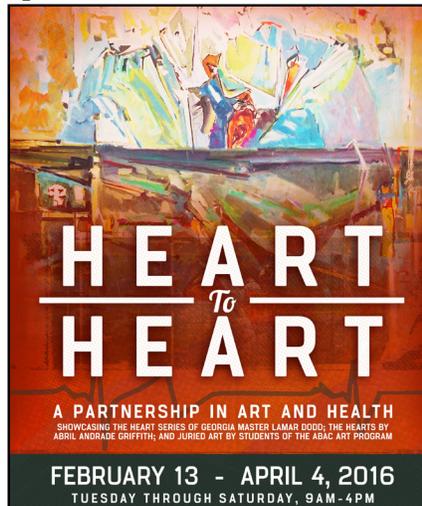
The "Heart to Heart" exhibit and community outreach event will open during Heart Health month on Saturday with a 2 p.m. reception at the Museum Gallery. The reception is open to the public at no charge. ABAC nursing students will be on hand to provide free screenings including blood pressure, blood sugar checks, and body mass index. They will also offer practical advice on improving heart health through diet and exercise.

The "Heart to Heart" exhibit will feature seven of Georgia Master Lamar Dodd's Heart Series, six of which belong to Morehead, a Gallery Patron and a 1948 ABAC alumnus. Morehead is a renowned collector with over 800 of Dodd's works. Abril Andrade Griffith, a pop-surrealist artist from Ohio who has an extensive Heart Series of her own, will be spotlighted alongside Dodd's work.

As a part of the opening for the exhibit, Dr. William Eiland, Director of the Georgia Museum of Art, will speak on Dodd's Heart Series at 2:30 p.m. Immediately following the talk,

the gallery will open for tours. An interactive corner inside the Gallery will allow the exhibit's youngest visitors to get their hands on a heart-related activity.

Dodd spent eight years of his life focused on his Heart Series, the most intimate work of his artistic career. These paintings were born of personal crisis when Dodd's first



wife, Mary, was hospitalized in 1977 for a serious heart condition which required surgery. He began to study all aspects of his wife's illness and her surgeries and treatment under the mentorship of her physician, Dr. Joe Craver of Emory University Hospital.

Craver encouraged Dodd to participate directly. With a sketch pad in hand, Dodd was given access to surgeons in action and scrubbed in for an up close view of a heart surgery in progress. This series records Dodd's deeply personal response to the emotional process of seeing his wife through her illness and treatment.

Mary Dodd passed away in 1979. The dramatic experience of going through his wife's illness, in his own words, made him "paint furiously."

A never-before shown portrait of Mary Dodd painted by Dodd has been pulled out of a collector's vault and will be on display along with the Heart Series.

The third component of the exhibit is medically-themed student work created from a series of lectures presented by Museum Curator and Assistant Director Polly Huff to several art classes on the ABAC campus. Students learned about Dodd and his work and focused on the techniques and intent behind his Heart Series. A juried competition of works inspired by the students' own health stories was open to all of ABAC's painting, drawing, and 2-D design students, and the selected pieces are a part of the "Heart to Heart" exhibit, including the works of Jane Eaton Gray, a well-known local artist who depicted her fight with breast cancer in a series of impressionist work. Framing for the student work was provided by another exhibit partner, Tifton's Classic Art & Frame Shop.

Additional Heart To Heart events will be held throughout the exhibit's stay in the Gallery, which ends April 4. Upcoming events include the Tift Regional Outreach and Development Center's Lunch and Learn lecture with Tifton cardiologist Paul Murray on February 19 and a heart-healthy cooking demonstration featuring a local physician in March. For the remainder of the exhibit, the Gallery will be made available to gatherings of medical professionals from across the state.

The exhibit will be included with the Museum daily admission ticket. For more information on this exhibit, interested persons can contact Huff at (229) 391-5222 or via e-mail at [phuff@abac.edu](mailto:phuff@abac.edu).

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While in Singapore, she visited five companies and corporations including IBM Singapore, Singapore Airlines, and Asian Development Bank. While in the Philippines she toured seven additional companies.

“Another featured location was the Philippines Stock Exchange, and our group had the opportunity to tour the facility and talk with the president of the organization,” Pertilla said. “We also met with Secretary-General Arsenio Balisacan of the National Economic Development Authority and had the benefit to receive information from top government and corporate executives in both countries.”

While in the two countries, Pertilla visited the Gardens by the Bay in Singapore along with several historic areas. As far as the local cuisine was concerned, Pertilla described the food as “different and good.”

Her experiences in Asia have already reaped benefits for Pertilla and her ABAC students.

“When I returned from my experience in Asia, I could immediately take the information I had learned and apply it to a classroom setting,” Pertilla said. “That is the ultimate goal – to pass that knowledge to the students.”

Pertilla will continue to share her experiences in the field of international business at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday with “From South Georgia to Southeast Asia,” a talk and display on the cultural, social, and economy of Singapore and the Philippines. The event is part of ABAC Abroad Week, a celebration of ABAC’s global involvement hosted by the Baldwin Library. Guests will visually get the idea of the scope of companies Pertilla visited in her travels.

“It meant the world to me to represent ABAC in such an evolving area of educational focus,” Pertilla said. “All of it was particularly

exciting for me because it is projected that by the year 2025 the countries in Southeast Asia will be the seventh largest world economy, and I was witnessing this in action.”

The ASEAN was established on Aug. 8, 1967 by Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. Since then, membership has expanded to include Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar (Burma), and Vietnam. Its aims include accelerating economic growth, social progress, and socio-cultural evolution among its members alongside protection of regional stability and opportunities for member countries to resolve differences peacefully.

Pertilla received her B.A. in Communications from Clark Atlanta University and her M.B.A. in Finance and International Business from Mercer University. She has also done Ph.D. coursework in management from Walden University. Pertilla has been a part of the ABAC faculty since 2013.

## ABAC Abroad Week Kicks Off Tuesday in Baldwin Library

**February 9 at 2 p.m.-** ABAC Abroad: Global Opportunities at ABAC

(featuring Dr. Erin Campbell, Lisa Seibert, Dr. Tom Grant & Dr. Darby Sewell)

**February 10 at Noon-** CTL Study Abroad Brainstorming Session

**February 11 at 11:30 a.m.-** “From Southeast Georgia to Southeast Asia: A look at business, government, and culture from the ASEAN perspective by Franzelle Pertilla”

Don't miss **ABAC Presents! Peach State Opera Company in Mozart's Don Giovanni** Thursday at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.purplepass.com/abac](http://www.purplepass.com/abac) or by phone at (229) 391-4895.

## ‘Bottle & Brushes’ Art Class on February 19

The Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC will host the “Bottles and Brushes” art class on Feb. 19 from 6-8 p.m. Participants will paint “Dragonfly” by Brenda Rose, a local artist and the “Bottles and Brushes” instructor.

“This vibrant painting will melt away the winter doldrums,” said Polly Huff, assistant director and curator at the Museum.

Rose will guide participants through the process of recreating her original work, while students create their own interpretation before their eyes. Participants can bring their favorite beverage while enjoying an evening of creativity and fun. The Gallery at the Museum will provide the paint, canvas and brushes.

Registration for the class is on a first come, first served basis upon payment of the fee. Space is limited so early registration is important. Participants must register ahead of time by contacting Huff at (229) 391-5222 or by e-mailing her at [phuff@abac.edu](mailto:phuff@abac.edu). The class fee is \$25 per person or \$40 for couples. It is non-refundable and non-transferable. The fee includes all supplies and instruction.



# Schedule for Stallion Day on Saturday

Join the Office of Enrollment Management as they welcome hundreds of prospective students and their families to Stallion Day.

Contact Brooke Jernigan for more information at [bjernigan@abac.edu](mailto:bjernigan@abac.edu)

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 – 9:00	Check-in & Tours	Donaldson Dining Hall
9:00 - 9:20	Welcome & Overview of the Day	Donaldson Dining Hall
9:30 – 10:40	Student Conversation Corner  Join the experts and have your questions answered on these areas from faculty, staff, and students.	<u>Health Sciences Building Rooms:</u> Honors, 259 School of Agriculture & Natural Resources, 237 School of Human Sciences, 240 School of Liberal Arts, 242 School of Nursing and Health Sciences, 156 School of Science and Math, 114 Stafford School of Business, 108 Student Life, 254 <b>OR</b> 249
Pick 2 sessions to attend		
▪ 9:30-10:00		
▪ 10:10-10:40		
9:30-10:40	Parent Conversation Corner	Howard Auditorium
10:45-11:50	Stallion Marketplace & Tours	Gressette Gymnasium
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Donaldson Dining Hall
1:15	Financial Aid Sessions 1:15, 1:45, or 2:15 1:30, 2:00, or 2:30  Admissions & Scholarship Q&A	Ag Sciences Building: Room 131 Room 137  Room 143

## 'Sweetie Pie' Baking Contest on February 16

The Agricultural Business Club at ABAC will hold its third annual "Sweetie Pie" Baking Contest on Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. in the foyer of the Ag Sciences Building. The entry application must be returned to Audrey Luke-Morgan at [alukemorgan@abac.edu](mailto:alukemorgan@abac.edu) or in the Ag Sciences building, Room 111 no later than 3 p.m. on Friday.

All baked goods (cookies, cake, and cupcakes) must serve at least 24 people. A pie entry must include two pies. The first four entries are \$5 each. Any additional entry after \$20 is free of charge.

All students, clubs and organizations, faculty and staff are invited to come by and purchase a plate for \$5 and sample all the delicious entries. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place entries.



**ABAC  
Birthdays**

**8 Alison Mann   9 Johnny Folsom   10 Renaldo Arroyo  
12 Karen Dell   12 Todd Hicks   13 Kristoff Cohran**