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Turf Students Network with Alumni in Orlando

Nine Turfgrass and Golf Course Management students represented ABAC at the 2014 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America annual conference in Orlando, Fla. last week. The turf students attended educational seminars, participated in the Collegiate Turf Bowl competition, visited with ABAC alumni, and networked with area golf course superintendents. In addition, the students had the honor of supporting ABAC alumnus Anthony Williams (left), who received the 2014 GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award.

Students Attend Leadership Conference

Leaders on campus from different student organizations traveled to Athens this weekend for the Georgia Collegiate Leadership Conference. The group learned about handling conflict, dealing with difficult people, importance of leaving a legacy, and much more. They also got the opportunity to listen to inspirational speakers on being a good campus leader.



Home Games

The Fillies and Stallions will be on the road this week. The golf team is in St. Simons at a tournament and the tennis teams are traveling all over this week. For a full schedule visit www.abac.edu/athletics. The baseball and softball team have multiple games this week, but will both play at home. Go teams!

Baseball:

Tue. vs. CVCC @ 2 p.m.

Softball:

Sat. vs. Tallahassee CC @ 1:00/3:00

Sine Nomine Singers Perform Tuesday

The Sine Nomine Singers of Valdosta will be the featured performers at a First Tuesday bonus event on Tues. at ABAC. The concert will be held in the Chapel of All Faiths on the ABAC campus at 7 p.m. All First Tuesday performances are open to the public at no cost.

The series features regional professional artists on the first Tuesdays of five months during the year. Dr. Susan Roe, Director of Music for the School of Liberal Arts, is the First Tuesday Program Director. She said February offers two First Tuesday concerts as a bonus to the community.

The Sine Nomine (which means "Without Name") Singers were created to provide choral singing opportunities and challenging choral works for local



singers. The Sine Nomine Singers increase the awareness and appreciation of sacred and secular choral works through promotion of area talent, innovative programming and collaborative performances with other artists. Membership is by invitation only.

For more information on the concert, interested persons can contact Roe at sroe@abac.edu.



ABAC Social Media

Be sure to follow the new ABAC Instagram account for interesting pictures of campus, events, students, alumni and more. Don't forget to like us on Facebook, facebook.com/abac1908, and follow us on Twitter, @abac_college, for more information about what's happening on campus.

ABAC Hosts Regional Science Fair Friday

The School of Science and Mathematics at ABAC will host the Regional Science and Engineering Fair Friday in Thrash Gym. Students in grades 6-12 who are eligible to enter the regional fair have participated in a local science fair in their county or school and were selected to participate at the regional level.

Projects will be entered in a number of different categories ranging from animal and plant sciences to physics, chemistry and biological and health sciences.

Student projects will be available for public viewing from 3 – 4 p.m. in Thrash Gym. The awards ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Awards will be given to the top two finishers in both the junior and senior divisions. Local and Regional Science and Engineering Fairs are often the first step students take in becoming our researchers of tomorrow.

For more information, interested persons can contact Dr. Johnny Evans, Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics, at 229-391-5100.



Pegasus Now Accepting Submissions

ABAC's award-winning literary magazine, Pegasus, is seeking submissions for the spring 2014 issue. Contributors each receive two copies of the magazine, and are invited to come read at our annual launch party in April. **Submission deadline is Feb. 28.** Pegasus is seeking creative nonfiction (braided essays, lyric essays, narrative nonfiction, experimental forms), short fiction, and poetry. Pegasus is also seeking art and photography. We ask that artists submit high-quality JPEG, GIFs or PNG files. To submit to Pegasus, please visit www.pegasus.submittable.com/submit.

Find out more about Pegasus at www.abac.edu/pegasus

Azalea String Quartet to Perform at ABAC February 18

The Azalea String Quartet will perform on Feb. 18 as part of the "ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series". The concert will be held at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

The Azalea String Quartet is made up of musicians Nina Lutz and Brent Williams on violin, Lauren Burns on viola, and Steven Taylor on cello. The group performs on a regular basis throughout the Southeast in concerts and for educational programs.

The Azalea String Quartet is a vibrant musical ensemble and quartet-in-residence at Valdosta State University and is comprised of the principal string players of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra. Their varied musical styling embraces the classics of quartet literature to the most contemporary of pieces, and has even ranged to multidisciplinary works involving



interpretative dance. The quartet has appeared as the featured string quartet for the International Bartok Congress in Austin, TX.

While available tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event, Series Director Wayne Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure seating for patrons. Individual tickets for the Azalea String Quartet performance are \$15 for adults and \$10

for students under 18 years of age. Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at (229) 391-4895.

Other upcoming performances from the ABAC Presents! Performing Arts series will include The Fisk Jubilee Singers on March 29 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Tifton and jazz saxophonist Roger Pemberton on April 17 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

"ABAC Presents!" is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. GCA also receives support from their partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.

To learn more about the series, interested persons can visit the "ABAC Presents!" web page at www.abac.edu/more/arts-connection.



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Stallion Day - Saturday

The schedule for Stallion Day this weekend has changed. Please take a look at the schedule and get acquainted with the new format. If you have questions regarding the day, contact Brooke Jernigan bjernigan@abac.edu or call 229.391.5004.

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 Pick 2 sessions to attend ✦ 9:30-10:00 ✦ 10:10-10:40	Student Conversation Corner Join the experts and have your questions answered on these areas from faculty, staff, and students.	Health Sciences Building: Agriculture & Natural Resources, 237 Biology, 114 Honors, 259 Nursing, TBA Student Life, 254 OR 249 Rural Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business & Econ. Development, 108 • Community & Social Affairs, 240 • Politics & Modern Cultures AND Writing and Communications, 242
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 VA Information Session 1:15 or 1:45 Admissions & Scholarship Q&A Housing Q & A/Lakeside Tours	Ag Sciences Building: Room 131 Room 137 Room 133 Room 139 Lakeside Multipurpose Room



Register to "Run for the Nurses"

Save the date for the 3rd Annual "Run for the Nurses" event on April 5. This race includes a 1/2 marathon, 5K, and 1 mile fun run. The event raises money for the Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing scholarship fund. Go to www.abac.edu/nursing for more information and to register for the race.

Sweetie Pie Bake Sale Wed.

The Agricultural Business Club at ABAC will hold its first "Sweetie Pie" Baking Contest on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the foyer of the Ag Sciences Building. For more information contact Audrey Luke-Morgan at amorgan@abac.edu.



School of Nursing & Health Sciences Went Red

The School of Nursing & Health Sciences, the Health Center, and the Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS) sponsored events last week to raise awareness in women about heart disease and stroke. They hosted blood pressure screenings, glucose screenings, BMI, and waist circumference all week and guest speakers to inform people of the importance. More information can be found at www.goredforwomen.org



'Rhythm and Blues' Concert Re-Scheduled for Monday in Howard

The "Rhythm and Blues" jazz concert featuring pianist Doug Jurs and guest violinist M. Brent Williams, originally scheduled for Jan. 28, will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium at ABAC. The concert was postponed due to inclement weather. The duo will play a selection of jazz music ranging from classical to contemporary. This event is open to the public at no charge.



Writer In Residence Talks to Rural Studies Students

ABAC's Writer in Residence Janice Daugharty spoke to Rural Studies students Friday afternoon in Dr. Cofer's Writing for Publication Class. She discussed the process of writing and publishing novels, provided words of encouragement and tips to students interested in publishing their work.



Peace Corps. Speaker Feb. 28

Chad Chernet with the Peace Corps will be visiting campus on Friday, Feb. 28. The Peace Corps is an excellent option for students unsure what to do after graduation or those that would like a little experience before entering the work world. If you would like him to come speak to one or more of your classes or a club you work with, email Rebecca Cofer at rcofer@abac.edu.

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Please submit information by **Thursday at noon** to Ashley Mock at amock@abac.edu for inclusion in the next FOCUS.

ABAC Birthdays

- 12 Karen Dell
- 12 Todd Hicks
- 14 Lagina Davis
- 15 Christina Dent

