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Stallion Day Success



Over 200 students attended Stallion Day on Saturday. Thank you to all the clubs, organizations, faculty and staff that participated and made it a great day for ABAC. April 5 is the next Stallion Day



Savannah Regional Round-up

The Office of College Advancement and Alumni Association hosted a Regional Round-up at the home of Board of Trustee Member and alumnus, James Holcomb in Savannah. Alumni traveled from around the area to attend. Stories were told, new friends were made, and some ever reunited with old friends. Be on the look-out for more Round-ups.

Home Games

The fillies and stallions will play at home and away this week. Women's tennis will play on the road in Jacksonville Saturday. Below are the home games for the weeks. 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 ABAC!

Baseball:

Tue. vs. Tallahassee CC @ 2 p.m.

Softball:

Tue. vs. Middle Georgia @ 2/4 p.m.

ABAC Named as a Top Military-Friendly School

Military Advanced Education (MAE) has awarded ABAC the recognition of a Top Military-Friendly college in its 2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges & Universities, released in print and available online at www.mae-kmi.com.

From community colleges to state universities, online universities and nationally known centers of higher learning, MAE's Guide provides potential students with information about institutions that give back to our men and women in uniform.

"Being named one of MAE's 2014 Military-Friendly Colleges is a remarkable achievement for ABAC," said Jessica Swords, Student Accounts and Veterans Benefit Coordinator. "This status places ABAC at the forefront of the military community and provides potential students with an awareness that we are working cooperatively with military personnel and dependents to provide them with the benefits that are availa-

ble through government-funded support programs."

Among the standards used in assessing ABAC for inclusion in the Guide were the flexibility of online learning options, extent of transfer credits accepted by degree level, Service member Opportunity Colleges (SOC) participation, on-campus active duty/veterans assistance, the support provided to the families of service members, faculty trained in veteran reintegration issues, presence on military installations, and full-time counselors trained in veteran-specific mental health concerns.

"Our staff used strict criteria to evaluate the submissions of the respondents, and we had a record number of schools participating this year," said Kelly Fodel, MAE's editor. "We believe the Guide serves as an invaluable tool for both education services officers (ESOs) and transition officers when advising service members about their

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educational opportunities.

"I encourage students and ESOs to check out our searchable database online," Fodel said. "We designed this database with military students in mind. We want to help them make informed choices, so we are giving them access to all the survey questions and answers provided by the schools, as well as explanations about critical issues like the schools' activation and deployment policies, withdrawal policies, scholarship and financial aid information and important support information."

Military Advanced Education (www.mae-kmi.com) serves ESOs and transition officers (TOs) at every U.S. military installation, along with the service members they counsel. Published 10 times yearly, MAE's editorial coverage includes exclusive interviews with military executive leadership, educators, and members of Congress; best

practices; career and transition spotlights, service member, school, and program profiles; and periodic special reports. KMI Media Group, Inc. (www.kmimediagroup.com) is the leading independent publisher of targeted information about military requirements, technologies and operations. Serving as a unique forum for senior military and Department of Defense leadership, KMI focuses on distinct and essential communities within the defense market.

For more information, interested persons can visit ABAC at www.abac.edu or www.mae-kmi.com for online access to the 2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities. 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.



Beam Speaks of Ethical Practices

The Stafford School of Business hosted Aaron Beam, ex-CFO of HealthSouth Corporation who spent three months in federal prison for being part of a \$2B securities fraud. He spoke to students, faculty and staff about the importance of ethical practices in business and how small steps of unethical decisions can lead to a disaster.

Black History Month Awards Monday at 6:30 in Howard

The Black History Month Celebration and Awards program will be held Monday, at 6:30 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Ms. Canesta Hicks, a Rural Studies student from Sylvester, will be the speaker. The award honorees are the following for their commitment to the students here at ABAC. Those being awarded are to follow: Dr. Joseph Njoroge, Dr. Christopher Kinsey, Ms. Brenda Corbin, Ms. Catherine Davis and Ms. Jackie Jordan.

Students Visit Sanderson Farms

Seven ABAC students attended Sanderson Farms Super Chicken Road Show to learn about internships and manager trainee programs with Sanderson Farms, the 4th largest chicken producer in the U.S. Students toured the hatchery facility and feed mill in Adel and processing plant in Moultrie. They were able to network with managers and supervisors of these facilities as well as alumni. Picture (back L-R) Hannah Brague; Michael Smith; Ryan Morris; Shawn Cox; Justin Watson (front L-R) Tyler Raulerson; Kaytlyn Malia; Olivia Evans



Nominate for Donaldson Excellence in Advising Award

Have you had the opportunity to work with an advisor who goes "above and beyond" to assist students? Is he/she accessible? Knowledgeable? Do you feel that he/she helps students not only to select classes, but also gives major and career direction?

Nominations are now being accepting for the W. Bruce and Rosalyn Ray Donaldson Excellence in Advising Award.

The W. Bruce and Rosalyn Ray Donaldson Excellence in Advising Award recognizes advisors with an effective, positive influence on the educational experience of ABAC students. The award will be presented during the Honors Day ceremony in April.

Submit your nomination by 5:30 PM February 24, 2014. Nominations can be submitted by email to bdoss@abac.edu



Azalea String Quartet Tues.

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



Heath-Sands Speaks at Upward Bound's Career Day

The Upward Bound Program at ABAC hosted many guest speakers on Sat. This annual career day was titled "Exploring Careers in Preparation for Future Success in the 21st Century". The keynote speaker was Ms. Karla Heath-Sands of WALB TV out of Albany. Upward Bound is designed to generate participants in the academic skills and motivation necessary to succeed in precollege performance.

Honors Program Students Present at Collegiate Honors Conference

Three honors students attended and presented posters at the Georgia Collegiate Honors Conference this past weekend at Middle Georgia College. Pictured (l-r) Caitlin Cato, "Breaking New Ground: Genetically Modified Corn and Its Agricultural Future", Zach Wood "Destruction Running Wild: Overpopulation of Feral Hogs in the South", Lindsay Partridge (sophomore) "Actions Speak Louder than Words: The Positive Effects of Active Learning in the Classroom"



Rural Studies Mixer

ABAC's Rural Studies Club hosted a faculty-student mixer to promote the Rural Studies Program to prospective and new Rural Studies majors. Under the theme "Fall in Love with Rural Studies", nearly 20 faculty and staff interacted with between many students who dropped in to learn more.



Biggest Winner Begins Today

Stafford Hall in partnership with the Howard Diet Center will be hosting the "Biggest Winner". The competition promotes healthy eating habits and body composition. There will be weekly weigh-ins to track progress. The person who has the biggest change in weight and body compositions will win the grand price of \$500. Sign-up and Challenge starts today. Weigh-ins will be held in the Dining Hall from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.



Weekly weigh in dates are: Today, February 24, March 3 and March 13.

Contact Elisabeth O'Quinn at equinn@abac.edu with any questions.



Sigma Alpha in the Classroom

Donna Rocker from Georgia Farm Bureau worked with Sigma Alpha on incorporating agriculture in the classroom. Rocker taught them new 'Agriculture in the Classroom' projects to use when teaching elementary school kids the importance of agriculture. "Agriculture in the Classroom" is Sigma Alpha's National Philanthropy.

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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

- 18 Doug Waid
- 19 Sherin Nixon
- 20 Connie High
- 23 Jessica Swords

