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.

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 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 ABAC!

**Baseball:**
Tue. vs. Tallahassee CC @ 2 p.m.

**Softball:**
Tue. vs. Middle Georgia @ 2/4 p.m.

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 available 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

**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.

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transition officers (TOs) at every U.S.
(www.mae-kmi.com) serves ESOs and
important support information.”

Military Advanced Education
www.mae-kmi.com) serves ESOs and
times yearly, MAE’s editorial cover-
content about critical issues like the
schools’ activation and deployment
plains about critical issues like 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 Uni-
versities. The School of Science and Mathe-
ematics 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

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! Per-
forming 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.
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**ARAC Birthdays**

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

**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".

**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.

**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 eoquinn@abac.edu with any questions.

**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.