ABAC Celebrates 106 Years Last Week

Members of the Sigma Alpha sorority served birthday cake and cupcakes in the Donaldson Dining Hall to celebrate ABAC’s 106th birthday on Thursday. “It has been a record-setting year for ABAC with our increase in enrollment and more bachelor’s degree graduates than ever before,” ABAC President David Bridges said. “Those accomplishments would not have been possible without the solid foundation established by the Agricultural and Mechanical School students, faculty, and administration. “ABAC today is a lot different than it was in 1908. But we still maintain those core values and the promise of a quality education for every student who walks in a classroom building on our campus.”

Early Registration for ‘Run for the Nurses’ Ends Saturday

The School of Nursing and Health Sciences will hold the third annual “Run for the Nurses” event on April 5 at the Red Hill Athletic Center. The event includes a one-mile fun walk/run, 5K run, and a one-half marathon. The 5K and one-half marathon will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the one-mile fun walk/run will take place at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit the Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing Scholarship Fund which assists in the education of future nurses. The cost for participants is $12 for the one-mile run, $25 for the 5K, and $35 for the one-half marathon if registered by March 1. Prices go up after March 1. Interested participants can register online at www.active.com or www.abac.edu/nursing for a printable registration form. Online pre-registration ends on April 1. Runners can still register on race day. For more information contact Becky Arnold at (229) 391-5024 or e-mail her at rarnold@abac.edu.

Twenty-Three Coeds Compete for Ms. ABAC Title Tuesday

Twenty-three contestants will compete in the 45th annual Ms. ABAC contest on Feb. 25 at ABAC. The theme of this year’s pageant is “Gems of All Ages.” The event is sponsored by the Ag Business Club.

Contestants will compete in casual and evening wear. They will also be judged on a written essay and an interview with the judges.

The event begins at 7 p.m. in ABAC’s Howard Auditorium. Admission is $10. Because of limited seating, advance ticket purchase from Ag Business Club members is advised. Tickets can also be purchased from Judy Perry in Ag Sciences 118 or from Audrey Luke-Morgan at (229) 391-4807 in Ag Sciences 111.

Students competing in this year’s pageant include Evie Blount, a diversified agriculture major from Quincy, Fla., sponsored by the ABAC Agronomy Club; Alison Burke, a rural studies – business and economics major from Osteen, Fla., sponsored by Stafford Hall; Slayten Carter, a political science major from Willacoochee, sponsored by the ABAC Honors Program; Caitlin Cato, a biology major from Bainbridge, sponsored by the ABAC Honors Program; Raylee Clack, a biology major from Leesburg, sponsored by the ABAC Baseball Team; Taelor Dennard, a music – vocal major from Tifton, sponsored by Stafford Hall; and Randilee “Rae” Evans, an early childhood education major from Hawkinsville, sponsored by the Sigma Alpha sorority.

Other coeds competing for the crown are Caroline Gordon, a dental hygiene major from Moultrie, sponsored by the ABAC Equestrian Club; Deidra Green, a family and consumer science education major from Sylvester, sponsored by the Family and Consumer Science Club; Melody Joy Har

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ABAC Takes over Tift County High School

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Field Days at ABAC Tuesday and Wednesday

Atlantic & Southern Equipment will stage a two-day field demonstration of its equipment for the benefit of ABAC students and local farmers on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. ABAC Farm Manager Trey Davis said students will be able to see Challenger tractors, Massey Ferguson compact and utility tractors, Sunflower tillage equipment, TerraGator equipment and RoGator equipment in action. The display will be at the corner of Moore Highway and Zion Hope Road in the field near the Beef Unit. The company will provide a complimentary lunch for the students and guests at noon each day.

Faculty & Staff Appreciation Breakfast Thursday

Let Penny do the cooking and come join BCM and the Honors Program for a hot meal to start your day. They are hosting a Faculty and Staff Appreciation Breakfast Thursday, from 7:15-9:30 a.m.at the BCM building. Foods items that will be served that morning are sausage biscuits, pancakes, breakfast casserole, fruit, yogurt, grits, milk and coffee. For more information contact Dr. Cyndy Hall at chall@abac.edu or 229.391.4955.

ABAC Students Speak with Colquitt Co. Seniors

ABAC students Ethan Amason, a communications major from Milledgeville, and Alex Christidis, a diversified agriculture major from Eustis, Fla. had the opportunity to speak with Colquitt County HS seniors about the college application process. They answered questions about applying, how to choose the right college as well as what ABAC offers.

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The School of Science and Mathematics at ABAC will host the Regional Science Olympiad for high school students on March 1. The event will take place from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at various locations on campus, culminating with an awards ceremony in Howard Auditorium at 3 p.m.

“There will be students from 20-24 counties who will compete in this event,” said Melanie Partlow, Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the School of Science and Mathematics and Co-Director of the Science Olympiad.

Students will compete in various fields including biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy, and mathematics. There are several device events including the Boomilever, seeing how far and accurately a team can throw an object; the Bungee Drop, accurately dropping an object from the second floor into a hole on the first floor; Compound Machines, creating a device to measure objects the event supervisor brings; the Elastic Launch Glider, building a simple plane and trying to stay aloft as long as possible; the Maglev, building a self-levitated vehicle; Mission Possible, creating a series of consecutive energy transfers; and the Scrambler, launching an egg down a track and stopping as close to the barrier without breaking the egg.

Winners of the Science Olympiad at ABAC will advance to the State Science Olympiad, and the winners there will compete in the National Science Olympiad.

For more information on the Science Olympiad, interested persons can contact Partlow at (229) 391-5116 or at mpartlow@abac.edu or co-director Lori Pearman at (229) 391-5118 or at lpearman@abac.edu.

Homecoming King & Queen Applications Due March 12
Phi Theta Kappa is hosting Homecoming King and Queen competition. Athletic teams, Greeks, and clubs or organizations are invited to submit one nomination each for the King and Queen Contestants. Candidates must be enrolled full-time and have a 3.0 GPA. The winners will represent the college at various campus events throughout the year including the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, April 5. Campaign Day is March 27, 11:30 – 1:30 on the Pedestrian Mall. Candidates may make flyers, banners, or signs to display on that day. Student body voting also begins March 27 and ends on April 2. Announcement of the winner will be made at the bonfire on April 3rd. All candidates must attend the bonfire. Applications must be submitted to Kim Talley in the Academic Support Center, Carlton Center no later than March 12. Talley can be reached at ktalley@abac.edu or 229.391.4995.

Home Games
The fillies and stallions will play at home and away this week. The Tennis teams will travel to Middle Georgia State College tomorrow. 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!

Roy R. Jackson, Sr. Award for Excellence
Please take a moment to nominate a deserving staff member for the Roy R. Jackson, Sr. Award for Excellence. The deadline for nominations is March 14 at 3:00 p.m. Individuals who wish to nominate a staff member for this award must submit a minimum of 2 paragraphs of detailed justification. Recipients of the Roy R. Jackson, Sr. Award for Excellence will be selected, awarded, and announced annually in the spring term of enrollment at the Honors Day ceremony. Staff Forum Chair will announce all award recipients via the FOCUS, campus e-mail, and Staff Forum meetings. Roy R. Jackson Award recipients will receive a check for $1,250 (provided funds are available) and a plaque. Nominees must fit the criteria outlined below.

1. completed at least 10 years continuous full-time service with the institution
2. be a full-time employee
3. has not received this award previously
4. support the college/community in one or more extra-curricular activities
5. present a good image when off-campus
6. contribute to the growth and development of ABAC beyond the call of duty
7. have a good attitude
8. be well respected, courteous, helpful, and dependable

Nominations should be sent to Chris Kinsey at ABAC 24 or ckinsey@abac.edu.