Honors Day and Faculty and Staff Recognition Reception Wednesday

The Honors Day ceremony will be held on Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Gressette Gym. Classes and labs will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. and resume at 5 p.m. Guest speakers and faculty will line up in the main hallway of the Gym and march in prior to the ceremony. Everyone participating should be in place by 2:45 p.m. Students in the concert band and choir will also be participating and need to be excused from classes beginning at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Nancy Brannen at nbrannen@abac.edu.

Immediately following the ceremony (around 4 p.m.) the Office of Human Resources will host an Employee Service Recognition Ceremony. This will take place on the lawn next to the Gym and light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Kaycee Jones at kjones@abac.edu.

Thrash Wellness Center Grand Opening

The Thrash Wellness Center recently opened its doors. Students, faculty, and staff can use the modern exercise equipment to stay healthy in the renovated Thrash Gymnasium. Named for Joseph M. Thrash, a former professor at the Second District Agricultural and Mechanical School, the building was constructed in 1939. As of now, the facility will be open Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 1 - 6 p.m., and Sun. 5 - 10 p.m. Pictured (l-r): ABAC Ambassador Louis Canevari, Athletics Director and Assistant Dean of Students Alan Kramer, Chair of the ABAC Foundation Board of Trustees Lynn Lovett, Student Government President Taylor Martin, President David Bridges and Ambassador Heather Stanley.

Homecoming Week is Here! Many fun events will take place throughout the week and weekend. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.abac.edu/homecoming
Wiregrass Farmers Market Opens at Museum on Saturday

From goat’s milk soap to free-range eggs, the Wiregrass Farmers Market will have a wide variety of items available from local farmers when it opens for its 2017 season at 9 a.m. on April 8 behind the Country Store at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

As an extra added attraction, all visitors to the Market on that day will receive a coupon redeemable at the Country Store for reduced admission to the annual Folklife Festival, which will be in full swing at the Museum all day long on April 8.

There is no admission charge for the Wiregrass Farmers Market, which is located under the Pole Barn behind the Country Store at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. Market goers can park in the Country Store lot on Whiddon Mill Road, which allows easy access to the Market.

For information, contact Market Manager Susan Schwartz at scscarrot@hotmail.com or GMA Market Liaison Polly Huff at phuff@abac.edu. More Market information can be found on the website, www.wiregrassmarket.org and on Facebook/wiregrassfarmersmarket.

Slime Your Professor Thursday

The STEM Affiliates club is sponsoring Slime Your Professor. Donate money towards having a faculty or staff member slimed in the Meadows on Thursday at 12 p.m. Donations can be made in the Dining Hall lobby Mon. - Wed. from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. or on the Pedestrian Mall in front of the Library Mon. - Wed. from 2 - 4 p.m. For more information, contact Amanda Urquhart at aurquhart@abac.edu.

Submissions for Pacesetter Award Nominations Being Accepting

Each year, the staff of The Stallion awards the Pacesetter to students, staff and faculty who they believe have set the pace for others at ABAC. If you know someone deserving, write a brief summary of what they have done and send it to The Stallion. The awards are entirely the decision of the staff of The Stallion and Stallion TV.

The 12 Pacesetter awards and one Superior Pacesetter award will be presented at the Student Recognition Reception on April 26 at 4 p.m. Nominations are due April 17. Submissions can be sent to Remington Miller at tmille14@stallions.abac.edu or submitted online at www.abacstallion.com/pacesetter. For more information, contact Dr. Tom Grant at tgrant@abac.edu

Golf Course at ABAC Soars to New Heights

In his role as the golf course superintendent at the Forest Lakes Golf Club at ABAC, Austin Lawton loves to see the nine-hole course reach its full potential. Thanks to the help of nationally known companies in the turf industry, the 2011 graduate of ABAC’s bachelor’s degree program in turfgrass and golf club management is seeing that happen.

“These products and services have assisted tremendously in the effort to bring the golf course back to its full potential,” Lawton said. “We have visitors from places like Canada, Kentucky, and Indiana who are passing through Tifton that finish playing the course, and 100 per cent of them either say they will definitely be back, or they say that this is one of the best courses they’ve played in a long time.”

Lawton said donations to the course include another shipment of sprinkler heads from Kevin Johnson of Hunter Golf, worth over $10,000. Hunter has donated over $30,000 worth of irrigation supplies over the past three years to replace parts of the golf course’s irrigation system.

“It is a win-win situation for both Hunter and the golf course,” said Lawton.

“The golf course saves tons of money, and Hunter benefits from the turf students working with their specific product, which will hopefully be translated into them using their product as they move into their turfgrass careers.”

Johnson is also working on a project with Forest Lakes to create a golf tournament to be played later this year or in the spring of 2018. Turf industry representatives will be a part of the field which could lead to their companies investing in ABAC.

“There may even be a chance for some professional golfers to make an

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Forestry Club Finishes Fourth at Southeastern Forestry Conclave

Members of the Forestry Club at ABAC recently finished in fourth place out of 13 colleges and universities competing in the 60th Southeastern Forestry Schools Annual Conclave in Henderson, Texas. ABAC also received third place honors in the technical events.

ABAC natural resource management students competed against students from colleges and universities including Alabama A&M, the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Auburn University, Clemson University, the University of Florida, the University of Georgia, Louisiana State University, Louisiana Tech, Mississippi State University, the University of Tennessee, Virginia Tech, and host school Stephen F. Austin University.

ABAC students receiving individual recognition included Marian Huggins from Walterboro, S.C., and Jason Townley from Oxford, who took first place in Wildlife. Ben Rampy from Fayetteville earned first place in Knife Throwing; Trevor Barwick from Dublin garnered second place in Tree Diameter Estimation; and Jonathan Bamford from Albany received second place in Archery.

Townley was also awarded second place in Wood Identification and Rampy received third place in Axe Throwing. In the non-point competitions, Huggins won the Women’s Caber Toss.

The ABAC Forestry Club was founded by forestry students in 2012. It is an official Society of American Foresters Student Chapter.

ABAC is scheduled to host the 61st Southeastern Forestry Schools Annual Conclave in 2018. Details and updates will be forthcoming. For more information, interested persons can contact Kip Hall at khall@abac.edu.

Graduation Award Application Due April 12

Qualified students can now apply for the Donaldson and ABAC Alumni Association Awards at www.abac.edu/alumni. Applications are due April 12. Applicants must have three letters of recommendations from ABAC faculty/staff sent to alumni@abac.edu and an institutional GPA of 3.0 or greater. The presentation of the award takes place during Graduation on May 11.

ABAC Concert Choir Presents Spring Concert on Thursday

The voices of the Concert Choir, the Chamber Singers, and the Jazz Singers will blend in perfect harmony at 7 p.m. on Thurs. in the annual Spring Choral Concert in Howard Auditorium at ABAC. The concert is open to the public at no charge.

Dr. Susan Roe, Fine Arts Department Head and Director of Choral Music at ABAC, will conduct the various groups during the evening. Dr. Andy Lagrimas, Assistant Professor of Piano and Theory at ABAC, will serve as accompanist for the concert. For more information, interested persons can contact Roe at (229) 391-4943.

Makes Plans to Attend the Rodeo Friday and Saturday

Spectators will be entertained with riveting competition during this Professional Cowboy Association-sanctioned rodeo, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Gates open at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $5 for children 6 – 12 years old and free to ABAC students and children five years old and under. Rodeo tickets will be sold in advance and at the gate on the two days of the event. For more information on rodeo tickets or the Homecoming Week, contact the ABAC Office of College Advancement at 229.391.4900 or go to www.abac.edu/homecoming.
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Update From the Center for Teaching and Learning at ABAC

Other News:
• The USG Teaching and Learning Conference is April 5-7. More information can be found at http://www.usg.edu/facultydevelopment/teaching_learning_conference
For more information or questions about CTL Spring events, contact ctl@abac.edu

‘A Night of Broadway Music’ at ABAC First Tuesday

The First Tuesday Concert Series on Tues. will feature the much anticipated “A Night of Broadway Music” at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths at ABAC. This concert is open to the public at no charge.

Featured performers at the event will include ABAC faculty member Brian Ray and past and present ABAC music majors. Dr. Andy Lagrimas, Assistant Professor of Piano and Theory at ABAC, will serve as the accompanist.

This final concert in the series is usually a standing-room only event so concert-goers should arrive early to secure a choice seat.

For more information on the First Tuesday Concert Series, contact Roe at sroe@abac.edu.

The Cattleman’s Association is hosting Ag Awareness Day on Thursday. Come out to the Pedestrian Mall near the Meadows from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and learn about Georgia’s largest industry, Agriculture!

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appearance, expanding the image of the golf course even more,” Lawton said.

Another donation during 2016 was the thinning of wooded areas shrouding the golf course from view from Sutton Road. This $3,000 service was paid for by Dr. Larry Moorman and his wife, Debra, who donated the golf course to the ABAC Foundation in 2002.

“The new view of hole number eight is breathtaking and a big change from the overgrown vegetation that was once there,” Lawton said.

Pennington Seed Company donated $2,000 worth of perennial ryegrass to overseed the fairways, tees, and collars on the golf course.

Cole Dunaway, territory manager with the company, made what was once a far-fetched idea a reality for Forest Lakes.

“The members love it, the public loves it, and it gives them a beautiful surface to play on and look at during the cool season,” said Lawton. “It also gives the turf students a new area to learn about. This is something courses used to do back when golf courses had lots of money. It’s an old-school throwback, and we were thrilled to be able to make that happen.”

Brian Schwartz, Associate Professor of Turf Breeding and Larry Baldree, Lead Technician with the turf breeding program at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus, helped the course out by donating $3,500 worth of TifTuf bermudagrass sprigs to plant on the driving range fairway. As of this spring, the driving range has almost completely grown in and will require less mowing and watering to maintain.

“Forest Lakes Golf Club at ABAC is on the right track, and we will continue to press forward to make this facility one of the best in the nation and one that ABAC and her students can be proud of,” said Lawton. “Our industry partnerships, turf students and other maintenance employees, pro-shop employees, and I have all contributed to make Forest Lakes at ABAC great again.”

Forest Lakes is open to golfers from the public every day from sunrise until sunset.

ABAC Birthdays
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