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Barber Named Chief Development Officer at ABAC

Keith D. Barber has been named Chief Development Officer at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, according to an announcement today by ABAC Chief Advancement Officer Melvin Merrill.

Merrill said Barber's primary responsibility will be to secure assets for the advancement of ABAC. Barber now serves as the Senior Director of Development at Clemson University. He plans to begin his ABAC duties Aug. 1.

"Keith brings a solid advancement background and credentials to the posi-



Keith Barber

tion," ABAC President David Bridges said. "His new ideas will bring enthusiasm and energy to the college and its Foundation during this vital time of planning for the next century of service."

Prior to joining the Clemson staff in 2005, Barber worked as the Director of the Office of College Advancement for the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. He began his UGA career in 2002 as a major gifts officer in the CAES office and was promoted to Director in 2003. Before he joined the UGA staff, Barber worked at the University of Florida in advancement for the College of Food and Agricultural Science.

Barber, a North Carolina native, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and his Master of Arts in Leadership and Higher Education from Appalachian State University.

"Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's tradition-rich history, combined with its vision for the future, is exceptionally motivating," Barber said. "The opportunity to be a part of advancing the institution during its second century is both challenging and exciting. "I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends to help pave the way for the next 100 years of top-tier education at ABAC."

Barber and his wife, Stephanie, who is from Pearson, plan to move to Tifton in July with their children, Bennett, 6, Laney-Gracy, 4, and Brooks, 1.

USG Looking for Customer Service Nominations

The University System of Georgia (USG) is serving customers better each day. It strives to be the best educational system in the nation. Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr. has encouraged all employees to adopt continuous-improvement methodology that emphasizes customer satisfaction and quality of service. These efforts are resulting in improved customer satisfaction and student retention.

The Chancellor would like to recognize these outstanding customer service performances in the System. The Chancellor's Customer Service Awards were

created to honor employees that have gone "above and beyond" their normal job responsibilities in helping their customers and consistently promoting excellence by providing faster, friendlier and easier services to our constituents.

USG is now soliciting nominations for the 2008 Chancellor's Customer Service Awards. These prestigious awards are presented to single individuals, teams and institutions that have exemplified the customer service attributes. See the nomination information at

www.customerfocus.usg.edu/form/

All USG employees must utilize this

website to submit your nominations for consideration. Once a nomination has been submitted, the USG Review Committee will consider all nominations. The CCSAs winners will receive special recognition from Chancellor Davis and will be nominated to compete in the Governor's Recognition for Excellence in Customer Service Awards to be held later in the year.

Diane Kilgore, Director of the Public Service and Business Outreach Center, is the USG Customer Service liaison for ABAC. Contact her for more information at 5070.



Alumni Director To Retire July 31

The only full time Director of Alumni Relations in the history of ABAC will retire on July 31.

Nancy Coleman, selected for the position in 1985, has played a key role in alumni activities at ABAC including Homecoming, the Annual Fund, and Dollars For ABAC Scholars. She helped to establish and coordinate the Ag Classic Golf Tournament, sponsored by the ABAC Ag Alumni Council.

"An ongoing and important part of any college's success is linking former, current, and future students," ABAC President David Bridges said in a letter to the ABAC Alumni Association Board of Directors. "Mrs. Coleman has done a great job! She has represented the alumni and the College well during her tenure. We will miss her."

Bridges said in the letter that he will be meeting with alumni leadership in the next few weeks "to determine how the College can best involve the alumni, serve the alumni and insure that future ABAC alumni will continue to speak positively of the College."

Coleman was a member of the Class of 1975 at ABAC. She completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Georgia. Coleman lives on a Colquitt County farm with her husband, Thomas, and son, Clark.



Natural Resources Returns To ABAC

Dr. David Bridges gave the welcome for the Natural Resources Workshop, which returned to ABAC after a three-year absence on June 8. He was introduced by Dr. Tim Marshall. Kip Hall and Vonda Fenn were the ABAC liaisons for the camp for the week. Carlos Howard (pictured above) coordinated a recruitment program for the campers on June 9. Program participants included Bernice Hughes, Lyn Smith, and Mike Chason. ABAC students gave testimonials. Dr. Tim Marshall, Donna Webb, Ali Csinos, and Brooke Sanders also assisted.

June Birthdays

16 Eddie Roberts
 16 Dustin Bass
 17 Van McGriff
 17 Zachary McLean
 18 David Bridges
 19 John Lindsey
 20 Vicki Martin
 21 Charles Harvey
 21 Amy Warren

Position Openings

- ABAC Police Officer
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of Biology
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of Physics
- Instructor/ Assistant Professor of Sociology or Rural Sociology
- Overnight Desk Clerk
- Admissions Counselor
- Golf Course Superintendent
- Instructor of HPE & Men's Basketball Coach
- Instructor of HPE & Women's Basketball Coach
- Instructor of PE & Men's & Women's Tennis Coach

Full Position Announcements can be found on the ABAC website at www.abac.edu/hr

Pork Chop Tickets On Sale Now for June 25

The Ag Division and the Rowdies are selling Pork Chop plates to pick up on June 25 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The \$8 plates include green beans, corn, bread, and a pork chop. They will be available for pickup at the Chambliss/AET Building.

You can buy your tickets from Judy Perry or from Nate Carney at 392-8807.

A \$10 delivery service will be offered if you purchase 10 or more tickets.

ABAC Family,
 I would just like to say that you are a wonderful group of people, and you are what makes ABAC great! I have enjoyed being a part of this Family these past eight years, and I will miss you. Thank you for everything and I wish all of you and ABAC continued success in the future.
 Sincerely, Julie Conner

Care & Concern

Lynn McDonald was moved to Tift Health-care on Wednesday. They had hoped to take her home, but home health nurse situation was not an option. She will remain there for about 12 weeks unless things drastically improve. She did sit in a chair Tuesday with the help of equipment. Please keep Lynn and her family in your thoughts and prayers. If you are interested in helping with a meal for William and the boys, contact Nancy Coleman at 391-4898.

Lorie Felton had surgery on her shoulder last Monday. It went well, and she is at home recovering. Please keep the Feltons in your thoughts.

OITS Moved to Conger

Most of the OITS Staff has relocated to Conger Hall. Please stop by and visit them in their new office suite. You can find the staff in the following offices:

212-Dr. Chrystle Ross
 213-Donnie Thompson
 207-Dr. Amy Willis
 205-Dr. Donna Miller
 204-Clayton Riehle
 201-Patsy Hembree
 203-Jimmy Harper
 222-Jim May

