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Branch Student Center Gets Facelift

The second floor of the J. Lamar Branch Students center is getting a facelift while majority of the ABAC students are away for the summer. Renovations include lighting, furniture and carpet. There will also be many technology upgrades to the area and improvements made to the Coffee Corner. This much needed modernization of the student area is only a provisional solution until the whole building receives an update.

Dillard Named Interim VP For Academic Affairs

Effective July 1, Dr. Gail Dillard will serve as the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dillard



Dillard

currently serves as the Executive Director of ABAC on the Square and leads the College's very successful ACCEL program and the newly-created Baldwin Academy, which links area high school students to the College and its Honors Program through high school dual enrollment. She assumes the

duties formerly performed by Dr. Niles Reddick who will serve as Vice Provost, University of Memphis Lambuth Campus.

Watermelon Crawl Saturday at ABAC

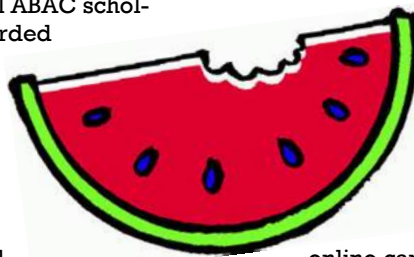
- The first-ever Watermelon Crawl 5k, Fun Run, and Festival will take place on Saturday on the ABAC campus.

This event is a fundraiser to establish the Jerry Moore Memorial ABAC scholarship, which will be awarded each year to a student majoring in Diversified Agriculture. Moore was an ABAC alumnus who passed away in December of 2013 at the age of 46.

The Watermelon Crawl is open to the community.

To participate in the 5k, there is a registration fee of \$23 that includes a t-shirt and a runner's bag. Registration will begin at 7:15 a.m. the day of the race, and the

5k will start at 8 a.m. Those who aren't participating in the 5k can walk the 5k path or take part in a 1-mile fun run, which begins at 9 a.m.



Registration is required for anyone who would like to receive a t-shirt and a runner's bag as part of the race. Runners who prefer not to register for the race

online can bring a form of payment to Dr. Ray Smith, assistant race director, and he will register participants for the race directly.

Tax deductible donations can be made to the scholarship fund even if

people are not participating in the event. Checks should be made to the ABAC Foundation.

The festival is open to everyone beginning at 8:30 a.m. It will feature lots of watermelon-themed activities for kids and adults alike. The festival will be located in the grassy area just north of Conger Hall on the ABAC campus.

For more information on these events, interested persons can visit www.thewatermeloncrawl.weebly.com for more details or to register for the race. Contact Smith at rsmith@abac.edu or his daughter, Josie, at thewatermeloncrawl5k@gmail.com with any questions concerning the event.

ABAC Names New Residence Life Coordinators

Erin Traci Campbell grew up in Stone Mountain, Ga. She earned an undergraduate degree in Speech-Language Pathology (B.S. Ed.) and a Professional Counseling: College Student Affairs (M.Ed.), both at the University of West Georgia.



Campbell has a love student for affairs.

"Student Affairs has allowed me to mentor and help grow first year college students into successful leaders on campus, said Campbell. "I am overjoyed to be working at ABAC as a Residence Life Coordinator. I believe there are many customs I learned over the years I can share and conversely many values and customs I can learn from the current ABAC staff."

Matt Cobb is from Toccoa, Ga. He earned a Bachelor's of Arts in History and a Master's in Secondary Education



at Georgia College in Milledgeville. Cobb looks forward working at a ABAC.

"I am excited to be here at ABAC working as a Residence Life Coordinator," Cobb said. "This will

be my sixth year being involved in Student Affairs and I am looking forward to learning the culture of this school and bring forward some new ideas. I know this will be a great opportunity to learn and grow within Student Affairs and I can not wait to get started."

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Deadline July 15

TAP application deadline for Fall Semester 2014 is July 15. ABAC's TAP registration for Fall Semester classes will open on August 4.

The TAP form can be found at the following link:

www.usg.edu/hr/benefits_docs/tapp_app.pdf

For additional information on the Tuition Assistance Program or the registration process contact Kaycee Jones in ABAC Human Resources at kjones@abac.edu or 229.391.4892.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!



Adams

Welcome Adams to the Stafford School of Business

Bridgett Adams is the new Intern Job Center Coordinator for the Stafford School of Business. She brings a wealth of experience with her from this area in her previous position at Moultrie Technical School as their Career Services Specialist. Adams is from Tifton. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communication from Valdosta State University.

Remaining Orientation Dates:

July 11

July 18

August 8

ABAC Birthdays

8 Eric McCranie
8 Andrew Wright
9 Garrett Boone
9 Caren Gladin
9 Kim Talley
11 Robin Crumley
12 Elizabeth Stone
12 Mary Willis

13 Philip Poole
14 Keith Perry
14 Scott Blount
16 Amy Willis
17 Donna King
18 Jimmy Ballenger
19 Keetra Branch

Save The Date — More Information to Come

Freshman Move-in
Aug. 9

Welcome Week
Aug. 10-14

Convocation
Aug. 14—3:30 p.m.