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Boone Named Director of Georgia Museum of Agriculture

Garrett Boone has been named the Director of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College by ABAC Vice President for Finance and Operations Paul Willis.

Willis made the appointment on August 1. Boone has served as Assistant Director at the museum since 2012 and began work at the museum in 2011 as the Conference Facilities and Marketing Coordinator.



Boone

"During the last 4 years, Garrett has enthusiastically helped to advance the vision, mission, and values of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village. In addition, he has established a proven track record of measurable growth and success," Willis said. "I am confident that, under his direct leadership, the state's museum of agriculture will continue moving

forward."

Boone attended the University of West Florida and then worked in the tourism and hospitality industry for

more than 10 years. In 2008, he became Program Coordinator for the Turner County Mentoring Program, part of a federally funded six county mentoring initiative through Middle Georgia College, later leading to becoming the Communities in Schools Site Coordinator in Turner County.

"The enthusiastic team at the Museum serves as ambassadors to the past and we firmly believe the guests that walk through our doors today are the history makers of tomorrow," said Boone. "It is an honor to serve a team that for 38 years has inspired an appreciation for the past by passing on Georgia's rich, rural heritage."

The ABAC campus will be closed Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day and will reopen for business as normal on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Club Day is Tuesday from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. in the Meadows. Encourage your Club members to participate and recruit new members. For more information and to reserve a table for a club, email Dr. Chris Kinsey at ckinsey@abac.edu

United States Army Jazz Ambassadors in Free Concert Sept. 2

The United States Army Jazz Ambassadors will be featured in a free concert on Sept. 2 to kick off the 2014-15 "ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series" at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Tift County High School (TCHS) Performing Arts Center. Although this concert is free, ABAC Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones said a ticket is required for admittance to the performance.

Supported and presented jointly by the Arts Connection at ABAC and the Performing Arts Center at TCHS, Jones said the concert is a gift to the community and an opportunity to show support



for U. S. troops serving at home and abroad.

Other performances in the series include The University of Georgia (UGA) Symphony Orchestra at the TCHS Performing Arts Center on Sept.

13, Harper Lee's "To Kill A Mockingbird" on Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium, the Peach State Opera Company's production of "The Elixir of Love" on Jan. 22, 2015 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium, The California Guitar Trio on Feb. 12, 2015 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium, and The Ron Westray-Thomas Heflin Quintet on April 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

While available tickets will be sold at the door for each show, Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure seating for patrons. Tickets for the entire series are \$50 for adults and \$20 for students under 18 years of age.

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Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at (229) 391-4895. Individual tickets for each event are \$15 each for adults and \$10 each for students under 18 years of age.

The Jazz Ambassadors are the United States Army's premier touring jazz ensemble and the official touring big band of the United States Army. The 19-member ensemble, formed in 1969, entertains all types of audiences. Custom compositions and arrangements highlight the group's creative talents and gifted soloists. Their diverse reper-

toire includes big band swing, bebop, Latin, contemporary jazz, standards, popular tunes, Dixieland, vocals, and patriotic selections.

From the big band sounds of the 1940s to the contemporary hits of today, the members of the Jazz Ambassadors present a versatile musical program that has garnered them international recognition and appeals to all ages, earning them the title of "America's Big Band." In addition to formal public concerts, the Jazz Ambassadors frequently present clinics for high schools and colleges, and perform on local and network television.

The band has appeared in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Japan, India, and throughout Europe. In 1995, the Jazz Ambassadors performed in England, Wales, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Czech Republic to commemorate of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

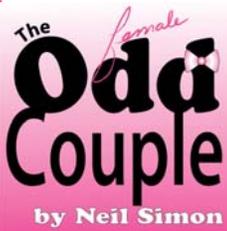
"ABAC Presents!" is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. The Georgia Council for the Arts also receives support from its partner agency - the National Endowment for the Arts.

Scholarship Milk and Cookies Day Tues.

The ABAC Alumni Association is hosting Scholarship Milk and Cookies (MAC) Day on Tues. at the Alumni House. Students who received scholarships from the ABAC Foundation should drop by between 1- 5:30 p.m. to write thank you notes to those who provided the funds for their scholarship. Alumni will assist in proofing notes and baking cookies! All items will be provided. Contact Lynda Fisher at lfisher@abac.edu with questions. Pictured: Scholarship recipients from last year.



Baldwin Players Auditions Mon. & Tues.



Auditions for the Baldwin Players fall production of "The Odd Couple" (female version) by Neil Simon will be held Mon. and Tues. at 6:30 p.m. in Howard Auditorium at ABAC.

This hilarious classic comedy celebrates the friendship and inevitable conflicts between two opposite personalities thrust into being mismatched roommates by circumstances.

Auditions for the production are open to anyone interested in live theatre including ABAC students, staff, faculty, and local community members. There are six roles for women and two roles for men. The auditions will consist of reading selected passages from the play itself. There is no cost to audition.

Performances of "The Odd Couple" will take place Nov. 6-8 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Admission is free to ABAC faculty, staff and students. The ticket cost is \$7 per person for the general public.

For more information about auditions, interested persons can contact Dr. Brian Ray, Director of the Baldwin Players, at bray@abac.edu.

Safe Zone Training Sessions

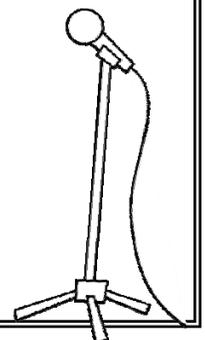
The Academic Support Center and the Student Development Center will host Safe Zone training. The training sessions will be held in the Lewis Hall Conference Room on the second floor on Sept. 4 from 3-5 p.m. and Sept. 12 from 1-3:30 p.m. Please be aware that in order to earn the Safe Zone sticker and certificate, attendees must be present for the entire session. We welcome both faculty and staff to the training, but each session will be limited to 10 individuals so as to allow for discussion and activities. The spots are filled on a first come first serve basis. For more information on Safe Zone, visit www.swic.edu/safezone/

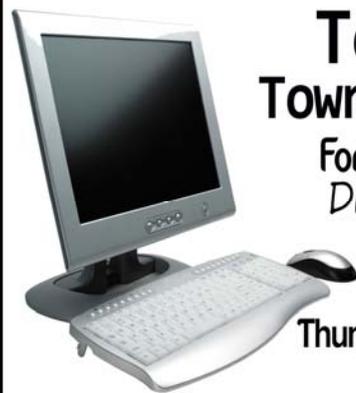


Pegasus Hosts Open Mic Night Thurs. Beginning at 7 p.m.

Come out and join Pegasus editors, staffers, and advisors for Open Mic Readings, a monthly opportunity for writers from the ABAC community and Tifton. Open Mic Night is Thursday at 7 p.m. on the second floor of J. Lamar Branch Student Center. All members of the ABAC and Tifton community are welcome. Readers are invited to bring either original work or work that inspires you. Please limit to 5-8 minutes. Although this event is intended primarily for writers, musicians are invited, too, particularly those who write their own material. Acoustic only. Performers and readers will have five (5) minutes to read and perform a piece. Please limit to two or three short poems, one short piece of fiction, or a song. There will be a sign-up sheet the night of the event.

Thanks to Dan Miller and the Sodexo crew, the coffee cart will be open! So, come on out, enjoy a refreshing beverage, and support ABAC talent. I hope to see you there. For more information, contact Pegasus faculty co-advisor Jeff Newberry at jnewberry@abac.edu or 229.391. 4972





Technology Town Hall Meeting

For: Faculty, Staff & Students
*Discuss technology ideas,
questions or issues*

Howard Auditorium
Thursday, September 11, 2014
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Classroom Tech Support

OITS has established a new support service for the ABAC classrooms and labs. If you are having an issue with the classroom/lab technology, you can contact the helpdesk through the new call center phone number: 229.391.5333.

This phone number should be used for reporting issues related to instructional technologies – computer and connectivity problems, projection and sound issues. All routine helpdesk request should be submitted through normal support channels.

Additionally, you can email ITS@abac.edu to submit a helpdesk ticket.



GA Power Funds ABAC Scholarship

Lynn Lovett (left), Georgia Power Area Manager, presenting a check to Jodie Snow, Chief Operating Officer for the ABAC Foundation. The check is from the Georgia Power Foundation and will be used to provide scholarships to students.

Important Information for ABAC Club Advisors

This year it is crucial that each club have a representative at the ICC meetings. We have important information to share with all campus clubs and the ICC meeting is where that takes place. If you're a club advisor or thinking about becoming an advisor, ask yourself these questions: Will you share dates and important instructions with your club members? Will you urge to the club to have their first meeting and elect officers soon? If you are a new advisor or your club needs an advisor, email Chris Kinsey at ckinsey@abac.edu as soon as possible.

Below are a few important changes for clubs this year:

- Fundraising accounts are no longer through the Foundation, they are now on-campus agency accounts
- Nonattendance of ICC meetings will affect funding
- ALL advertising (including posters) and t-shirts MUST be approved before posting or selling
- Events must be planned and approved 2 weeks in advance

For more information, email Bernice Hughes at bhughes@abac.edu

ABAC Birthdays

- 25 Hans Schmeisser
- 27 Sue Mastrario
- 29 Tracy Dyal
- 29 Steve Janousek
- 30 Tonia Carpenter



AGR Helps Students Stay Cool

Members of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity helped students beat the heat last week with free bottles of water.

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