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Don't miss this year's Presidential Address Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. in Howard Auditorium. Refreshments will be served beginning at 8 a.m. The schedule for the Faculty/Staff Conference is on page 2—**take a look so you don't miss a required session.**

Welcome Week Activities Begin Saturday at ABAC

Incoming freshmen will get their first taste at college life on Saturday with the start of the annual Welcome Week festivities at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Welcome Week, now in its eighth year, introduces new students to the college through a number of activities and experiences, leading to the start of the fall semester on Aug. 13.

Welcome Week will begin on Saturday with **First-Year Move-In** from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The **ABAC Pool** will be open from 1-6 p.m. for students to cool off after the move. The day's events will culminate with a **No-booze-a-palooza** at Lakeside Lobby from 8-10 p.m. The event will include a music provided by a DJ, a mechanical bull, frozen mocktails, airbrushed tattoos, and spin art Frisbee.

On Sunday, students will converge in Gressette Gym for the **Welcome Rally**, the official start of Welcome Week.

After the rally students can hear about **College Life from a Student Point of View** from 2-4 p.m. in Gressette Gym. The Stallion Society will greet new freshmen and share with them the ABAC Stallion and Fillie culture. That night the **Georgia 3 Band** will perform from 8-10 p.m. on the Lakeside Lawn.

Get to Know Your Campus and Community, an informative session followed by tours of the campus and Tifton, will begin the day on Aug. 11. Students must bring their class schedules to this event. The session will run from 10 a.m.-noon in Howard Auditorium. The **ABAC Pool** will be open for all students to enjoy from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Lake Baldwin will be the setting for the **Cardboard Boat Races** from 2-3 p.m. Sink or swim with this ABAC tradition to see which team can make the best boat using only duct tape and cardboard boxes to race across Lake

Baldwin. Supplies will be provided and prizes will be given out to the most "effective" boat. All boats must be put together during the event, not before. Students will be mesmerized by **hypnotist Dr. William Mitchell** at 8 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

On Aug. 12, students can cool off at the **ABAC Pool** from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. For another way to beat the heat, **Inflatables in the Meadows** will take place from 3-5 p.m. featuring the Roaring River Waterslide, Water Tag, and more. At 8:30 p.m., come relax and enjoy a **Movie on the Lawn** on Lakeside Lawn. The featured movie will be "Captain America: Winter Soldier".

Classes begin on Aug. 13, signaling the close of Welcome Week with the **Freshman Convocation** on Aug. 14 at 3:30 p.m. in Gressette Gym. Enrollment is expected to be up for the 2014 fall term.

Sign Up Now for "The Great Move In" Saturday

Help welcome ABAC's newest residents to campus Saturday. Shifts include: 8-11 a.m., 10:45 a.m. -2 p.m., 1:45 -5 p.m. Wear your brightest ABAC colors! Children of faculty and staff (12 or older) are allowed to join the fun. Staffing will not be over booked this year and you will know your assignment prior to the day of event. Contact ABAC Dean of Students Bernice Hughes at bhughes@abac.edu or 229.391.5129 to sign-up for a time.

ABAC Fall Conference Schedule

Thursday

Time	Location	Event
8:00 AM	Howard Auditorium	Welcome and Refreshments (Faculty and Staff) Introduction of new Faculty: Dr. Gail Dillard Introduction of new Staff: Richard Spancake <i>Refreshments courtesy of Office of the President</i>
8:15 AM	Howard Auditorium	Presidential Address (Faculty and Staff) Speaker: <i>Dr. David Bridges</i>
9:15 AM	Break	
9:30 AM	Howard Auditorium	ABAC Police Updates (Faculty and Staff) Speaker: <i>Chief Bryan Golden</i> Topics: Campus Safety
10:15 AM	Howard Auditorium	Human Resources Seminar (Faculty and Staff) Speakers: <i>Richard Spancake / Kimberly B. Washington</i> Topics: Benefits and Open Enrollment USG Policy
11:15 AM	Faculty Relocate to Bowen 100	
11:30 AM	Bowen 100	Presidential Address to Faculty Speaker: <i>Dr. David Bridges</i>
12:00 PM	ABAC Dining Hall	LUNCH Provided for Faculty & Staff <i>Courtesy of SODEXO</i>
1:30 PM	Bowen 100	Student Development Seminar (Required) Speaker: <i>Dr. Maggie Martin</i> Topic: Student Accommodations Policy
2:15 PM	Bowen 100	SACS Update (Required) Speaker: <i>Dr. Gail Dillard</i> Topic: SACS Accreditation

Don't forget the Technology Workshop Aug. 11

Town and Gown Event on Aug. 21

The 7th Annual Town and Gown Connection will take place on Aug. 21 from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Gressette Gymnasium at ABAC. The event will feature businesses and churches that will welcome new and returning students to Tifton.

Churches can take part in this event for \$10, businesses can participate for \$25, and all non-profit organizations can participate free of charge. Businesses are invited to bring samples, freebies, coupons, or even job applications. One table and two chairs will be provided for each church or business. A drawing for door prizes will take place at the end of the event.

For more information or to register for the Town and Gown event, businesses and churches can contact Bernice Hughes, Dean of Students, at bhughes@abac.edu.

New Parking Decals and Gold Cards Now Available

All ABAC faculty, staff and students are required to get a new ABAC gold card and parking decal prior to the start of classes on Aug. 13.

Parking Decals—You may go to <http://www.abac.edu/police> then click on "Parking Decal signup form". Click the link at the bottom to start the application. Once you finish and print the application bring it to the police department in Evans Hall with a picture ID to receive your assigned decal.

Employee Gold Cards—You may be required to have a new picture taken. You will need to provide either your old Gold Card or a picture ID to receive your new Gold Card. New employees will be required to have the "New Employee Gold Card Registration" form completed from Human Resources and a picture ID in order to receive their new Gold Card.

Please be aware that students will start coming in to the office to apply for their parking decals on Aug 4. It would be in your best interest to have picked up your Gold Card and parking decal prior to this date to avoid a long wait time. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the police department at 229-391-5060.



Information Center Now Located In Tift Hall

Welcome Randi Walden, 2012 ABAC graduate, to the ABAC family. Walden is the new Information Center Coordinator and she will welcome guests to campus, answer phone calls to the main number, and schedule facilities request. The information center will also be staffed with student workers to assist during high volume times. Stop by Tift Hall and give her a warm ABAC Welcome!

ABAC Birthdays

- 4 Mireya Jackson
- 6 Beth Thornton
- 8 Elaine Auger
- 9 Jewrell Rivers
- 10 Deidra Jackson
- 10 Kay Weeks



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Rutland and Roberts Recognized

Matt Rutland (left) and James Roberts (right) were awarded Grounds Crew member of the month. Rutland won for June and Roberts won for July.

