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ABAC Students Help Louisiana Flood Victims

Over the Labor Day weekend, 20 students from ABAC traveled to Louisiana to help the recent flood victims. The effort, headed up by Dr. Johnny Evans, Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics, involved the students helping eight families.

"This all came about by a phone call from a friend of mine who was doing relief work in the area," said Evans. "He told me that the people desperately needed help. I knew that we could be of service and began putting a team together with lecturer of biology Allison Miller. I couldn't have done this without her help."

The trip developed in a very short period of time. The ABAC community rallied together to donate supplies which included



cases of water, snacks, tools, and protective gear in preparation for the massive clean-up.

The demolition of the homes and a church building included removing household items, as well as the drywall, insulation, flooring and cabinets. In doing so, the students helped to ease the burden of recovery for eight families affected by the flooding.

"Our students got an

understanding of what it means to help those in need," said Evans. "They understand the value of giving your time to help your neighbors. They understand that stuff--material possessions--are not as important as family and life."

Evans said he would love to go back and help with more of the recovery and rebuilding efforts. He is considering

getting another group together over ABAC's fall break in October.

"When people are living in the aftermath of a disaster, they are living in one of the darkest times of their lives," said Evans. "We had the opportunity to step in and provide help and be a brief moment of light and hope in the midst of their darkness."

Spots Available for the Ag Classic Golf Tournament on Sept. 26

Team slots are still available for the 16th Annual Ag Classic Golf Tournament at ABAC on Sept. 26 at ABAC's Forest Lakes Golf Course. There will be an 8 a.m. flight and a 1 p.m. flight. A complimentary lunch will be served between flights.

The tournament is hosted by the ABAC Ag Alumni Council and the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources to generate scholarship funds for students in that area of study. The student scholarship funds are raised by tournament sponsorships and player registration fees.

Open to the first 100 golfers who register, the tournament will be a four-man scramble with a shotgun start. There is an entry fee of \$125

per person or a \$500 entry fee for each four-person team that includes lunch, cart, greens fees, and an embroidered golf shirt with tournament logo. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams in each flight. Prizes will also be awarded for the longest drive, hole-in-one, and closest shot to the pin on designated holes.

The Ag Classic's ball drop event will be back for its third year. Participants can purchase one golf ball for \$5, three golf balls for \$10, six golf balls for \$20, twelve for \$40, eighteen for \$60, twenty-four for \$80, or thirty for \$100. All the balls sold with unique individual numbers will be placed

in the bucket of a front end loader and dropped onto the putting green at Forest Lakes Golf Course.

The ball that rolls closest to/or drops into a pre-selected designated hole on the putting green will be declared the winner. The grand prize is a Visa gift card with a designated value equal to 50 per cent (nearest \$10) of the numbered golf balls sold.

To participate in the tournament or the ball drop event, interested persons can contact tournament coordinator Vonda Fenn at (229) 391.5067, at vfenn@abac.edu. The opportunity to participate in the ball drop is open until the event takes place at 12:45 p.m. on Sept. 26.

GIVE BACK TO ABAC - It's Your Choice!

Ray Smith in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources chose to direct his Give Back to ABAC contribution to the Watermelon Crawl, an annual event which raises money for the Jerry Lewis Moore Endowed Scholarship at ABAC. Jerry Lewis Moore was an ABAC alumnus and a strong supporter of education. Smith says, "The Give Back to ABAC program allows me to honor a friend who left this world too early while simultaneously supporting our students through a scholarship established to financially assist students studying agriculture."



Pumpkin Patch Opens October 1 at Museum of Agriculture

Visitors can pick out the perfect pumpkin or travel through the tractor-shaped corn maze beginning Oct. 1 when the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC opens its annual pumpkin patch and corn maze locations.

Museum Director Garrett Boone said the corn maze is included in the Museum and Historic Village's admission price. Admission is not required to visit the pumpkin patch. Located at the Country Store near the entrance to the Museum, the pumpkin patch will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Prices for pumpkins start at \$5.

While adults pick out the perfect

pumpkin for a jack-o-lantern, children can choose their own pumpkin or play on the tire swings, seesaws, the ever popular corn box, and the swing set.

The pumpkin patch also has a number of photo spots to create the perfect fall family pictures.

The corn maze will be open to visitors from Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. It will also be open on Saturdays



from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. throughout the month of October.

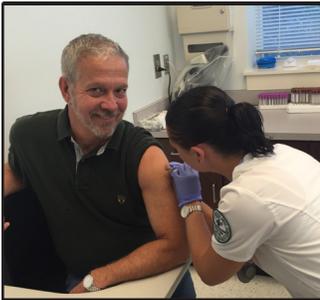
Admission to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village on Tuesday-Saturday is \$7 for adults, \$6

for seniors (age 55 and over), \$4 for children 5-16 years of age, and free for children four and under. For more information on the pumpkin patch or corn maze, interested persons can contact the Museum at (229) 391-5205.

Knote Speaks During GANS Meeting

June Knote spoke to a full room during a Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS) meeting. Due to healthcare practices of the day, Knote lost her eye sight as a preemie, born weighing only 2 lbs. The loss of her sight is called retinopathy of prematurity. The hospital in which she was born should have protected her eyes from light and oxygen, but they didn't know to do this when she was born. During the GANS meeting Knote talked about the myths associated with blindness. These myths included having an increase in other senses, touching peoples face to identify them, and differentiating between total blindness and being visually impaired.





Flu Shots Now Available in Health Center

Flu shots are available in the Health Center for Faculty/Staff/Students. We have ordered 250 flu shots for this flu season. Faculty and staff can file the flu shot on their insurance. No appointment is necessary. An email will be sent out when all the flu shots have arrived. For more information, contact the Health Center at 229.391.5030.

Purchase Raffle Tickets and Support the ABAC Baseball Team

The Stallions Baseball team is selling raffle tickets for an Xtreme 1442 boat. The proceeds from last year's raffle purchased the fabulous new scoreboard at the Stallion Field. Any proceeds this year will support further upgrades to the facility. The Xtreme 1442 has stick steering, a Mercury 20 horsepower engine, and comes with a custom aluminum trailer. The tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will take place on December 15. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket can email Coach Brandon Reeder at breeder@abac.edu or reach him by phone at 407.902.5621.

Join the USG HealthTrails Challenge

Join the University System of Georgia (USG) this fall, for the eight week HealthTrails Challenge against 10 other USG institutions. Benefit eligible employees are able to compete. The HealthTrails Challenge offers a fun way to log steps, sleep, and produce consumption. The winning team receives a free lunch and the traveling trophy presented to their President by the Chancellor.



Whether it's Spain's French Way, Denmark West Coast Trail, around the city of Honolulu, or any of the other fascinating international trails, you'll be inspired to keep moving toward better health in HealthTrails. And you'll be rewarded with exciting images and descriptions of each area's people, places, and history. Registration is open until October 17 and the challenge lasts from September 26, until November 18.

Participating institutions include: ABAC, Atlanta Metropolitan State College, Augusta University, Bainbridge State College, College of Coastal Georgia, East Georgia State College, Fort Valley State University, Georgia Highlands College, Georgia Southwestern State University, Kennesaw State University, and the University System Office

Learn more about HealthTrails by visiting usgwellbeing.healthtrails.com

ABAC Birthdays

19	Tom Grant	20	Susan Roe
21	Tommy Bruce	25	Hans Schmeisser

