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### Hispanic Heritage Celebration Thursday at ABAC

Flags, food, and fun will highlight the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Hispanic Heritage Day celebration on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the campus of ABAC.

Hispanic Heritage Day coordinator Alma Young said the event seeks to increase cultural awareness and appreciation for the contributions of the Hispanic community locally and across the United States. Throughout the day Latino guest lecturers will speak to students in classes on campus.

Events include the Heritage Art Show from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in The Meadows. Submissions are due by 10 a.m. on Sept. 24. The submission theme is heritage, and the show is open to everyone.

The Hispanic Heritage Day celebration will take place in The Meadows from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. with a sampling of traditional and authentic Hispanic food

and the presentation of flags by students of the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). This event is open to the community.

Hispanic Heritage Day begins with a symposium in Howard Auditorium from 9:30-10:45 a.m. on the use of technology to improve Latino and rural health care. Panelists include Dr. Raymond Moreno, internal medicine specialist with Tift Regional Medical Center; Dr. Miguel Angel Estopiñan Estopiñan, Dean of the School of Nursing at Nicaragua's National Autonomous University (UNAN); Dr. Israel Martinez-Franco, Dean of the Biomedical Informatics Department at Mexico's National Autonomous University (UNAM) School of Medicine; and Dr. Norma G. Cuellar, professor at the University of Alabama's Capstone College of Nursing.

Moreno has over 30 years of

experience in the medical field. His non-surgical medical specialty focuses on diseases of internal organs in adults. Moreno earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia and completed his internal medicine residency at the University of South Florida. He is a practicing physician at Affinity Clinic and Medical Director for Community Outreach & Education at Tift Regional Medical Center. Moreno is a past recipient of the Georgia Hospital Association's "Healthcare Hero" award for his efforts in furthering migrant and Latino health and education in the region.

Estopiñan has over 20 years of medical and administrative experience in the public health field. He earned nursing and education degrees from UNAN and specializes in pediatrics and public

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### AET Truck and Tractor Pull October 1-3 at ABAC

The Agricultural Engineering Technology (AET) Club at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is sponsoring the AET Truck and Tractor Pull Oct. 1-3 at the ABAC Pulling Track.

The event will kick off on Oct. 1 with Stock Truck Night at 7 p.m. A "Students Only" pulling class will be offered during this phase of the competition. Admission to Stock Truck Night is \$5 per person. Participants can enter the event at a cost of \$5 per pull. No pre-registration is required.

The Southern Pullers Association will compete on Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. The organization was formed to help



organize all the local pullers who had been pulling for years under other sanctioning bodies. Some of the regular pullers have been pulling since the early 70s and

are still dedicated pullers with the organization today. Southern Pullers has dedicated pullers in all classes.

Admission on Oct. 2-3 is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children six-10 years of age, and free for children five years old and under per night. All ABAC students will be admitted for \$10 per night with an ABAC ID.

For more information regarding the event, interested persons can contact Gabe Strother at [gstrothe@stallions.abac.edu](mailto:gstrothe@stallions.abac.edu) or Todd Hicks at [thicks@abac.edu](mailto:thicks@abac.edu).

## ABAC Students Attend Georgia Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting



The award-winning ABAC student chapter of the Wildlife Society joined ABAC professors to attend the Georgia State Chapter of The Wildlife Society in Athens last week. Students heard talks ranging from bat conservation to proposed changes in hunting license fees and assisted with set up and take down for the meeting. Students were also able to interact with numerous wildlife professionals who attended the meeting for potential future employment and advice.

## Reserve Your Spot in the Fall Safe Zone Trainings

Safe Zone programs increase the visible presence of campus allies who can help to shape a school culture that is accepting of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, or any other difference.

Email Nicholas Urquhart at [nurquhart@abac.edu](mailto:nurquhart@abac.edu) or Rebecca Cofer at [rcofer@abac.edu](mailto:rcofer@abac.edu) to reserve your spot in the training.

**Friday, September 25 from 2-4 p.m.**

**Friday, November 20 from 2-4 p.m.**



## Register for Family Weekend October 2-4 at ABAC

Students at ABAC will welcome family and friends to the campus on Oct. 2-4 during the college's sixth annual Family Weekend.

To attend ABAC Family Weekend there is a fee of \$15 for ABAC students and \$25 per person for family members and friends. The fee covers a t-shirt, ABAC souvenir, and food and activities for the weekend. To register for ABAC's Family Weekend event, participants can go to [www.purplepass.com/abacfamilyweekend2015](http://www.purplepass.com/abacfamilyweekend2015).

Dean of Students Bernice Hughes said the deadline for Family Weekend reservations is Sept. 25 to guarantee that visitors will receive a t-shirt and the Fried Chicken Saturday Night meal. Faculty and staff can attend events at no charge if they wear ABAC colors to the events. To attend the dinner, ABAC faculty and staff should make their reservations with Hughes at [bhughes@abac.edu](mailto:bhughes@abac.edu) or call (229) 391-5130.

Hughes said check-in for families will take place from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 2 in the lobby of ABAC Lakeside. Cold drinks and snacks will be available. Families staying in hotels of their choice can also check in during this time. Students may check in for families that will be arriving late or the next

morning.

For early attendees on Oct. 2, the Fillies' softball team will take on the Canadian Futures Team in two scrimmages at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Fillies Field. From 7-11 p.m., the ABAC Truck and Tractor Pull will take place, sponsored by the AET Club. As part of the Friends and Family registration, visitors will be given a coupon to attend the truck pull at the student price of \$10.

From 10 a.m.-noon on Oct. 3, students and their guests can take part in Lakeside Fun at the Lake. This event includes cardboard boat races, a casting contest, farm tours from 9-11 a.m., horse shoes, a corn hole toss contest, parade of rooms, and Karaoke in the Lakeside Lobby. Refreshments will be provided.

Visiting families can also visit another part of the ABAC campus, the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village, which will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Oct. 3. Students and families can pick up arm bracelets for the Museum at 8 a.m. in the Lakeside Lobby before heading to the Museum. Arm bracelets must be worn to enter.

The grounds of the Museum include a traditional farm community of the 1870s, the 1890s progressive farmstead, a rural town, the National Peanut Complex, and the Museum of Agriculture Center.

Over 35 structures have been relocated to the 95-acre site and faithfully restored or preserved. Costumed interpreters explain and demonstrate the life-style and activities of this time in Georgia's history.

Students and their families will enjoy lunch in the Lakeside Lobby from noon-1 p.m. on Oct. 3. The meal is sponsored by the ABAC Staff Forum. For those into athletics, the Stallions will play a baseball doubleheader scrimmage against South Georgia State at 1 p.m. Families who plan to attend the scrimmage are advised to bring lawn chairs and blankets to the game.

A terrific meal winds up the day at 6 p.m. on Oct. 3 when the Donaldson Dining Hall presents Fried Chicken Saturday Night. The dinner is a variation on the famous Fried Chicken Thursday event the students enjoy each week. Bingo with an ABAC twist will follow the meal.

On Oct. 4, families can worship with their student at any of the local churches in Tifton before returning home. For more information on ABAC's Family Weekend, interested persons can contact Hughes at [bhughes@abac.edu](mailto:bhughes@abac.edu).

## Ellington Speaks To ABAC Students on Constitution Day

Georgia Court of Appeals Judge John Ellington emphasized the importance of a document signed 228 years ago at the annual Constitution Day event at ABAC on Sept. 17.

“The ideas on which America was founded are embodied in the Constitution,”

Ellington told a full house of ABAC students in the Chapel of All Faiths. “America’s founding fathers knew the Constitution was not a perfect document so they created a way to amend it.

“In some countries, if you have the biggest gun or the biggest stick, you win the argument. In our country, we come to court armed



with the Constitution and the laws of our land.”

Ellington said when the 39 men signed the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787 in Philadelphia, they set the stage for a quality of life that still exists today.

“The quality of life in any country depends on the quality of the judicial system,” Ellington, a 1980

ABAC graduate, said. “Our system of justice separates us from every other country on earth. We settle our disputes peacefully at the courthouse.”

The Constitution is the oldest and shortest national constitution in existence today. Abraham Baldwin, the namesake for Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, and William

Few were the only Georgia signers of the 4,543-word document.

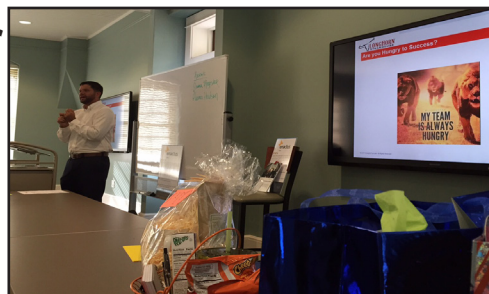
Ellington was the student body president and the winner of the prestigious Donaldson Award when he was a student at ABAC from 1978 through 1980.

“I spent two of the best years of my life on this campus,” Ellington said. “What you learn inside these classrooms is important. What you learn outside the classroom is also important. The friends you make and the people you meet at ABAC will have a lifetime impact.

“The values that we have on this campus travel with you. I am glad to see that the college is continuing to carry out its mission of preparing students for life. ABAC is more than a college. It’s a way of life.”

## Miller Helps Enactus ABAC Kick-off Fall Semester

Chris Miller, general manager of Longhorn Steakhouse in Tifton, spoke at the Enactus ABAC business club Fall 2015 kick off on September 10. Enactus is a worldwide organization comprised of over 3000 students, academic, and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurship to support social change. Each semester, Enactus ABAC invites a guest speaker to support student learning and career development. Miller shared many pearls of wisdom to inspire strength and purpose. He gave personal testimonies of his navigation through college, business, and life challenges.



## College Republicans to Host an Agriculture Forum on Wednesday

The ABAC College Republicans are hosting an Agriculture Forum with Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Other members of the House and Senate Agriculture Committee have also been invited to attend. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Urge your students to come prepared with questions. Sign-in sheets will be provided at the end of program for any faculty member’s attendance records.

## Centralize Testing Center Now Open in Academic Support Center

To better serve students a centralized Testing Center has been created under the Academic Support umbrella. Be sure to check out the Testing website to get an idea of the current exams that are administered: <http://www.abac.edu/future-students/testing>

With the newly created center comes the ability for students to register and pay online, with 100% online testing registration and payment set for Spring 2016. Ruth Jackson has joined the Academic Support team as the Testing Coordinator. Jackson began her new position on Sept. 14.

Please note that students who have been approved for testing accommodations will still be served by Student Development.

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health. Currently he is involved in a Telehealth project serving rural parts of Nicaragua. He also coordinates with ABAC's nursing program in the study abroad partnership between ABAC and UNAN.

Martinez-Franco completed a specialization in health management and a graduate degree in health management systems at UNAM. He also has taken postgraduate courses including biomedical informatics at Oregon Health and Science University. Martinez-Franco coordinated a national program for Mexico's largest social security health system which in 2014 provided over 12,000 telemedicine consultations across the country. He edited the first book about biomedical

informatics in Spanish and wrote the chapter on Telemedicine. He has co-authored and authored some of the important articles about biomedical informatics.

Cuellar has been a nurse educator since 1989. She completed a post-doctorate degree from the University of Virginia in complementary and alternative medicine. Cuellar has taught in a variety of nursing programs at the diploma, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral levels. Her research focus is in sleep disorders, specifically Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS) and the use of alternative medicine to manage symptoms of RLS.

Cuellar is the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Transcultural Nursing and serves as a reviewer

for a variety of journals related to education, sleep, alternative medicine, and diversity issues. She is actively involved in the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, serving in a variety of leadership positions at the national level, including time as a board member. Cuellar will be the guest speaker at the Hispanic Heritage Day luncheon.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. The national celebration ends on Oct. 12 with the observation of the date that Christopher Columbus discovered America.

## Flu Vaccines Now Available in the Health Center

The Flu Vaccine are now available at the ABAC Health Center. They will offer Fluzone Quadrivalent (4 strains) to students, faculty, staff and Sodexo employees. The vaccine is completely covered under insurance, just present your card at the time of visit or you may pay a \$20 out of pocket fee. For more information, call the Health Center at 229.391.5030



## Georgia Brass Quintet Kicks Off ABAC Virtuoso Series

The Georgia Brass Quintet will be featured in the first performance of the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series on Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural



College. The performance is free of charge and open to the community.

ABAC Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones said the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series is designed to promote an appreciation for the tremendous expressive capacity of fine piano and chamber music. The series features skilled musicians drawn from outstanding regional and national professional artists.

The Georgia Brass Quintet is

comprised of Philip Smith, Dr. Brandon Craswell, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, Dr. Joshua L. Bynum and David Zerkel, who are all brass faculty from the University of Georgia (UGA) Hugh Hodgson School of Music. The

quintet champions a broad array of repertoire from Renaissance to contemporary music, as well as arrangements of familiar jazz and pop tunes.

The quintet will perform a selection of contemporary pieces beginning with "Tarando" from composer and trombonist Nicola Ferro. Composer and trumpeter Anthony DiLorenzo's "Fire Dance" will be followed by "Music Hall

Suite" by British composer and conductor Joseph Horowitz, and "Music for Five Brass" by producer, conductor, performer and composer Brian Balmages.

In the second half of the performance, the group will perform noted classics including "April Showers" composed by Louis Silvers and arranged by Robert Elkjer; "Hungarian Dance 5" by Johannes Brahms and arranged by Robert Elkjer; "I Got Rhythm" composed by George Gershwin and arranged by Stephen Bulla; and "Georgia On My Mind" written by Hoagy Carmichael and arranged by Brett Bawcum.

For more information on the Virtuoso Chamber Music Series, interested persons can contact Jones at [wjones@abac.edu](mailto:wjones@abac.edu).

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