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### Austin French Performs Benefit Concert at ABAC Oct. 3 and 4

Austin French, ABC's Rising Star first runner-up, will perform on the ABAC campus on Oct. 3 and 4. The performances will begin at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. The concert will benefit the Ag Business Club.

In his debut Tifton concert since his recent fame on ABC's Rising Star, French will perform with a live band handpicked for this event. He won votes of viewers during his 10-week run on the show and finished as the first runner-up. The Cordele native now resides in Tifton with his new wife, Joscelyn, and serves as the Worship Pastor for Journey Church.



Austin French will perform his first Tifton concerts since ABC's Rising Star on Oct. 3 and 4 at ABAC.

Proceeds from the concert will help fund travel for the ABAC Ag Business Club.

"We are so excited to have Austin perform at ABAC to play all of his hits from the show as well as his personal favorites." ABAC Ag Business Club President Bailey Sharp said. "We are so appreciative to him for agreeing to help us raise money for our club."

The ABAC Ag Business Club sends students the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) Student Marketing Competition in Kansas City, Mo. NAMA is an annual competition held in the spring for students to demonstrate their ability to create a full marketing plan for a new

product before it hits the market. Members of the NAMA team come from various majors and backgrounds, and spend eight months working together as a team to produce the finished plan. This opportunity provides students real-world experience and the chance to learn from some of the biggest names in agricultural marketing.

Tickets are being sold online through [www.purplepass.com/austinfrench](http://www.purplepass.com/austinfrench). A tiered seating chart is available for concert goers to select their exact seat for the evening. Meet and Greet passes accompany the "Golden Circle" ticket option. Meet and Greet sessions take place prior to the concerts and will include the opportunity to meet French as well as picture and autograph opportunities. A limited number of Golden Circle seats are available.

To learn more about this concert, contact Randi Walden, Ag Business club co-advisor, by calling 229. 391.5068 or email [rwalden@abac.edu](mailto:rwalden@abac.edu)

### Register for Family Weekend Activities Oct. 2—5

Family Weekend is almost here! Sign up today and bring your family to campus. The cost is \$15 for ABAC Students and \$25 per person for family and friends. This price covers two meals on Saturday, admission to Georgia Museum of Agriculture, t-shirt, insulated mug and light refreshments. Register at [www.Purplepass.com/abacfamilyweekend2014](http://www.Purplepass.com/abacfamilyweekend2014)



#### Applications Due Friday

The Ms. ABAC Pageant will be held October 23 at 7 p.m. Applications are due Friday and can be found at [www.abacagbiz.com/miss-abac-2015.html](http://www.abacagbiz.com/miss-abac-2015.html)

### "Underwater Water" Dreams Screens Thursday at Hispanic Heritage Day

Underwater Dreams, a documentary film written, directed, and produced by Mary Mazzio, chronicles the story of how four Mexican high school boys learned how to build underwater robots, and go up against MIT in the process. The event will be held at the Howard Auditorium from 2 - 3:15 PM and will begin with an introduction by Mazzio followed by the screening.



underwater DREAMS



"Hispanics: A legacy of history, a present of action and future of success."

# HISPANIC 2014 HERITAGE

**Sept. 22** **Upsilon Piñata Bash**  
Hosted by Lambda Sigma Upsilon  
10:00 PM - All piñatas are broken!  
ABAC Meadows

**Sept. 25** **Exploring the Latino American Impact: Past, Present, and Future**  
Howard Auditorium  
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

**Sept. 23** **Latin Dancing Lessons**  
Hosted by Cultura Latina Club  
Nickelodeon  
7:00 PM

## Hispanic Heritage Day Main Event

Featuring guest speaker:  
Dr. Ricardo Cámara Sánchez  
Consul General of Mexico, Atlanta  
ABAC meadows  
11:30 PM - 1:30 PM

**Sept. 24** **Loteria Night**  
Hosted by Interested Ladies of  
Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc.  
Town Hall  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Underwater Dreams**  
Movie screening  
Howard Auditorium  
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

**Sept. 26** **Frida**  
Movie screening  
Howard Auditorium  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM



## Equestrian Club Attends Education Seminar in Florida

Members of the ABAC Equestrian Club attended the Florida Equine Institute in Ocala, Florida last week. While there, the students attended an industry trade show where they met industry professionals. They also attended presentations given by University Equine Specialists and Doctors of Veterinary Medicine who spoke on health, genetics, breeding, training and nutrition of equine.



## ACT Presents "An Evening with the Artists," October 2 at the GMA

The newly-organized Artisan's Community of Tiftarea (ACT) will host the first event, "An Evening with the Artists," a show featuring music, poetry, readings, and writers, at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture on Thursday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. This event is hosted by the Artisan's Community of Tiftarea and co-sponsored by ABAC's Department of Literature and Language and Dave's Bread and Coffee House.

A number of ABAC students and faculty will be involved, including Professor of English Sandra Giles; Agriculture Major, David Daughtry; English major Alyssa Riverio; Professor of English Mark Richardson; and others. The show will also feature local writer/storyteller Janie Hopwood and local comedian Ed Wiley. Dave's Bread and Coffee House will be providing refreshments for the event free of charge.

This event is the Thursday before Family Weekend, and is family friendly. Tickets are required and cost \$5.00 for general admission, \$4.00 for ABAC students, and free for those under twelve. Email Dr. Jeff Newberry at [jnewberry@abac.edu](mailto:jnewberry@abac.edu) or call 229.391.4972 to purchase your tickets.



## ABAC Clubs Volunteer at Pepper Festival

Honors Program students and members of ABAC's Collegiate FFA spent their Saturday morning volunteering at the Pepper Festival in Omega. They helped with the children's bouncy houses and other games to ensure safety for those during the activities. Pictured: Members of the Honors Program smile for the camera after a warm day of community service in Omega.

**Don't forget about Stallion Day Nov. 15**

## The ASC Hosts Advisor Update Sessions Sept. 29 & 30

Advising season is approaching fast. The Academic Support Center (ASC) is offering two Advisor Update Sessions this semester. Please join us at one of the sessions below for a refresher on how to use Banner to your benefit for advising.

We'll also be going over Board of Regents policy changes. The sessions will be held in Conger 107 on Sept. 29 from 1 – 2 p.m. and Sept. 30 from 2 – 3 p.m. Contact Lisa Seibert at [lseibert@abac.edu](mailto:lseibert@abac.edu) for more information regarding the sessions.

# ABAC GOES TOBACCO-FREE ON OCTOBER 1



The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia is committed to providing a healthy environment on campuses. We recognize the serious health implications of both the direct use of tobacco products and indirect exposure to the use of tobacco products and our responsibility to promote the health and well-being of our students, faculty, staff and visitors.

The Board of Regents adopted a tobacco and smoke-free campus policy to make all USG properties, including ABAC, 100% tobacco free effective October 1, 2014.

## USG Tobacco-Free

“Tobacco Products” are defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and any other smoking devices that use tobacco, such as hookahs, or simulate the use of tobacco, such as electronic cigarettes. The USG hopes you enjoy the healthier environment we’re creating for you and visitors to our campuses and facilities.

## WHY TOBACCO-FREE?

### WHY GO TOBACCO-FREE?

The purpose of the policy is to create a health-supporting community for everyone, tobacco-users and non-users alike. The new policy also supports the right of all people on university system campuses to breathe smoke-free air. The simple reason for our policy is respect for each other and the environment. We hope that smokers who choose to continue smoking will respect our smoke-free environment out of concern for their fellow campus community members.

### WHY IS TOBACCO USE AN ISSUE?

Tobacco use is the leading cause of premature and preventable death, responsible for more than 440,000 deaths a year in the United States. Cigarette smoking alone is responsible for more deaths than HIV/AIDS, alcohol, motor vehicle crashes, homicide, suicide, illegal drugs and fires - COMBINED.

Tobacco addiction begins almost exclusively among youth and young adults. The 2012 Surgeon General’s Report shows that 99% of smokers begin smoking and using other forms of tobacco by age 26, making college and university campuses a critical target for tobacco use prevention and cessation efforts.

### WHY IS SMOKELESS TOBACCO INCLUDED?

The reason this is more than just a smoke-free policy is because even the rates of smokeless tobacco are increasing within the state of Georgia. For more information view the Georgia Department of Public Health study.

### WHY ARE E-CIGARETTES INCLUDED?

Electronic cigarette (e-cig) use is found to be highest among college students. While it may be used as an aid to quit smoking, it still is a highly concentrated source of addictive nicotine and it has not been regulated or studied enough to support claims of use for tobacco cessation. E-cigs also pollute the air and early research shows negative lung effects and inflammation, similar to smoking. For more information about poisoning related to e-cigarettes view the CDC study.

### ISN’T TOBACCO USE A PERSONAL RIGHT?

Tobacco and its usage is completely legal for adults above the age of 18. The USG is not forcing anyone to quit. However, the university system owns campus properties, and can establish policies that protect the health of all university system members. A tobacco-free policy does not prohibit tobacco use; it merely establishes where use can occur.

For more information on the USG Tobacco-Free Policy, [usg.edu/tobaccofree](http://usg.edu/tobaccofree)

## Human Sciences Hosts Healthy Relationship Seminar

The School of Human Sciences and the Fillies Soccer Team hosted a seminar focused on Healthy Relationships: Tips on Dating and Romantic Relationships on Sept. 15. Dr. Jewell Rivers, along with guests Johnny and Freida Rutland, lead an interactive session focused on encouraging stable and healthy relationships. Over 100 students were in attendance.



## Celebrate Our Freedom to Read During the Banned Book Read-Out Thursday at 3:30



Co-sponsored by the Baldwin Library and Pegasus, Banned Book Read-Out 2014 is ABAC's contribution to the nation-wide Banned Books Week, sponsored by the American Library Association. On Thursday at 3:30 p.m., we will gather in Conger 319 to celebrate our freedom to read. Attendees will be given the opportunity to read a short section from a favorite banned book. There will refreshments and a door prize provided by the Baldwin Library--a handsome Banned Books Week tote bag crammed with a selection of books!



## AAMI Members Have Lunch with Gubernatorial Candidate

Members of the ABAC African American Male Initiative (AAMI) Program ran in to Gubernatorial Candidate Jason Carter, on their way to the "Men of Color Empowerment Summit" at Georgia Southern University. During the Summit members listened to guest speakers and attended seminars on setting goals, networking and being your best self.



Jason Carter @carter4governor · Sep 19  
Had lunch with @ABAC\_College students @Wendys in Dublin today. Great meeting y'all - JC  
[pic.twitter.com/WNW7ApUJLN](http://pic.twitter.com/WNW7ApUJLN)

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## ABAC's Newest Officers Graduate from Georgia Public Safety Training

Officer Joseph Weatherford (left) and Officer Jamie Powers graduated from the 273 session of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Weatherford is an Ocilla native and is retired from the Army after 20 years of service. Powers, from Enigma, is a former probation officer. During the training, he was elected President of the class by his peers, earned the first place award for firearms and the first place award for academics. Say hello to the newest addition to the ABAC Family as you see them on campus.



## ABAC Birthdays

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25 Hans Schmeisser    27 Sue Mastrario

