Welcome!
Our mission and passion is to be effective advocates for the academic success, personal growth among underrepresented students and foster diversity on campus and in the community.

The following programs support the efforts of the Office of Multicultural Educational Programs.

- Migrant Education Program (MEP) - supports the academic success of students from migrant farmworker backgrounds at the k-12 level
- High School Equivalency Program (HEP) - supports students in preparing for a GED diploma
- African American Male Initiative (AAMI) - supports the enrollment, success and retention of African American males at ABAC
- Hispanic Scholarship Program - supports the enrollment, success and retention of Hispanic students at ABAC
- College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) - supports the enrollment, success, and retention of students from migrant or seasonal farmworker backgrounds at ABAC
- Upward Bound (UB) - supports the academic preparation of students in pre-college to facilitate college enrollment and success

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the services provided by this office at (229) 391-4880

“Helping our students be successful is the goal for MEP, HEP, CAMP and Goizueta Scholarships. We are the cheerleaders for some of the best kids in the world. I strive to instill the following thought in their minds. Today is a great day if you want it to be. It is a matter of attitude. What will your day be?”

Nancy Anthony, Office Manager
HEP/CAMP/Consortium

“I love assisting students everyday. It makes me feel like even the small parts of my job are meaningful because I am helping students fulfill their education dreams.”

Jennifer Gunn, Administrative Assistant
HEP/CAMP
ABAC’s Migrant Education Consortium Program currently serves eligible Migrant students (ages 3 – 22) in Georgia’s non-direct funded counties. The goal is to assure that all eligible Migrant students are receiving appropriate supplemental services to reach their academic potential.

The Migrant Education Consortium Program at ABAC is funded by the Georgia Department of Education: Migrant Education and Refugee Program.

MEP CONSORTIUM STUDENT EXCELS

Consortium student Dayana Rosas attended the Governor's Honor Program interview on February 1, 2014. She was nominated by her teachers for her excellent work ethic, perseverance and willingness to help others. She was one of only two nominees from Fannin County High School. The Governor's Honors Program of Georgia is a four-week, summer residential program designed to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented high school students challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year. Only 1 percent of sophomores and juniors in the state of Georgia are nominated to the state level for the Program. In addition to attending the Governor's Honor Program, Dayana also competed in the State FCCLA competition held at UGA in March. She received first place in the Interpersonal Communications area of the competition and will be going to San Antonio, TX to compete at the National level July 6-10.

MEP CONSORTIUM STUDENTS RECEIVE SERVICES

Right: Migrant tutor works with a student in Oglethorpe County.

Left: Students in Burke County complete the post test for the Migrant Program.
About Us
The goal of AAMI is to increase the recruitment, retention and graduation of African-American males within the University System through strategic interventions. The African American Male Initiative is funded by the University System of Georgia, Board of Regents.

Terence Turner
AAMI Coordinator

AAMI participants volunteered as mentors for high school students who attended the Shiloh Baptist Church Empowerment Summit.

Aaron Vantress received the Academic Achievement Award for the AAMI Program Fall 2013.

AAMI students enjoy their annual orientation cook-off at ABAC’s Town Hall.
AAMI students attend The Men of Color Empowerment Summit (formerly the Black Male Empowerment Summit) at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro Ga. The summit is a dynamic and interactive development conference for all men of color that teaches them how to achieve success in life by empowering young men with the skills and knowledge needed to connect and equip them for success: academically, professionally, culturally, and socially. The summit also aims to provide those who interact with men of color with the tools needed to better support and prepare them for success.

From L to R: Tremon Mills, Terence Turner, AAMI Coordinator, Alfonso Robinson and Jermaine Hill.
AAMI Banquet

The AAMI Program held its Recognition Banquet on April 17, and was hosted by Brother-2-Brother. The event began with a welcome statement by Jermaine Hill and invocation by Caleb Jordan. The guest speaker for the event was the Honorable Judge Larry B. Mims, Judge of State Court of Tift County. Judge Mims is a native of Tifton and a member of the State Bar of Georgia, Tifton Judicial Circuit Bar, and the Gate City Bar Association.

The event recognized Fall 2013 and Spring 2013 graduates as well as special recognitions for participation, leadership and academic awards.
About Us
Upward Bound is one of the TRiO programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Upward Bound
Upward Bound is a federally funded program designed to enhance participants' academic skills and motivation necessary for success in post-secondary training. Upward Bound has been a vital part of ABAC and surrounding communities since 1977; thirty-seven years of motivating students to succeed.

Upward Bound 2013-2014

Bridge Component Program

12th Graders

11th Graders

10th Graders

9th Graders

James Lewis
Associate Director
Tift Area Upward Bound

Jean Oliver-Burks
Associate Director
Classic Upward Bound

Brenda Graham
Senior Administrative Assistant
The Upward bound Program emerged out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in response to the administration’s War on Poverty. It was the country’s first federal program to prepare low-income students for college and is celebrating its 50th year anniversary of helping high school students go from poverty to the middle class through higher education. The Classic Upward Bound Program began on the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College campus in 1977 serving 50 students from low income families. They came to ABAC from Colquitt, Cook, Irwin, Tift, and Turner adding Berrien County later. Since academic year 2003-2004 ABAC’s campus has been host to two Upward Bound Programs adding the TiftArea Program. The TiftArea Program serves Atkinson, Ben Hill and Worth Counties bringing it to a total of 9 counties that our program assists students in developing educational and social skills while motivating them to pursue post-secondary education at the college or university of their choice. During the summer residential components, the non-bridge (upcoming grades 9th-12th) students reside on campus for six weeks and the Bridge (high school graduates) students reside on campus for eight weeks. The students take classes that will prepare them for the rising school term or college classes in the fall. The Bridge students takes a minimum of six college credit hour courses during the eight weeks they are on campus. A majority of our students chose to continue their education here at ABAC while others decided to spread their wings and venture on to other schools of choice.

The following men who had the vision and drive to help empower the students that were under their leadership in the early days were seen as the inspiration behind the program were;

- Dr. Tom Milan served as the first TRiO Federal Program Director.
- Dr. Homer Day served as the second TRiO Director
- Mr. Wasdon Graydon was the first Upward Bound Director. He later became the Director of Federal Programs until his retirement in March 2010.
- Mr. Kenneth Newkirk was the second and last director of Upward Bound. He retired after 30 plus years in March 2011.
- Mr. Javier Gonzalez currently serves as the Director of the Multicultural Educational Programs whose umbrella Upward Bound is under.

In the words of the late Mr. Kenneth Newkirk, “Upward Bound has been the beginning of many success stories. We have graduates of Upward Bound that are now engineers, teachers, doctors, politicians, nurses, and many other professions.” He also said, “Some of them would have been successful anyway, but many of them needed the extra push.” That stands today, we continue to be that extra incentive that some of our students need to realize that they are capable of achieving their dreams and goals.

In keeping with the National celebration of 50 years of Upward Bound, ABAC has been proud to host Upward Bound on its campus for the past 37 years and looks forward to continued success with the program.
Upward Bound Sponsors Career Day

On February 15, 2014, the Office of Multicultural Education’s Upward Bound Program sponsored its Annual Career Day for high school students in the Upward Bound Program from nine surrounding counties. The year’s theme was “Exploring Careers in Preparation for Future Success in the 21st Century.”

Master of Ceremony for the event was an honor student from Atkinson County High School, Andres Contreras, who did an outstanding job of guiding the group of over 100 students through the day. The session began with introductions of the 15 Career Consultants who were invited to share their employment-related insights and expertise with Upward Bound participants in both plenary and small group sessions.

Senior Christopher Clark from Fitzgerald High School then led the group in the invocation, and sophomore Jesika Brown from Tift County High School introduced the keynote speaker. Karla Heath-Sands from WALB television in Albany, Georgia was the keynote speaker, and she enthralled her audience of students and professionals as she first treated everyone to a beautiful, vocal rendition of “My Funny Valentine” in keeping with February holiday. She then addressed the students about their future academic plans. She encouraged participants to follow their dreams but also to be flexible enough to “go with the flow” as job will likely lead to another and perhaps send them in unexpected directions.

At the conclusion of Heath-Sands’ address, the students then attended two seminar sessions with Career Consultants, who represented the career interest areas of business, computer technology, law and criminal justice, education, journalism, medicine, military service, cosmetology, and social services.

After completing small group sessions, participants gathered once again to allow questions from the audience to the professionals on the panel. This was a time for the students to hear messages from the presenters about attributes like honesty, integrity, patience and courage as desirable in any field they may choose. The celebration concluded with lunch in the ABAC dining hall.
About Us
HEP helps migratory and seasonal farm workers (or children of such workers) who are 16 years of age or older and not currently enrolled in school to obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma. HEP grants are funded through the U.S. Department of Education on five year cycles.

High School Equivalency Program
The High School Equivalency Program’s 2013 fall cohort has been the biggest graduation since the program was first funded in 2001. For the last seven years, the HEP program at ABAC has celebrated two graduations annually. Usually, the fall graduations are smaller than the ones celebrated during the spring semester. This time, not only was the fall graduation the most attended but also the largest number of GED completers with a total participation of 67 graduates.

This graduation brought many joyful moments to our graduates, their families and the program staff. This graduation was record breaking in the number of students graduating and in addition, two students added another record of achievement to the program’s history. First, Sandra Bautista Lara obtained a perfect score in science and Eduardo Salazar Santes obtained a perfect score in mathematics! The last time someone made a perfect score was in 2003 in reading.


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Eduardo Salazar-Santes achieved a perfect score in mathematics.
The New GED

The new year brought many challenges to HEP staff as well as the HEP students. 2014 marked the beginning of a new era on the GED Tests nationally. The new GED challenged our farmworkers even more but they have learned not to give up during this difficult journey that is taking them to accomplish their GED diploma.

L to R: Javier Gonzalez, Program Director, Edisson A. Salgado Diaz HEP student and Ana Martinez, HEP instructor celebrate Diaz’s accomplishment of being the first 2014 GED Series achiever.

HEP Leadership Workshop

For the first time HEP students from both the fall and spring semesters had the opportunity to meet Ernesto Mejia, Vice President of CoolSpeak, a Youth Engagement Company who served as presenter for the workshop. Through a series of activities as well as motivational speeches, Mejia inspired and motivated the students to look for possible options to break the barriers that were preventing them from accomplishing their educational and personal goals.

D.K. Bhaskar Speaks to HEP Students

International photographer D.K. Bhaskar spoke to HEP students in August about his origin and how he became a successful person. HEP students easily identified with Bhaskar’s story because they know how difficult it is to be successful when you come from rural areas where opportunities and resources are very limited.

Bhaskar is an author who has written a book about the Amazon Basin. He is an expert in elephants, and is currently talking with National Geographic about a project on mahout families and their relationship with elephants. In addition, Bhaskar has visited 70 countries, often traveling in some of the most isolated areas of those nations. That gives him a great understanding of rural areas of the world, particularly in India, where he grew up.
HEP at Hispanic Day Celebrations

HEP students from the Tifton class chat with Eduardo Diaz, Director of the Smithsonian Latino Center at the 10th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration at ABAC.

HEP students pose with producer John Valadez after the screening of the PBS documentary *Latino Americans* during the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at ABAC.

HEP Spring Educational and Cultural Outing

On April 19, 2014 the HEP students had the opportunity to travel to Atlanta, where they visited the World of Coca-Cola, CNN Center and the Georgia Aquarium. It was a day full of fun learning activities for the students as some of them had never visited the state capital.

HEP students outside the Georgia Aquarium, after enjoying a spectacular dolphin show and the amazing exhibits the Aquarium has to offer.

Front (L to R) Joanna Gutiérrez, Maria Torres, Ana Martínez and María Arteaga. Back (L to R) María Aguilar, Andrea Santillan, Josefina Delgado, Ana Banda, Alejandro Salgado and Josué Zuñiga inside the World of Coca-Cola.

HEP students take a minute to pose for a picture after a day full of activities in Atlanta.
About Us

CAMP assists students who are migratory or seasonal farm workers (or students of such workers) enroll in their first year of undergraduate studies at an Institution of Higher Education (IHE). CAMP grants are funded through the U.S Department of Education, Office of Migrant Education.

CAMP’S Leadership Challenge Course

To promote collegiate bonding of college freshmen enrolled in the 2013-2014 College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), students and staff traveled to Valdosta on September 21, 2013 to participate in Valdosta State University’s Leadership Challenge Course. The goal of the program was to assist students with problem solving skills, team spirit, trust building, motivation, communication and teamwork. Working with VSU’s Campus Recreation’s CORE Outdoors team, students participated in a variety of high and low essential elements.

College Assistance Migrant Program

The CAMP mentoring program was restructured for the 2013-2014 school year. Four former CAMP Completers (Cohort 2012-2013) were hired as student assistants to serve as mentors for thirty new CAMP participants. Mentees were divided into four groups of seven to eight students according to their majors and career interests. Mentees met with their mentors weekly based upon a mutual agreement contract. After the first mentor/mentee planning session, rapport was established and the mentor/mentee relationship began to blossom. Mentors worked with the students to assist them to understand and complete their course schedule, course syllabi, time management logs, progress reports, and CAMP Student Success Cards. In addition, mentors emphasized to mentees the importance of knowing their advisors and conferencing with professors among other educational strategies. Throughout the school year, mentors worked diligently to nurture and ensure that their mentees accomplished the program objectives to meet academic success. Mentors were supervised by Dr. Doris Roundtree, CAMP Program Coordinator and Academic Counselor.

Group One Mentor: Victor Gonzalez, Criminal Justice major of Statenville, GA

Group Two Mentors: Maria Bueno, Nursing major of Omega, GA and Martin Fernandez, Biology major from Norman Park, GA.
From L to R: Areli Perez, Karen Rodriguez, Marithza Jimenez, Maria Bueno, Yessenia Gonzalez, Martha Torres, Miguel Bueno, and Noe Mejia.

Group Three Mentor: Jennifer Cano, English major of Ashburn, GA
From L to R: Fredy Maqueda, Dayanna Guerrero, Luis Batista, Jennifer Cano, Laura Agundiz, Itzayana Pedraza, Bridgett Fuentes, and Dioselina Garcia.

Group Four Mentor: Sandy Pineda, English major from Tifton, GA
From L to R: Henry Ibarra, Geraldo Vargas, Alejandra Penne, Sandy Pineda, Liliana Garcia, Julia Hernandez, Jessica Armijo, and Brenda Moreles.
Dinner at the Moreno’s

On October 24, Dr. Raymond and Kathy Moreno of Tifton hosted a dinner for CAMP staff and students at their lovely home. Dr. Raymond Moreno is a local physician and administrator at Tift Regional Medical Center and his wife Kathy, is a Certified Public Accountant and Professor of Business in ABAC’s Stafford School of Business. Lisa Gibbs, a licensed attorney and close family friend of the Moreno’s, and ABAC student Luis Mendez were in attendance at the festive dinner.

The evening was filled with excitement and amazement as the students learned of the history of the Moreno family and marveled at the chronology of the family’s historical travels in the home displayed through artwork and family photos. The Moreno’s each provided the students with inspirational testimonies about their past and encouraged students to stay focused on their dreams to complete their college education.

After sharing with the Moreno’s their goals and aspirations, students and staff enjoyed delicious traditional Mexican cuisine, music and dance.

Student-Initiated Raffle to Help ABAC Family in Need

Julia Hernandez, an Early Childhood Education major from Norman Park initiated a campus and community raffle of a 42” LED TV to raise funds for the family of a CAMP student whose father was seriously injured in a work-related incident. Bridgett Fuentes, an Early Childhood Education major from Moultrie coordinated tickets sales along with Gustavo Tovar, CAMP Recruiter. Current and former CAMP students and staff worked together to support the family in the cause. The raffle culminated at Fulwood Park at Tifton’s Annual La Fiesta Del Pueblo on September 28, with the lucky winner from Dooly, Ga. heading home with the prize.
One of the supportive services the CAMP program offers to students is educational and cultural outings, an opportunity to travel to other colleges and universities to meet faculty and staff and learn about admissions and transfer procedures. In addition, students are able to tour the campus and speak with admission and counselors, listen to faculty from a variety of disciplines and enjoy the unique campus environment including dining and entertainment. On April 5, CAMP students along with several members of ABAC’s faculty and staff traveled to Georgia Southern University in Statesboro to enjoy ‘Eagles Day’ at GSU. The day began with registration and a welcome by Kristi Rickard followed by Nicole Noel who highlighted admissions for transfer students. Afterwards, students were led on a tour of campus housing which included information about student organizations, fraternities, student services, and the Association of Latin American Students. ALAS is a program that was formed in cooperation between students, professors and employees in addition to Georgia Southern University and the Latina community to help strengthen Latino and minority culture on and off of the GSU campus. Ms. Alba Cobos, Assistant Director of Admissions for Latino/Hispanic Students presented an informative session with a discussion of research opportunities and scholarships for transfer students. Following lunch in the Eagle’s dining hall, students were given a campus tour by ALAS students and the educational outing concluded with an hour-long RAC activity.
The Goizueta Foundation Scholarships provide financial assistance to enroll, retain and graduate Hispanic/Latino students. Mr. Roberto C. Goizueta established the Goizueta Foundation in 1992 to provide financial assistance to educational and charitable institutions.


During the academic year of 2013-2014 the students benefited from workshops such as Scholarships Application, Job Placement, Business Etiquette, Relaxation techniques and Time Management. The Hispanic/Latino Scholarship Program implements tutoring, one on one meetings, and community service opportunities.

Dr. Maggie Martin, Director of Student Development, demonstrates techniques the students can use to keep track of their daily activities in order to better manage their time. Dr. Martin encouraged students to visit the Student Development Center and take advantage of its services in order to succeed in their academic careers.

Program Nursing Graduates

**Margarita Moreno**  
Hispanic/Latino Scholarship Program Graduate  
Associate of Nursing  
Fall 2013  
Hometown: Moultrie, GA

**Gabriela Diaz**  
Hispanic/Latino Scholarship Program Graduate  
Associate of Nursing  
Fall 2013  
Hometown: Pearson, GA
Student Leadership

The Cultura Latina Club was honored during the annual meeting and Volunteer Services Recognition Dinner, hosted by the Tifton Service Center, Salvation Army. Pictured L to R: Luis Mendez, Xiomara Arriaga Center Director, Susie Wadell, Yesenia Ruiz and Henry Machuca.

“I am very proud of these students for being leaders and reaching out to the Tifton community, they are very deserving of this award”
Alma Young
Hispanic/Latino Academic Advisor.

Cesar Chavez Blood Drive Challenge

The ABAC Cesar Chavez Blood drive challenge event took place on March 26. The event was coordinated by CAMP student Bridgett Fuentes in conjunction with the American Red Cross. Students, faculty and staff of ABAC attended the five hour event which successfully exceeded its goal of collecting 76 pints of blood.

The Cesar Chavez blood drive challenge was founded in 2009 and it’s a national event that honors Cesar E. Chavez’s Legacy as an American civic leader by engaging college students to promote health education, promote health & science careers, promote civic engagement while saving lives.

ABAC students, faculty and staff participated in the event.

Bridgett Fuentes and Jose Vargas assist nurses during the blood drive challenge.
Hispanic Heritage Day

ABAC celebrated its 10th year Hispanic Heritage Celebration on September 19. The celebration began with the viewing of a documentary in Howard Auditorium led by producer John J. Valadez who has been producing and directing award-winning broadcast documentaries for the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and CNN for the past 14 years.

The main Hispanic Heritage Day celebration took place in the ABAC Meadows with a sampling of traditional and authentic Hispanic food, folkloric dances and the presentation of the flags by students of the College Assistance Migrant Program. This event featured guest speaker Santiago Márquez, vice president and chief operating officer of the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) in Atlanta.

A symposium was held in Howard Auditorium on the Impact of Latino Americans in the United States with panelists Dr. Ricardo Cámara Sánchez, Consul-General of Mexico in Atlanta; Eduardo Díaz, Director of the Smithsonian Latino Center in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Carlos Rodríguez, Senior Associate with the Excelencia in Education Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Victor Aurelio Zúñiga González, Author, Director of Research and Extension Division at the University of Monterrey, Mexico; moderated by Márquez.

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.
### Honors Day

Honors Day was introduced to give public recognition to students who achieve high scholastic records. Several Hispanic/Latino Scholarship Program Recipients and CAMP participants were recognized during the ceremony. L to R: Sandy Pineda, Jennifer Cano, Lolita Munoz, Eduardo Moreno, Margarita Moreno, Erica Hernandez, Cristina Coleote and Cesar Torres.

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End of Year Banquet

Preparing Tomorrow’s Leaders Today

Ruben Jacobo-Rubio guest speaker at CAMP/Hispanic Latino Scholarships Banquet.

Alma Young, Hispanic/Latino Scholarship Program Academic Advisor/Cultura Latina Club Advisor and Yesenia Ruiz, Cultura Latina Club President present Member of the Year Award to Henry Machuca.

ABAC staff present banquet speaker Mr. Jacobo Rubio with a gift. L to R—Ruben Jacobo-Rubio, Dr. Niles Reddick, Vice President for Academic Affairs at ABAC, Dr. Doris Roundtree, CAMP Program Coordinator/Counselor and Mr. Javier Gonzalez, Director, Multicultural Educational Programs.

Gustavo Tovar present gifts to CAMP mentors. L to R - CAMP Recruiter Gustavo Tovar, mentors: Sandy Pineda, Maria Bueno, Jennifer Cano, Victor Gonzalez and Martin Fernandez.
CAMP Graduates

CAMP Cohort 2011-2013
Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education
Hometown: Ellijay, GA

CAMP Cohort 2009-2010
Associate of Science in Business Administration
Hometown: Moultrie, GA

CAMP Cohort 2011-2013
Associate of Science in Business Administration
Hometown: Moultrie, GA

CAMP Cohort 2011-2012
Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education
Hometown: Wray, GA

CAMP Cohort 2009-2010
Associate of Science in Business Administration
Hometown: Hazelhurst, GA

CAMP Cohort 2012-2013
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TRACKING: Bachelors Degree Graduates

Edwin Mendoza

Retention Program Cohort 2010-2011
Graduated Fall 2013
Georgia College and State University
Bachelors of Business Administration
Management Information Systems
Hometown: Tifton, Ga.

Erica Arámbulo

CAMP 2009-2010
Graduated Fall 2013
Georgia State University
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

TRACKING: Masters Degree Graduates

Amy Gutierrez

CAMP Cohort 2008-2009, Retention Program Cohort 2010-2011
Graduated Spring 2014
Nova Southeastern University
Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy
Hometown: Clewiston, Fla.
Victor Gonzalez, a Criminal Justice major from Echols County competed against more than fifty college and university students from CAMP programs across the U.S. to be selected for the 10-week 2014 Into the Fields Summer Internship. SAF, located at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring students and farmworkers together to learn about each other's lives, share resources and skills, improve conditions for farmworkers, and build diverse coalitions working for social change. Gonzalez, a 2012-2013 CAMP Cohort is a member of ABAC Honor's program and serves as a mentor to students enrolled in the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). In addition, he serves as the Chief Justice of Traffic Court for the Student Government Association (SGA) and is a member of the Stallion Society to welcome freshman students and assist them to make an easy transition from high school to the college experience. Gonzalez is also a member of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc., the first Latin fraternity at ABAC. At the 2014 Honor’s Day ceremony held on April 9, Victor Gonzalez received the Discipline Award by the faculty of the School of Human Sciences for Outstanding Achievement and Academic Excellence in the area of Criminal Justice.

SGA Holds Annual Banquet

Ruben Jacobo-Rubio was enrolled at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) from 2004-2006. He was recruited to the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) where he excelled in academics and was an active member on campus and within the college community.

Jacobo-Rubio enrolled at The University of Georgia in 2006 where he continued his involvement in student-led activities and scholarly pursuits. He earned his Bachelor degree, magna cum laude in Economics with a minor in Statistics from The University of Georgia in 2009.

During his tenure at UGA, Jacobo-Rubio was the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. In addition, he also assisted UGA Economists with research in areas of Applied Microeconomics, Industrial Organization and Health Economics. His research focused on competition between brand and generic drug manufacturers, and how regulations can help save consumers trillions of dollars. His dissertation title is "Essays on the U.S. Pharmaceutical Industry," and it includes three chapters: (1) “The Private Value of Entry and Deterrence in the U.S. Pharmaceutical Industry” (with John Turner and Jonathan Williams); (2) “Dynamics in the U.S. Pharmaceutical Industry Under the Hatch-Waxman Act: 1984-2013”; (3) "Brand Innovation and Generic Entry in the U.S. Pharmaceutical Industry” (with John Turner and Jonathan Williams). Ruben has presented his research at various seminars in the Economics department and the Public Policy department at UGA. He has also presented his work at the UGA Annual Interdisciplinary Research Conference, the Southern Economic Association Conference and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration headquarters near Washington DC.

Jacobo-Rubio’s dissertation, Essays on the U.S. Pharmaceutical Industry was supervised by John Turner (Chair), Jonathan Williams and David Bradford. He will complete the doctoral program at UGA to earn his PhD degree in Economics in the summer of 2014. Ruben will start working for the US Food and Drug Administration in Washington DC this August.

Path to Scholarship Workshop

Ten students were awarded ABAC Foundation Scholarships for Academic Year 2014-2015.

Jacqueline Cervantes  Major: Agriculture Ed.
Zaraly Cortez  Major: Psychology
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