Waynesboro Resident to be Honored at ABAC on March 2

TIFTON—Catrina Kennedy Pollard will be presented with the 2013 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award on March 2 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College during the annual ABAC Alumni Association awards ceremony. Originally from Claxton, she is now a resident of Waynesboro.

Advance tickets for the 11 a.m. brunch awards ceremony are $25 each. No tickets will be available on the day of the event. The ceremony at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC recognizes ABAC alumni who impacted the college and their communities in significant ways.

The event is a part of the Celebrate ABAC Alumni Weekend. For more information or to purchase tickets, interested persons can call the College Advancement office at (229) 391-4895 or visit the web site at www.abac.edu/celebrate.

The Outstanding Young Alumnus Award recognizes young alumni, 35 and younger, who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement, community service and
service to the college. The Outstanding Young Alumnus Award was initiated in 1981 by a group of former publications editors and staffers in honor of Helen Strickland.

**Pollard** received her associate degree in agriculture from ABAC in 2005. While at ABAC, she served as both president and treasurer of the Student Government Association, president and secretary of the Inter-Activities Council, historian for the Agricultural Engineering Technology Club, and was a member of the Georgia Association of Educators Student Program, FFA, and a contributor to the college’s literary magazine, *Pegasus*. She also was the recipient of a 2004 Pacesetter.

Pollard received her bachelor’s degree in agricultural education and her master’s degree in agricultural leadership from UGA and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in curriculum and teaching in agriscience education from Auburn University. Since 2007, she has taught at Burke County High School in agricultural education. Professional accolades include the 2009 and 2010 Central Region FFA Big Owl recipient, 2010 Burke County High School Teacher of the Year, and the 30-Minute Award in 2010 from the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (GVATA).

She is active in the community of Waynesboro, serving as a member of the Downtown Organization of Realtors (D.O.O.R), the Burke County Recycling Committee, Toys for Burke County, and other local events. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Waynesboro and contributes to such charitable causes as the Ronald McDonald House and the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life in Athens, Tifton, and Burke County.

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