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The 2013 Ms. ABAC contestants are (front row l-r) Kendall Singletary, Rachel Smith, Kristen Card, Rae Evans, Savanna Thompson, Andrea Smith; (second row) Kelly Thompson, Marlee Mathis, Brittany Gunter, Kayla Eason, Jesse Still, Olivia Brown; (third row) Allison Gordy, Kristen Whitman, Taylor Williams, Kristen Ray, Jeena Krause, Raquel Beltran, Katherine Adams, Caitlyn Asbell; (fourth row) Marlee Lacey, Lacy Powell, Sarah O’Neal, Lacy Stephens; (fifth row) Andrea Morris, Erica Tucker, Kaitlyn Cawley, and Leah Gaskin. Not pictured are Sarah Byrd, Rue Hobgood, and Morgan Smith.
Thirty-One Coeds Compete for Ms. ABAC Title February 28

TIFTON – Thirty-one contestants will compete in the 44th annual Ms. ABAC contest on Feb. 28 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The theme of this year’s pageant is “Keep Calm . . . Sparkle On”. The event is sponsored by the Ag Business Club.

Contestants will compete in casual and evening wear. They will also be judged on a written essay and an interview with the judges.

The event begins at 7 p.m. in ABAC’s Howard Auditorium. Admission is $10. Because of limited seating, advance ticket purchase is advised. Ag Business Club members will be selling tickets. Tickets can also be purchased from Judy Perry in Ag Sciences 118 or from Audrey Luke-Morgan at (229) 391-4807 in Ag Sciences 111.

Students competing in this year’s pageant include Katherine Adams, an animal science major from Stockbridge, sponsored by the Equestrian Club; Caitlyn Asbell, an early childhood education major from Gray, sponsored by the ABAC Baseball Team; Raquel Beltran, a dental hygiene major from Hartselle, Ala., sponsored by the Honors Club; Olivia Brown, a science major from Wray, sponsored by the ABAC Men’s Tennis Team; Sarah Byrd, a wildlife management major from Augusta, S.C., sponsored by the Forestry and Wildlife Club; Kristin Card, a biology major from Cordele, sponsored by Circle C Industries; Kaitlyn Cawley, a rural studies major from Ashburn, sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; Kayla Eason, a diversified agriculture major from Covington, sponsored by the ABAC FFA; and Randilee “Rae” Evans, an early childhood education major from Hawkinsville, sponsored by ABAC’s Sigma Alpha sorority.
Other coeds competing for the crown are **Leah Gaskin**, a forestry major from Thomasville, sponsored by the Forestry Club; **Allison Gordy**, a natural resource management major from Sharpsburg, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board (CAB); **Brittany Gunter**, a diversified agriculture major from Murrayville, sponsored by the Agricultural Engineering Technology (AET) Club; **Rue Hobgood**, a pre-pharmacy major from Tifton, sponsored by her family; **Jeena Krause**, a nursing major from Douglasville, sponsored by the ABAC Softball Team; **Marlee Lacey**, a biology major from Sumner, sponsored by the ABAC Lakeside Community Assistants; and **Marlee Mathis**, a nursing major from Nashville, sponsored by the Turf Club.

Other contestants are **Andrea Morris**, a business administration major from Adel, sponsored by the ABAC’s literary magazine, *Pegasus*; **Sarah O’Neal**, a rural studies major from Tifton, sponsored by the ABAC Women’s Tennis Team; **Lacy Powell**, an agriculture education major from Covington, sponsored by the ABAC FFA; **Kristen Ray**, a rural studies major from Waycross, sponsored by the Rural Studies Club; **Kendall Singleton**, an animal science major from Thomaston, sponsored by the Cattlemen’s Club; and **Andrea Smith**, a biology major from Fitzgerald, sponsored by the Advancing Student Success in Engineering, Science and Technology (ASSETS) Scholars.

Also competing will be **Morgan Smith**, an agriculture education major from Sylvester, sponsored by ABAC’s Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity; **Rachel Smith**, a psychology major from Jefferson, sponsored by the ABAC Music Department; **Lacy Stephens**, an early childhood education major from Buford, sponsored by the ABAC Ambassadors; **Jesse Still**, a journalism and mass media major from Blakely, sponsored by ABAC’s Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity; and
Kelly Thompson, an agricultural business major from Alto, sponsored by the Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

Other participants are Savanna Thompson, a family and consumer science major from Nicholls, sponsored by the Family and Consumer Sciences Club; Erica Tucker, a middle grades education major from Tifton, sponsored by Tucker Brothers Construction; Kristin Whitman, an English major from Sylvester, sponsored by ABAC’s Kappa Sigma fraternity; and Taylor Williams, a middle grades education major from Blakely, sponsored by The Baldwin Players.

Mike Chason, Director of Public Relations Emeritus, will serve as master of ceremonies. The Ms. ABAC pageant will benefit ABAC Scholarships, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and ABAC’s 2013 National Agri-Marketing Association Team.

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