Pavo Resident to be Honored at ABAC on March 2

TIFTON—Sonya Dale Martin Aldridge from Pavo will be presented with the 2013 Helen Brown Sasser Award on March 2 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College during the annual ABAC Alumni Association awards ceremony.

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 Helen Brown Sasser Award was formerly known as the Master Homemaker Award. It is presented annually in recognition of alumni who have distinguished themselves by successfully balancing traditional family values with career and community service. Support of ABAC is also taken into consideration. The award was begun in 1959, during the administration
of Helen Brown Sasser, the first female president of the ABAC Alumni Association. The second oldest award presented by the Alumni Association, it was renamed in her memory in 1997.

Aldridge is a 1982 graduate of ABAC, majoring in home economics. She furthered her education at the University of Georgia, earning a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in home economics. She and her husband, Dale, built and decorated a home on their family farm that was named a Georgia Centennial Farm in 2012. She is the Manager of Marketing and Member Services with Colquitt Electrical Membership Corporation, serving eight counties in south Georgia.

Aldridge’s community involvement has included the Kiwanis Club, where she served as president, president-elect, and vice president. She has also been active as a member of Family Connection, the Colquitt Certified Literate Community Committee, and chaired other committees that serve children and families. She is also a member of the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Science and contributes her time to charitable causes including the United Way Campaign and Relay for Life. She is a member of the Pavo United Methodist Church where she has been the administrative board chair and church treasurer.

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