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Brandy Peavey (center) of Fitzgerald received the Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing Award upon graduating from ABAC’s nursing program. Pictured with Peavey are Allison’s family including (l-r) son Brady, father Virgil, niece Nicole Richardson, sister Brenda Bozeman, mother Hazel, and daughter Heather.

Fitzgerald Resident Receives Nursing Award at ABAC

TIFTON—Brandy Peavey, a recent graduate of the nursing program at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, was selected as the recipient of the Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing Award during the program’s pinning ceremony.

“It was a surprise to me that I was selected,” Peavey, a Fitzgerald resident, said. “I was shocked to receive the honor. There were six people nominated within both the traditional and
bridge nursing programs. They are all such a good group of students. I did not think I was going to be chosen.”

Faculty members in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences choose candidates for the award based on grades, dedication to the field of nursing, and a written essay. Members of Allison’s family then read the essay and help to decide on the recipient.

Peavey has worked in Fitzgerald as a licensed practical nurse since 1994 and came to ABAC under the bridge program to earn her degree as a registered nurse.

“The bridge program is fast-paced because it is only one day a week but it allows you to keep working while earning your degree as an R.N.,” said Peavey. “I loved ABAC’s nursing program. It was tough but that is why ABAC has the best nursing graduates. And the instructors are amazing.”

Now that Peavey has received her degree, she plans to take the licensure examination and spend time with her daughters, Mallory and Cassidy, and her husband, Barry, assistant vice president of Community Bank of Fitzgerald.

Lisa Purvis Allison began the nursing program at ABAC as the single parent of two children following the accidental death of her husband. While completing the last year of the program, she was diagnosed with colon cancer. Although she was very ill with cancer and the treatment for the disease, Allison graduated from the nursing program. She successfully passed her state board exam and was licensed as a registered nurse before she passed away.

The Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing Scholarship Fund was initiated by Allison’s family, friends and the ABAC nursing faculty as a way to honor her memory. The scholarship is awarded twice a year to a nursing student meeting qualities set forth by Allison. The fund is used to assist graduating students to fulfill their dream of becoming a registered nurse.