ABAC ANNOUNCES 265 SPRING TERM GRADUATES

TIFTON--A total of 265 students completed the requirements for graduation from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College at the end of the spring term. Forty-six students received
bachelor’s degrees including the first ABAC bachelor’s degrees ever awarded in Natural Resource Management (Forestry), Natural Resource Management (Wildlife) and Biology.

United States Congressman Austin Scott came back to his hometown of Tifton to deliver a challenge to the graduates at the commencement ceremony.

“You will wake up in the morning with a college diploma,” Scott, the U.S. Representative for Georgia’s Eighth Congressional District, said. “When you wake up, you will face the future with a thousand different paths you can take.

“Each path will have its challenges. I can tell you that change happens very fast in all of those paths. Never let a fear of failure determine your path.”

Scott told the graduates that the most important first step was to “get started. It doesn’t matter where you start but continual improvement should be your goal. Get better every day in whatever you do. If you say you’re going to do something, do it. Work ethic and a desire for success are more important than talent.”

Elisabeth O’Quinn, a rural studies – business and economic development major from Fitzgerald, received the prestigious George P. Donaldson award at the ceremony.

O’Quinn became the first Summa Cum Laude graduate in the history of ABAC with a grade point average of 3.94 on a 4.0 scale. To be eligible for the Summa Cum Laude distinction, graduates must complete a bachelor’s degree. ABAC awarded its first bachelor’s degree in 2009.

The graduates, their hometowns, and their fields of study are as follows:
BACHELOR’S DEGREES:

ADEL
Richard Purvis, Rural Studies in Rural Business and Economic Development

BARNESVILLE
Anthony Dean, Rural Studies in Rural Business and Economic Development

BETHLEHEM
Thomas Clark, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management

BONAIRE
Kenneth Ray, Jr., Turfgrass and Golf Course Management

BRUNSWICK
William Rogers, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management

BYRON
Matthew Hight, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management

CAIRO
Michael Pope, Diversified Agriculture

COMMERCE
Corey Booth, Diversified Agriculture

CORDELE
Benjamin Cobb, Natural Resource Management in Forestry
Jace Mathis, Diversified Agriculture, Magna Cum Laude
Raymond Rambo, III, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management

CUMMING
Kevin Sams, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management

DALTON
Cody Langford, Natural Resource Management in Wildlife

DOERUN
Devin Gibbs, Rural Studies in Rural Business and Economic Development

FITZGERALD
Elisabeth O’Quinn, Rural Studies in Rural Business and Economic Development, Summa Cum Laude

GAINESVILLE
Christopher Edwards, Natural Resource Management in Wildlife

GRAY
Matthew Davis, Natural Resource Management in Forestry

LAWRENCEVILLE
Charles Alligood, Diversified Agriculture

LOGANVILLE
Andrew Dickson, Diversified Agriculture

MACON
Joseph Gifford, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management

MARIETTA
Zachary Baldwin, Natural Resource Management in Wildlife

MEANSVILLE
Jonathan Nixon, Diversified Agriculture
MOULTINE
Gary Argo, Rural Studies in
   Rural Business and Economic
   Development
Zachary Felts, Turfgrass and Golf
   Course Management
Zachary Gibbs, Diversified Agriculture

NEWTON
Adam White, Natural
   Resource Management in Wildlife

ODUM
Wesley Yeomans, Natural
   Resource Management in Forestry

PEARSON
Charlotte Horne, Diversified Agriculture

ROME
Joshua Smith, Diversified Agriculture

SYCAMORE
Heather Davis, Natural
   Resource Management in Wildlife

THOMASVILLE
Tyler Porter, Natural
   Resource Management in Forestry

TIFTON
Jonathon Marchant, Natural
   Resource Management in Forestry
Chance Singleton, Turfgrass and Golf
   Course Management

VALDOSTA
Joshua Dawson, Diversified Agriculture

WINDER
Joshua Gamblin, Natural
   Resource Management in Wildlife
Writing and Communication
OTHER STATES

**FLORIDA**

**BRYCEVILLE**
Grace Parker, Diversified Agriculture; also an Associate’s degree in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics

**CLERMONT**
Suzanne Black, Diversified Agriculture

**GAINESVILLE**
Karina Sorenson, Biology

**LAKE CITY**
Ryan Huesman, Diversified Agriculture

**LAKELAND**
Elizabeth McBride, Diversified Agriculture; also an Associate’s degree in Diversified Agriculture Technology

**LAND ‘O LAKES**
Jennifer Lester, Diversified Agriculture; also an Associate’s degree in Diversified Agriculture Technology

**MONTVERDE**
Jacob Nyhuis, Diversified Agriculture

**MULBERRY**
Ryan Wetherington, Natural Resource Management in Forestry and Natural Resource Management in Wildlife; also an Associate’s degree in Forest Technology

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**SIMPSONVILLE**
Hanna Kowaleski, Diversified Agriculture
Travis Roberts, Diversified Agriculture
ASSOCIATE DEGREES:

ABBEVILLE
Caleb Studstill, Biology, with Honors

ACWORTH
Matthew Fryman, Business Administration
Courtney Griffin, Family and Consumer Sciences
Ryan Hayes, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics
Priscilla Kimani-Kamanja, Nursing

ADEL
Cortney McCall, Nursing, with Merit
Dustin McClelland, Nursing
Sara Robertson, Nursing
Joshua Vining, Nursing

ALBANY
Crystal Mullins, Nursing
John Schramm, Business Administration

ALMA
Donna Lee, Nursing

AMBROSE
Roxanne Barton, Nursing

APPLING
John Ware, Diversified Agriculture Technology

ARLINGTON
William Harrell, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics, with Distinction
Leola White, Political Science, with Merit

ASHBURN
Michael Coker, Nursing
Laura Eldridge, Nursing
Heather McGuire, Nursing

ATTAPULGUS
Akeiba Brown, Criminal Justice

AUBURN
Elin Roland, Veterinary Medicine

BACONTON
Dustin Daughtry, Middle Grades Education
David Van Meter, Nursing

BAINBRIDGE
Bryan Digby, Business Administration
Parker Heard, Diversified Agriculture Technology

BAXLEY
Yesenia Ortega, Nursing
Michaela Todd, Nursing

BLAKELY
Joseph Bush, Golf Turf Management
Kollin Pyle, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics, with Honors

BONAIRE
Mary Robinson, Nursing

BRUNSWICK
James Vining, Jr., Sports Turf Management

BUTLER
Jay Jones, Art

BYRON
Alecia Cannady, Nursing
CARTERSVILLE
Christopher Pitts, Golf and Sports Turf Management

CHULA
Thomas Chesnut, Early Childhood Education, with Merit
Isaac DeLoach, Middle Grades Education

COCHRAN
Deandra Ware, Nursing

CORDELE
Matthew Blevins, Nursing
Andrew Ellis, Music
Kenya Henry, Nursing

DANVILLE
Christie Grimsley, Nursing

DECATUR
Tony Tomlinson, Jr., Middle Grades Education

DOUGLAS
Hilary Cole, Allied Health in Respiratory Therapy, with Honors
Matthew Monroe, Business Administration
Ashley Williams, Criminal Justice
Terrie Woods, Nursing

EASTMAN
William Barrett, Wildlife Technology

ELLENWOOD
Marcus Grant, Journalism and Mass Media
Samantha Samataro, Psychology

ENIGMA
Derek Dowdy, Information Technology
Gerald Green, II, Political Science
Brita Tucker, Early Childhood Education

FAYETTEVILLE
Hayleigh Boyd, Animal Sciences

FITZGERALD
Jessica Ethridge, Chemistry
Nate Hall, Information Technology
Daniel Hester, Information Technology
Brian Holland, Music – Vocal
Holley Lee, Psychology
Amber McElmurray, Nursing, with Merit
Erin Miles, Early Childhood Education
Brandy Peavey, Nursing
Robert Rineair, Allied Health in Occupational Therapy
Alfonso Roberson, III, Information Technology
Terry Sheffield, Business Administration, with Merit
Angela Spinks, Wildlife Technology, with Merit

FORSYTH
Kelly Belknap, Nursing
Cody Ham, Political Science

GEORGETOWN
Jessica Stoker, Nursing

HAHIRA
Erica Shaffer, Nursing

HARTWELL
Ansley Burgess, Agriculture

HAZLEHURST
Pedro Escobar, Nursing
Amanda Miller, Agricultural Education, with Merit

JAKIN
Alana Pearce, Allied Health in Sports Medicine, with Merit
JESUP
Dylan England, Diversified Agriculture Technology

JONESBORO
Yves Tranquille, Jr., Political Science

KATHLEEN
Ashley Pike, Nursing
Krista Whitley, Business Administration

KINGSLAND
Shaniqua Taylor, Family and Consumer Sciences

LAKELAND
Jessica Mullis, Nursing
Kevin Sparrow, Nursing, with Merit
Misty Wrye, Nursing

LEESBURG
Mindy Amerson, Nursing
Brittany Hering, Allied Health in Physical Therapy
Crystal Pauk, Business Administration

LENOX
Jennifer Daniels, Nursing, with Merit
Kandace Griffin, Business Administration
Skyler Grubbs, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics
Cody Sellers, Landscape Design and Grounds Management
Raina Stephens, Nursing
Mary Wilkerson, Early Childhood Education

LILBURN
Katie Bennett, Animal Sciences, with Honors

LIZELLA
Elizabeth Cupp, Nursing

LOCUST GROVE
James Gilbert, Political Science

LOGANVILLE
Brandon Childs, Landscape Design and Grounds Management
Chasity Tompkins, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics/General Business Certificate, both with Merit

MACON
Tamakia Brooks, Nursing
Morgan Crawford, Nursing
Ashley Mcgreggor, Nursing, with Merit

MARTINEZ
Chadwick Abbott, Forest Technology

MCDONOUGH
Michael Bobo, Business Administration
Curtis Jones, II, Political Science

MEIGS
Adam Curles, Diversified Agriculture Technology, with Merit
Alfredo Munoz, Middle Grades Education

MORELAND
Madison Chmielewski, Wildlife Technology

MOULTRIE
Melissa Bair, Early Childhood Education
Stacy Cook, Middle Grades Education
Jonathan Edwards, Pharmacy
Keaton Griner, Family and Consumer Sciences
Enorris Hadley, Human Services
Raleigh Hall, Human Services
Ycilia Laguerre, Nursing
Katelyn Payne, Music – Vocal
Jose Perez, Political Science
Lori Sherling, Allied Health in Sports Medicine

MYSTIC
William Sherrod, Nursing
NASHVILLE
Kristi Ashworth, Nursing
Tracy Bazin, Nursing
Ally Hendley, Criminal Justice
Kayla Money, Nursing
Jessica Sims, Nursing, with Distinction

NEWNAN
Joseph Murphey, Landscape Design and Grounds Management

NICHOLSON
Meagan Williams, Allied Health in Occupational Therapy

NORCROSS
Blaine Tyler, Wildlife Technology

NORMAN PARK
Joel Badillo, Business Administration
Alanna Tillery, Accounting: Co-op

OCILLA
Holly Hickey, Wildlife Technology
Cori Poppish, Early Childhood Education, with Distinction
Amber Roberts, Nursing
Blaklyn Rogers, Nursing
Bryon Ross, Nursing

ODUM
Savannah Carter, Speech Communication

OMEGA
Kellie McMillan, Nursing
Laura Willis, Nursing

PERRY
Kelly Bowling, Nursing
Alina Paalz, Nursing
Tangel Smith Tarpley, Nursing
Jazmin Thomas, Agricultural Communications

POWDER SPRINGS
Keira Hall, Biology
Carmen Johnson, Nursing

RIVERDALE
Sunday Imafidon, Nursing

SALE CITY
Kaitlin Giles, History & Early Childhood Education

SPARKS
Hunter Daughtrey, Criminal Justice
Brittany Moody, Middle Grades Education

ST. MARYS
Ryen Dickinson, Music

STATENVILLE
Edith Barrios, Psychology

STOCKTON
Patrica Williams, Nursing

SYCAMORE
Kelcie McLean, Allied Health in Occupational Therapy

SYLVESTER
Michael Fulghum, Business Administration
Mary Sangster, Nursing
Angela Sexton, Nursing, with Merit

THOMASVILLE
Ashley Sutton, Psychology, with Distinction
TIFTON
Matthew Baxter, Middle Grades Education
Emily Brinson, Nursing
Robert Bullington, Early Childhood Education
Michael Butler, Business Administration
Leticia Castaneda, Nursing
Jeffrey Clark, Business Administration
Miesha Clark, Allied Health in Occupational Therapy
Rachel Damron, Business Administration
Jarone Daniell, Agriculture
Kristi Edenfield, Nursing
Rubi Folsom, Early Childhood Education & Foreign Language
Daniel Gibson, Music, with Honors
Megan Guest, Nursing, with Distinction
Amanda Holt, Nursing
Erin Hosey, Nursing
Kentavius Jones, Liberal Arts
Jamie Kinsley, Business Administration
Christi McKay, Nursing
George Owens, Jr., Nursing
Saumil Patel, Pharmacy, with Merit
Rachel Payne, Business Administration
Luisa Pineda, Early Childhood Education
Micah Powers, Nursing
Savannah Ray, Biology
Erica Richards, Nursing
Sheila Ridley, Nursing
Briahana Rogers, Music – Vocal
Sunny Ross, Business Administration, with Merit
David Scott, Allied Health in Radiologic Science
Leslie Slappy, Nursing
Amber Taylor, Nursing
Jared Thompson, Music
Joseph Thompson, Early Childhood Education
Heather Trotter, Ornamental Production & Landscape Design and Grounds Management

TIFTON (con’t)
Jennifer White, Nursing
John Williams, Allied Health in Physical Therapy, with Distinction

TOCCOA
Elizabeth Hickey, Early Childhood Education

TY TY
Chelsea Bryan, Biology, with Honors
Marianne Mulherin, Nursing
Niobe Stilwell, Nursing

UNION POINT
James Thornton, Wildlife Technology

VALDOSTA
Marshall Bennett, III, Agricultural Education
Katrina Davis, Nursing
Rosa Evans, Nursing
Richard Holmes, Forest Technology
Jasmin Loving, Nursing
Daryn Snipes, Nursing

WARNER ROBINS
Tina Anderson, Nursing

WARWICK
Paul Tison, Biological and Agricultural Engineering

WASHINGTON
Elizabeth Kitchens, Criminal Justice

WAYCROSS
Blake Cannon, Business Administration
Kendal Hickox, Business Administration, with Honors

WAYNESBORO
Hamilton Hogan, Forest Technology
WILLACOOCHEE
Kendrick Dupree, Psychology

WRAY
Reid Miller, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics

WRIGHTSVILLE
Kizzy Oliver, Nursing

OTHER STATES

ALABAMA
PRATTVILLE
Steven Banks, Golf and Sports Turf Management

FLORIDA
IMMOKALEE
Leomene Aime, Criminal Justice
Jamhson Boliva, Computer Science

LIVE OAK
Ashley Gill, Animal Sciences

LUTZ
Brooke Cooley, Agricultural Education

PLANT CITY
Amy Klass, Animal Sciences, with Merit

WINTER SPRINGS
Aaron Brodführer, Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics, with Merit

MICHIGAN
GRAND RAPIDS
Alejandro Salazar, English

PENNSYLVANIA
ALBION
Hannah Homansky, Agricultural Education

SOUTH CAROLINA
RIDGELAND
Timothy Cramer, Wildlife Technology

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