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Third Annual ‘Run for the Nurses’ April 5 at ABAC

TIFTON – The School of Nursing and Health Sciences will hold the third annual “Run for the Nurses” event on April 5 at the Red Hill Athletic Center on the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The event includes a one-mile fun walk/run, 5K run, and a one-half marathon. The 5K and one-half marathon will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the one-mile fun walk/run will take place at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit the Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing Scholarship Fund which assists in the education of future nurses.

The cost for participants is $12 for the one-mile run, $25 for the 5K, and $35 for the one-half marathon if registered by March 1. If runners register later than March 1, the cost is $15 for the one-mile run, $30 for the 5K, and $40 for the one-half marathon. Interested participants can register online at www.active.com or at http://www.abac.edu/academics/schools/nursing/ for a printable registration form. Online pre-registration ends on April 1. Runners can still register on race day.
For more information on the “Run for the Nurses” event, interested persons can contact Becky Arnold at (229) 391-5024 or e-mail her at rarnold@abac.edu.

Trophies will be presented to the male and female first place finishers in the fun run, and medals will be awarded to all finishers 14 years of age and younger. In the 5K and one-half marathon, trophies will be awarded to the overall and master overall male and female finishers, and medals will be given to the top three male and female finishers in five-year age groups. All one-half marathon runners will receive a finisher’s medal. Trophies will also be awarded to the first male and female ABAC alumni to cross the finish line in each race.

The Lisa Purvis Allison Scholarship Fund was developed to honor Allison and assist other aspiring students in fulfilling their dreams of getting an ABAC education to become a registered nurse. The scholarship is awarded twice a year to a nursing student who meets the stated criteria to assist with final semester expenses. Nursing faculty and the family of Allison are involved in the selection process.

Allison began the nursing program at ABAC as a single parent of two children following the death of her husband in a tragic accident. While completing the last year of the program, she was diagnosed with colon cancer. She was an outstanding student who personified the caring and compassionate nature of nursing. Upon graduation she successfully passed her state board exam and was licensed as a registered nurse. She lost her battle with cancer shortly after that time.

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