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Amarillo Resident to Receive ABAC Award April 4

TIFTON—Lola Henning West from Amarillo, Texas will be presented with the 2014 Outstanding Educator Award on April 4 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College during the annual ABAC Alumni Association awards ceremony.

Advance tickets for the 6 p.m. dinner and awards ceremony in Gressette Gym are $30 each. No tickets will be available on the day of the event. The ceremony recognizes ABAC alumni who impacted the college and their communities in significant ways.

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/alumni.

The Outstanding Educator Award is presented by the ABAC Alumni Association in recognition of alumni who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement, community service and service to the college. This award seeks to recognize individuals in education including, but not limited to, elementary, secondary, post-secondary and college. Nominees can be classroom teachers or administrators, active and retired. This award was established in 1995.
West attended ABAC from 1984-86, earning her associate degree in natural science. She received her bachelor of natural science degree from Shorter University before attaining her master of science degree from Texas Tech University. She worked with the Colquitt County Board of Education for 10 years before moving to Texas for employment with the Tahoka and Canyon Independent School Districts. West is now a Region 16 Education Specialist working with 64 school districts in the Texas panhandle.

West is very involved in community and charitable causes including Goodwill Industries, the Ronald McDonald House, American Red Cross, Amarillo Downtown Women’s Center, and Carenet Crisis Pregnancy Center. Her professional memberships include the Science Teachers Association of Texas and the Texas Association for Supervisions and Curriculum Development.

As a student at ABAC, West was an avid supporter of all the athletic teams, a member of the Baptist Student Union, and worked in the Social Science Division. She and her husband, Chris, are members of Bell Avenue Baptist Church, where she serves as director of the Missions Committee and sings in the choir.

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