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Spicer Named Dean of ABAC School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Tifton – Troy Spicer will become the new Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, effective April 1, according to an announcement by Dr. Niles Reddick, Vice President for Academic Affairs. Spicer has served as the Interim Dean since October, 2012.

An Ocilla native, Spicer began working at ABAC in July, 2003 as an assistant professor of nursing. He also served as coordinator of the student health center. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of associate professor before taking the role as interim dean.
“We are excited to have Troy lead the School of Nursing and Health Sciences,” Reddick said. “He is actively engaged across the campus and brings a great deal of professional experience to lead the School.”

Spicer has always played a pivotal role in the continued growth of ABAC’s nursing program.

“We owe the success of the nursing program here to our excellent nursing faculty at ABAC,” Spicer, who now lives in Alapaha, said. “I am grateful to have the opportunity to lead this group as we continue to educate the best nurses in the State of Georgia. Our primary challenge now is to build on past success and to make changes in the program that reflect the highly technical nature of health care.”

Spicer is an ABAC alumnus, earning his associate degree in nursing in 1982. He graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in 1988 with his bachelor’s degree in nursing. He received a master’s degree in 1993 from Georgia State University. He is presently in the Doctor of Nursing Science program at Kennesaw State University where he has finished his coursework and has begun his dissertation research on end of life decision-making.

Spicer is also a family nurse practitioner whose experience has been largely in nursing education and the operation of community-based clinics for the poor.

Nursing, the largest single major at ABAC, appeals to both traditional and non-traditional students. The ABAC Associate Degree Registered Nurse program was established in 1966. The employment rate is 100 percent, and healthcare employers actively seek out ABAC nursing graduates.
The nursing program at ABAC prepares registered nurses through two educational tracks, the traditional design and the One Year Registered Nurse track which is an accelerated bridge program. Students earn an Associate’s Degree in Nursing from both programs. Graduates are qualified to take the NCLEX-RN.

For more information about the ABAC nursing program, interested persons can contact the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at (229) 391-5020.

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