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**ABAC HONORS TOP FACULTY, STAFF, ADMINISTRATOR, ADVISOR**

**TIFTON**—The top faculty member, staff member, administrator, and academic advisor
for the 2013-2014 academic year were recognized during Wednesday’s Honors Day ceremony at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Amy Warren, Assistant Professor of Education, received the W. Bruce and Rosalyn Ray Donaldson Award for Teaching Excellence. Brenda Doss, Administrative Associate in the Office of Academic Affairs, was honored with the Roy R. Jackson, Sr., Award for Staff Excellence. Paul Willis, Chief of Staff and Vice President for External Affairs, received the E. Lanier Carson Leadership Award for College Administrators, and Dr. Abul Sheikh, Associate Professor of Business in the Stafford School of Business, received the W. Bruce and Rosalyn Ray Donaldson Excellence in Advising Award.

Warren earned her bachelor’s degree and her master’s degree in Early Childhood Education from Florida State University. She joined the ABAC faculty in 2007. At ABAC, she is an Assistant Professor of Education and Department Coordinator for the education and family and consumer sciences programs within the School of Human Sciences.

Warren serves locally with the Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence, the Preschool Advisory Board, and the Tift County Child Abuse Council. On the state level, she is on the Educator Preparation Academic Advisory Committee. In any given year, Warren makes two to four professional presentations at meetings across the nation. Her work to bring pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes to the ABAC campus to support her scholarly interest of creating a college-going culture has been well received by surrounding schools. Warren received a plaque and a check for $2,500 from the ABAC Foundation.

Doss has served in the Office of Academic Affairs for 16 years. She earned her associate’s degree from ABAC in information technology in 2009, and she is graduating this semester with her bachelor’s degree from ABAC in rural studies.
Doss and her daughter, Christina Norton, made ABAC history as the only mother and daughter ever to win ABAC’s top academic award, the J.G. Woodroof Scholar. Norton won the award in 2008, and Doss followed suit in 2012. Doss received a plaque and a check for $1,250 from the ABAC Foundation.

**Willis** earned his bachelor’s degree in 1983 from the University of Florida, majoring in food and resource economics. He had a long administrative career at the University of Florida before coming to ABAC in 2009 as the Director of College Enrichment. In 2012 he became the Chief of Staff and Vice President for External Affairs at ABAC.

Willis was instrumental in bringing Greek life to the campus, particularly the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He was also charged with the task of assimilating the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village into the ABAC campus. Under his direction, the Museum has expanded with three new historic buildings and increased the number of special events, workshops, and a total of 17 special exhibits in three years at the Museum’s Gallery. **Willis** received a plaque and a check for $1,250 from the ABAC Foundation.

**Sheikh** received his bachelor’s degree in agricultural engineering from Bangladesh Agricultural University; his master’s degree in computer science from North Dakota State University; and his Doctor of Education degree from Valdosta State University.

Sheikh joined the ABAC faculty in 1990. He received a plaque and a check for $1,250 from the ABAC Foundation.

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