Charles Conger of the ABAC Bass Fishing Club will compete at the 2014 Bassmaster College National Championship July 31-Aug. 2. Conger will fish against students from over 70 other college and universities.

**Conger to Represent ABAC in 2014 Bassmaster Competition**

**TIFTON** – Charles Conger, a mechanical engineering major from Chula, will represent Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College from July 31-Aug. 2 at the 2014 Bassmaster College National Championship. The competition will be held at Lake Chatuge near Hiawassee.
“I am excited about the National Championship as it will be on Lake Chatuge and weigh-ins will be hosted at Young Harris College,” said Conger. “While it is a Georgia lake, we will be competing against the best college bass teams in the United States.”

Anglers will be representing approximately 73 college and universities from across the country. Only the top five teams will compete on the third day of the tournament.

Conger earned the right to compete in the national competition during the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series in January at Lake Okeechobee in Okeechobee, Fla. He and his partner for the event, D.J. Thomas, a biology major from Willacoochee, were one of 130 teams to take part in the event to make it to nationals.

“Our had to finish 17th or better to make it to the championship,” said Conger. “Since we were in second place after day one we were one of the last teams to weigh-in on day two. As soon as we weighed our fish we knew we were going to the championship. We were ecstatic.”

Conger has been a part of the Bass Fishing Club at ABAC for three years and was president of the club from 2012-2013. He is also a member of the Tifton Bass Busters so he is no novice to fishing.

“I have been fishing pretty much my whole life,” said Conger. “I started fishing tournaments when I joined the club here at ABAC. The best part of fishing is that every time you get out on the water you learn something new.”

Conger will be transferring to Southern Polytechnic in the fall, but has enjoyed his time at ABAC. He said he chose ABAC because it is close to home. After completing his college education, Conger hopes to work in a manufacturing plant as a mechanical engineer.

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