ABAC students meet for the first time in newly expanded classrooms throughout campus.

**ABAC Bachelor Degree Enrollment Continues to Soar**

TIFTON—Classes are back in session today at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. More than one-third of the students filling the classrooms are enrolled in one of ABAC’s many bachelor’s degree programs.

Since the inception of the bachelor degrees at ABAC, enrollment in these programs has increased over 20% each year. This year is no exception with a more than 23% increase from
2013-14. For the second year in a row, overall enrollment for the College is up again compared to the previous fall.

“The progression of the college from two-year status to a position of offering baccalaureate degrees is the one thing that has had the most impact on enrollment and will impact the institution for years to come,” ABAC President David Bridges said. “We have moved forward at a very rapid pace. In January of 2008, we had 41 students in those first classes. Now we have more than 1,100 students in bachelor’s degree programs. That’s phenomenal.”

ABAC offers bachelor’s degrees in diversified agriculture, turfgrass and golf course management, biology, business and economic development and natural resource management with majors in forestry and wildlife. Under the broad umbrella of rural studies, ABAC students can also earn bachelor’s degrees in social and community development, politics and modern cultures, and writing and communication.

In the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources nearly 600 students are enrolled in bachelor’s degrees, the biggest factor in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources setting an all-time enrollment record with almost 1,100 students this fall.

ABAC was recently recognized as Georgia’s only Best Value School. The Best Value School designation is determined by a rigorous qualification process, which generally takes three to four months. Cost of attendance is just one of the many reasons ABAC was selected.

Tuition and fees for full time in-state student at ABAC are $3,992 per year and $12,048 for out-of-state per year. This is $26,000 less than research universities, $12,000 less than
regional universities and $10,000 less than state universities based on University System of Georgia tuition rates for full-time enrollment over four years.

“We have said for many years that students get more for less at ABAC and our continued enrollment increase proves that students and their parents recognize the ABAC is College Done Right,” Bridges said.

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