The Alumni vs. Students Softball Game will be held on April 8 as part of Homecoming Week at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

ABAC Celebrates Homecoming Week April 6-11
TIFTON – From current students being recognized for academic excellence during Honors Day to the “Gee Haw Whoa Back” rodeo, alumni and friends can help Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College celebrate its week-long 2015 Homecoming activities on April 6-11.

ABAC Alumni Director Lynda Fisher said this year’s Homecoming festivities include the Alumni Awards and Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner, Stallion Day, the Alumni Cookout, the annual Remembrance Service in the Chapel of All Faiths, the fourth annual Run for the Nurses, the Golden Alumni Dinner, the Mr. ABAC competition and a variety of athletic events and musical performances.

All event tickets except for the rodeo must be purchased in advance through the Office of College Advancement at (229) 391-4895. Rodeo tickets will be sold in advance and at the gate on the two days of the event on April 10-11. Separate tickets must be purchased for each night of the rodeo.

The celebration begins on April 6 with the Homecoming Kickoff for ABAC students from 4-5 p.m. followed by the annual Mr. ABAC contest at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. “A Night of Broadway” performed by ABAC faculty and music students in the final First Tuesday concert of the year is set for April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. This event is open to the community and free of charge.

Students will be acknowledged for scholastic achievements from the 2014-2015 academic year during the annual Honors Day ceremony on April 8 at 3 p.m. in Gressette Gym. One of the highlights of Homecoming, the Alumni vs. Students Softball Game, will follow at 6:30 p.m. at the softball field. The Baptist Collegiate Ministries will provide free food for spectators. Community members are welcome to be a part of the audience for both of these events.

The Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Susan Roe, professor of voice and director of choral music and the ABAC music program, will perform its Spring Choral Concert at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium on April 9. This performance is open to the community and free of charge.
The first day of the State Tennis Tournament on April 10 at the Red Hill Complex will begin the weekend’s events at 8 a.m., followed by the Homecoming Parade at 2 p.m. The Alumni Awards and Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony will be held in Gressette Gym at 6 p.m. Tickets for the awards dinner are $30 per person and must be purchased in advance.

Alumni can support the Fillies softball team as it plays a doubleheader against West Georgia Tech on the softball field at 5 and 7 p.m. on April 10. Also at 7 p.m., the Stallions baseball team will take on West Georgia Tech on the baseball field.

At 7:30 p.m. on April 10, the first day of the Professional Cowboy Association-sanctioned preliminary round of the Gee Haw Whoa Back Rodeo will be held at the ABAC Arena. The final round will be held on April 11. The rodeo will include saddle bronco riding, bareback riding, bull riding, team roping, calf roping, steer wrestling, break-away roping, and barrel racing. Rodeo tickets for the general public are $10 at the gate and $5 for children ages 6–13. Children five and under and ABAC students will be admitted free of charge.

The fourth annual Run for the Nurses will kick off the activities on April 11 at the Health Sciences building at 7:30 a.m. Those interested in participating in this event can go to www.active.com or visit http://www.abac.edu/academics/schools/nursing/outreach/run-for-the-nurses for a printable registration form through April 8. The annual Remembrance Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on April 11 in the Chapel.

Prospective students can tour the campus on April 11 during Stallion Day, an all-day event that gives high school students the opportunity to experience college life. Stallion Day will run from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. at various locations across campus. Prospective students can register for Stallion Day at www.abac.edu/stalliondays.

The Folklife Festival will take place from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on April 11 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC, featuring demonstrations, food, and fun. Highlights of the
festival include the season opener of the Wiregrass Farmers Market, a quilt show, sheep shearing, log hewing, and wool washing, spinning, and dyeing. Both the saw mill and the turpentine still will be running. Visitors can also take a ride on the 1917 Vulcan Steam Engine.

On the main campus on April 11, the Alumni Cookout will be held outside Gressette Gym at 11:30 a.m. This event is for alumni, students, and prospective students. There is a $10 registration fee that must be paid in advance for the cookout. The second day of the State Tennis Tournament will be played at the Red Hill Tennis Complex, and the Stallions baseball team will play a doubleheader against West Georgia Tech at 1 and 3 p.m. at the baseball field.

The Stafford School of Business will offer “Yakking with the BOSS” kayak races at the pavilion on Lake Baldwin at 1:30 p.m. on April 11. There is a $20 charge to compete in this event if registered by March 27. The cost to register is $25 after March 27. The Homecoming festivities will come to an end with the finals of the Gee Haw Whoa Back rodeo at 7:30 p.m. on April 11 at the ABAC Arena.

For more information on the 2015 ABAC Homecoming activities or to sign up for a particular event, interested persons can go to www.abac.edu/homecoming or call (229) 391-4900.

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