ABAC Foundation Welcomes New Trustees

TIFTON - Five new trustees are now a part of the ABAC Foundation at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. New Foundation President Lynn Lovett said the group includes Dr. Greg Anderson, Amber Davis Collins, Jaclyn Dixon Ford, Larry Montgomery, and Cain Thurmond.
Anderson is a Tifton native who attended ABAC from 1976-1978 as a pre-med major. He then completed degree requirements at the University of Georgia (UGA) before receiving his Doctorate of Medicine from the Medical College of Georgia. Anderson did a general surgery residency at the University of Kentucky Hospital and a urology residency at the University of Alabama, Birmingham VA Hospital and the Birmingham Children’s Hospital.

Anderson returned to Tifton in 1989 to establish a urology clinic. He served for a time as Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery at Tift Regional Medical Center. Besides his duties as a surgeon, Anderson finds time to be involved in the community as the chairman of the Henry Tift Myers Airport Authority and as a member of the First Community Bank Board of Directors. He is married to Lynda Lee, and they have three children Austin, Shelley, and Kate.

Collins is a 1998 ABAC graduate who is a scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from UGA in agricultural education. Collins was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Honduras for two years and now serves as president of the Atlanta Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

Collins earned the President’s Volunteer Service Award for her work with Hurricane Katrina and Cool Girls. An active member of the ABAC Alumni Association, she was one of the first members of the ABAC ACTIONS team. She was the featured speaker at the ABAC Freshman Convocation in 2007.

Ford co-owns and co-manages Dixon Gin Co., Inc., in Berrien County. She is also actively involved in her family’s farming operation which includes cotton, peanuts, corn, and pecans. Ford was appointed as a director to the Georgia State Farm Service Agency Board in 2010, serves as a producer delegate for the National Cotton Council, and is on the board of
Southeastern Cotton Ginners’ Association. She graduated from UGA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Communications. She and her husband, Jake, have two children and reside in Alapaha.

Montgomery serves as President of the Montgomery Family Foundation in Carrollton and manages Montgomery Farms in Georgia and the Double U Ranch in Texas. Born and raised in Atlanta, he received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a MBA with emphasis in marketing and finance from Emory University. He retired after 30 years with the Kimberly-Clark Corporation where he served in engineering, manufacturing, research and development, and management of major capital projects. Montgomery and his wife, Mary, have two children, Christine and Elizabeth. Montgomery funded two ABAC Presidential Scholarships and another annual scholarship for ABAC students this year.

Thurmond is a 2011 ABAC graduate who is a Leadership Development Associate in Sales and Marketing at CSX in Jacksonville, Fla. While a student at ABAC, he served as Freshman Class President and as an ABAC Ambassador. A founding father of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity at ABAC, he is a former National FFA Vice President. After completing his ABAC education, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural and Applied Economics from UGA in 2014.

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