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Allison Gordy (center) is congratulated by ABAC President David Bridges (left) and ABAC Alumni Association President Chuck Scarborough (right) at the recent ABAC commencement ceremony. Gordy received the ABAC Alumni Association Award as the top bachelor’s degree graduate participating in the ceremony.

Sharpsburg Resident Receives ABAC Alumni Association Award
TIFTON – Allison Faye Gordy, a natural resource management major specializing in wildlife, was awarded the ABAC Alumni Association Award for the top bachelor’s degree graduate participating in the recent commencement ceremony at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Gordy was selected through an application and interview process conducted by the ABAC Alumni Association. She received a plaque and a check for $500 from the ABAC Alumni Association.

ABAC Alumni Director Lynda Fisher said the Alumni Association decided to add the award for bachelor’s degree graduates in 2014 since over 1,100 students now major in bachelor’s degree programs at the institution.

Active in campus life, the Sharpsburg native served as president of the student chapter of The Wildlife Society this year. During her time at ABAC, she has also served as treasurer and historian for the Forestry Club, secretary and treasurer for the Forestry and Wildlife Club, and secretary of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Gordy has also been a Community Assistant in the residence halls where she was named Community Assistant of the semester in fall of 2011 and fall of 2012. She was named Community Assistant of the Year for 2013-2014.

Elected as the 2013 ABAC Homecoming Queen, Gordy has also been a member of the Campus Activities Board, the Residence Hall Association, and the Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

With an overall grade point average of 3.50, Gordy has now completed three ABAC degrees include associate degrees in forest technology and wildlife technology as well as her bachelor’s degree in natural resource management. She has been named a Superior Honor Student, a Distinguished Honor Student, and has made the Dean’s List and the President’s List.
Gordy described her time at ABAC as “a top-notch college experience full of lessons and memories I will cherish from now on.”

ABAC President David Bridges said a record-breaking 409 students completed the requirements for graduation at the end of the spring term. A total of 117 graduates received bachelor’s degrees, shattering the previous high of 67. The Stafford School of Business also set a record by awarding 24 bachelor’s degrees in business and economic development.

Dr. Beverly Sparks, an ABAC alumnus from the Class of ’76, was the guest speaker. Summer term classes begin at ABAC on June 1, and fall semester classes begin Aug. 12.

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