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Samuel Peraza (center) is congratulated by ABAC President David Bridges (left) and ABAC Alumni Association President Chuck Scarborough (right) during the college’s recent commencement ceremony. Peraza was awarded the George P. Donaldson award for the top associate degree graduate participating in the ceremony.

Loganville Native Receives George P. Donaldson Award
TIFTON – Samuel Elberto Peraza, a journalism major from Loganville, was awarded the prestigious George P. Donaldson Award as the top associate degree graduate participating in the ceremony at the recent graduation exercises at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

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

In his two years at ABAC, Peraza was selected as a member of the ABAC Ambassadors leadership team and as a soloist with the ABAC Concert Choir and ABAC Chamber Singers. He has also been a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, and the Cultura Latina Club.

Peraza is a staff member for the college’s award-winning campus newspaper, “The Stallion,” and won the Outstanding Senator Award in 2014 for his work with the Student Government Association. He was also a member of the Constitutional Congress this year which rewrote the entire SGA Constitution.

While maintaining a 3.82 grade point average, Peraza has been selected for the Dean’s List and has been recognized as an Honor Student and a Superior Honor Student. He has been accepted to Columbia University to continue his studies.

Describing his ABAC career, Peraza said, “it has taught me so many lessons that I will use throughout my lifetime. I have made lifelong friendships that I will never forget, and ABAC has helped me find myself during the process.”

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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