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Rooms Available for Students to Live On Campus at ABAC

TIFTON - Students who want to take advantage of the many benefits of living on campus can apply now for rooms that are still available for the fall semester at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Dr. Chris Kinsey, Director of Residence Life, said ABAC Lakeside and ABAC Place are at 86 percent occupancy for the fall term which begins on Aug. 12. The two complexes, which house almost 1,300 students, have been filled to capacity for the past two years when ABAC was the only college or university south of Macon in the University System of Georgia to see back-to-back fall term increases in enrollment.

"Signing up for housing early gives students the best opportunity to get the room type and roommate of their choice," Kinsey said. "Even when the student does not request a specific roommate, signing up early allows the student and Residence Life the best opportunity to make a successful roommate match."

Kinsey said ABAC Place is an apartment style facility designed to provide upperclassmen a comfortable home while encouraging academic excellence. The units are
mainly four-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments. There are a limited number of three-bedroom and Terrace Level apartments. Every student has a private bedroom in ABAC Place, which opened on Jan. 9, 2004.

ABAC Lakeside officially opened as a home for ABAC's living and learning communities on Aug. 20, 2007. It provides an opportunity for freshmen at ABAC to start their college careers with a home and a program specifically designed for their needs. Lakeside units are divided into two private bedrooms and a shared bathroom or two shared bedrooms with two shared bathrooms.

The average cost to live at ABAC Lakeside is $2,460 per semester for a two-person room and $2,125 for a four-person room. The ABAC Place apartments are $2,850 per semester.

"Students appreciate how close they are to their classes when living on campus," said Kinsey. "They also like the fact that utilities are included as well as the safety of housing. The gym, on-site convenience stores, grills, Lake Baldwin, the pool, and volleyball court are also welcomed amenities. We are beginning a major internet improvement project in campus housing, bringing an update to our ResNet system."

All rooms at ABAC Place and ABAC Lakeside are completely furnished. Students supply only the basics such as bedding and bath supplies. Students add to their rooms with throw pillows, photos, and other accessories to help with the transition of living away from home. Kinsey said students will begin moving in on Aug. 8.

Community Assistants are available to students living in both ABAC Place and Lakeside. They are peer leaders who live in the residence halls. They are responsible for facilitating community events, modeling appropriate college behavior, assisting with lock-outs, reporting
student conduct violations, conducting health and safety inspections, and assisting with check-in and check-out. There are a total of 35 CAs between both campus housing areas.

For more information on housing for the fall semester, students can contact the Office of Student Life and Housing at 229.391.5140.