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Thirty-One Coeds Compete for Ms. ABAC Title October 8

TIFTON – Thirty-one contestants will compete in the 47th annual Ms. ABAC contest on Oct. 8 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Sponsored by the Ag Business Club, the theme of this year’s pageant is “New Chapters . . . Old Traditions.”
The event begins at 7 p.m. in ABAC’s Howard Auditorium. Admission is $10. Because of limited seating, advance ticket purchase is advised. Tickets can be purchased from any Ag Business Club member or by calling Audrey Luke-Morgan at (229) 391-4807.

Contestants will compete in casual and evening wear. They will also be judged on a written essay and an interview with the judges.

Students competing in this year's pageant include Skyler Alexander, an agricultural education major from Warner Robins; Anna Ballinger, a family and consumer sciences major from Silver Creek, sponsored by the Rural Studies Club; Courtney Barber, a business major from Hinesville, sponsored by the ABAC Baseball Team; Katie Barlow, an agricultural education major from Eastman, sponsored by the ABAC Cattleman’s Association; Naomi Chance, a biology major from Cumming, sponsored by the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Affiliates; Kaylee Ewing, an accounting major from Dacula, sponsored by the ABAC College Republicans; Delaney Foster, a diversified agriculture major from Perry, sponsored by the Agriculture Engineering Technologies Club; Deidra Green, a rural studies-social and community development major from Sylvester, sponsored by the Family and Consumer Sciences Club; Savannah Hartley, a political science major from Glenwood, sponsored by the Residents Life and Housing Club; Kerstin Hilley, an early childhood education major from Oxford, sponsored by the ABAC Ambassadors; Dalanie Israel, a diversified agriculture major from Smithville, sponsored by ABAC’s Baptist Collegiate Ministries; and Bayleah Jackson, a diversified agriculture major from North, S.C., sponsored by ABAC’s Collegiate FFA; and.

Other contestants are Shannon Kehoe, an agricultural education major from Myakka City, Fla., sponsored by ABAC’s Collegiate FFA Ashton Lovett, an agriculture communications
major from Adel, sponsored by the Young Farmers Club; Katherine Lynch, a diversified agriculture major from Marietta, sponsored by Lynch Lawn Maintenance; Madison Lynn, a diversified agriculture major from Lyons, sponsored by the ABAC Agronomy Club; and Taylor Martin, a diversified agriculture major from Wrightsville, sponsored by the ABAC Agri-Life Council.

Other contestants include Ginger Orton, an agriculture communications major from Buena Vista, sponsored by ABAC’s Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow; Marisa Palmer, an agricultural education major from Watkinsville; Amy Perry, a diversified agriculture major from Moore Haven, Fla., sponsored by the Sigma Alpha sorority; Hillery Reeves, a rural studies-agriculture communications major from Rebecca, sponsored by the Rural Studies Club; Jennifer Richter, an animal science major from Snellville, sponsored by the ABAC Forestry Club; Myesha Robinson, a nursing major from Hinesville, sponsored by the ABAC Women’s Soccer Team; and Samantha Rowland, a nursing major from Cochran.

Also competing will be Brittany Sherrod, an agricultural business and animal science major from Swainsboro, sponsored by the ABAC Agronomy Club; Destinee Story, a wildlife and natural resources major from McDonough, sponsored by the ABAC Wildlife Society; Amanda Thomas, a rural studies-writing and communication major from Douglas, sponsored by Still Images Photography; Madison Thornhill, a rural studies-writing and communication major from Tifton, sponsored by the ABAC Ambassadors; Ashton Trouten, an animal science major from Cartersville, sponsored by the ABAC Circle K Club; Evelyn White, a family and consumer sciences major from Albany, sponsored by the Family and Consumer Sciences Club; and Malerie Whitehurst, a diversified agriculture major from Williston, Fla., sponsored by the ABAC Horseman’s Association.
Mike Chason, Director of Public Relations Emeritus, will serve as master of ceremonies. All proceeds from the Ms. ABAC pageant will benefit ABAC Scholarships, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and ABAC’s 2016 National Agri-Marketing Association Team.

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