Madison Lynn Crowned Ms. ABAC 2016

TIFTON— Madison Lynn, a sophomore diversified agriculture major from Vidalia, won the Ms. ABAC 2016 title on Thursday night before a sellout crowd in Howard Auditorium at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Sponsored by the Agronomy Club, the 5-foot-3 inch daughter of Shawn and Heather Lynn of Vidalia is a member of the ABAC Ambassadors, the Agronomy Club, and Baptist Collegiate Ministries. She will receive a $500 ABAC scholarship for winning the crown.

“It was an awesome experience,” Lynn said of the moment when her name was called as the winner. “The first thing I thought about was how I was going to meet people and tell them how proud I was to be a diversified agriculture major at ABAC.

“ABAC is everything I thought it would be and more. Whether it’s the professors or the students, I have that family away from home feeling every time I walk on the campus.”

Lynn plans to use her bachelor’s degree from ABAC to become a broker for an agriculture-based company. In the summer of 2016, she will be involved in a 12-week internship with Monsanto in a location which may range from Iowa to Idaho.

“Agriculture is very important in my life,” Lynn, who was the first runner-up in the 2015 Ms. ABAC event, said. “I believe the sun rises and sets with the farmer. The Lord has plans for me and my life.”
Other finalists included first runner-up Kaylee Ewing, an accounting major from Bold Springs; second runner-up Pamela Ashton Lovett, an agriculture communications major from Adel; third runner-up Delanie Israel, a diversified agriculture major from Smithville; and fourth runner-up Amanda Lynn Thomas, a technical writing and communication major from Douglas.

Ewing won the interview portion of the competition, and Jennifer Richter, an animal science major from Snellville, received the Ms. Congeniality award. Madison MaLynn Thornhill, a writing and communications major from Tifton, won the essay award, and Ginger Orton, an agriculture communications major from Ellaville, won the People’s Choice award.

The Ms. ABAC contest was sponsored by the ABAC Agricultural Business Club. The organization honored Mike Chason, director of public relations emeritus at ABAC, during the event for his 35th consecutive year of emceeing the pageant. A portion of the proceeds from the evening will benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

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