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Lenox Resident Will Receive Outstanding Health Care Professional Award

TIFTON—Alice “Kitty” Ray from Lenox will receive the 2016 Outstanding Health Care Professional Award on April 1 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College during the annual ABAC Alumni Association awards ceremony. The ceremony will recognize ABAC alumni who have impacted the college and their communities in significant ways.

Tickets for the 6 p.m. dinner and awards ceremony in Gressette Gym are $30 each. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 21. There will be no tickets sold at the event. Tickets can be purchased from the ABAC College Advancement Office at (229) 391-4895. For more information on the 2016 Homecoming Week, interested persons can visit the web site at www.abac.edu/homecoming.

The Outstanding Health Care Professional Award recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement, community service, and service to the College in the various areas of healthcare including but not limited to medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, and health care administration.
Now a part-time clinical instructor at ABAC, Ray graduated from ABAC’s nursing program in 1982 before receiving her B.S.A. from Georgia Southwestern and her M.S.N. from Albany State. She has been devoted to the field of nursing since 1972, when she began her nursing career as a part-time licensed practical nurse with Tift Regional Medical Center (TRMC). From 1982-1993, she served as a registered nurse at TRMC. She joined the ABAC faculty in 1993 as an instructor and assistant professor of nursing.

A member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society, Ray is involved with ABAC’s Run for the Nurses, the advisory committee for Tift County School of Practical Nurses, the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Alzheimer’s Association, and served as a member of the Patient Safety Advisory Council at TRMC.

Ray has also taught classes in CPR, developed an outreach program for local elementary schools on hygiene care and nutrition in the Tift, Ben Hill, and Berrien school systems, spoke at Tift County High School about careers in healthcare, and served on the Commerce, Business and Education Partnership Committee.

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