Madison Resident Named Outstanding Young Alumnus at ABAC

TIFTON—Marcus Pollard from Madison will receive the 2016 Outstanding Young Alumnus 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.

Advance 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 Young Alumnus Award is presented by the ABAC Alumni Association in recognition of alumni who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement, community service and service to the College. This award was initiated in 1981 by a group of former publications editors and staffers in honor of Helen Strickland.
Pollard received his associate degree in wildlife technology from ABAC in 2003 before completing his bachelor’s degree in wildlife and fisheries science from Tennessee Technological University; his M.A. of Education from Lipscomb University; and his education specialist in workforce education from UGA. A resident of Madison, Pollard teaches agricultural education at Newton College & Career Academy. In 2012-13, he was a visiting lecturer in Moscow, Russia with Clemson University’s study abroad program.

A member of the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, Quality Deer Management Association, and Ducks Unlimited, Pollard is also an executive board member for Piedmont Cattlemen’s Association, serves as director of the Piedmont Area Livestock Show, is a member of the Newton County Young Farmers through the Georgia Farm Bureau and coaches the Newton County 4-H Shooting Sports Team. He is certified in beekeeping, prescribed burning through the Georgia Forestry Commission, and first aid.

Pollard supports the ABAC School of Agriculture and Natural Resources and various FFA organizations. He serves as the volunteer chairman of the ABAC Ag Alumni Council and is heavily involved in the ABAC Ag Classic held annually at Forest Lakes Golf Club. He and his wife, Catrina, who is also an ABAC alumnus, have a one-year old son, Max.

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