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TIFTON – For the third consecutive year, the Stafford School of Business at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will host a Carry The Load Step-Off event on the campus beginning at 1 p.m. on April 28. Members of the community are invited to participate. This event involves a continuous two-mile relay through the campus that culminates with a send-off for the National Carry The Load Relay participants in a ceremony in front of Lewis Hall at 5 p.m.

The goal of Carry The Load is to restore the true meaning of Memorial Day by connecting Americans to the sacrifices of our military, law enforcement, firefighters, and rescue personnel. Carry The Load was established in 2011 by former Navy SEALS Clint Bruce and Stephen Holley.

The Step-Off will begin at Lewis Hall at 1 p.m. with a route through the campus and conclude at 5 p.m. with a short ceremony. After one loop is made through campus, participants will have the option of walking two different routes—the front circle of the campus or a specified 2-mile route within the college. The walk serves as a prelude to the National Carry The Load Relay which begins in West Point, N.Y., on May 1 and ends in Dallas, Texas, on Memorial Day.

In 2015, ABAC had 700 participants in the step-off event on campus. Seven ABAC students then walked or pedaled a bicycle the 2,000-mile trek from West Point to Dallas for the National Relay.

ABAC students participating in the National Relay this year are Rakeem Alexander, a business and economic development major from Moultrie; Ainsley Cash, a rural studies–writing and communication major from Gillsville; John Hall, a business and economic development major from Moultrie; Lane Riley, a business and economic development major from Adel; Russ Simpson, a biology major from Sparks; Rilea Stapf, a business and economic development major from Jackson; Rodney Troupe, a business and economic development major from Moultrie; Matt
Turner, a business and economic development major from Omega; Jalen Williams, a business and economic development major from Ocilla; Madison Woodson, a business and economic development major from Jesup; and Chevy Young, a business and economic development major from Brunswick.

For more information on ABAC’s Carry the Load Step-Off event, interested persons can contact the event coordinator via e-mail at tifton@carrytheload.org. To register to participate, go to www.carrytheload.org/tifton.

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