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ABAC Forestry Club Places First in Three Events at 2016 Conclave

TIFTON – Students from the Forestry Club and the Society of American Foresters Student Chapter at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College placed first in three different events at the recent Forestry Conclave sponsored by the Society of American Foresters at Clemson University.
Competing against major universities from across the nation, ABAC finished ninth overall. Jason Townley placed first in wood identification, Ben Rampy finished first in knife throwing and axe throwing, and Austin Morris wound up second in pole classification.

ABAC competed against Clemson, the University of Georgia, LSU, Auburn, Louisiana Tech, Alabama A&M, University of Florida, North Carolina State, University of Tennessee, University of Kentucky, Stephen F. Austin University, University of Arkansas Monticello, and Virginia Tech in the forestry competition which involved both physical and technical events.

Other events included traditional archery, crosscut sawing, pole felling, chain throw, log rolling, bow saw, pole climbing, log chopping, log burling, dendrology, wildlife identification, timber estimation, compass and pacing, Diameter at Breast Height estimation, and photogrammetry.

Advisors for the Forestry Club are Dr. Chris Kiser, assistant professor of forest resources, and Kip Hall, assistant professor of forest resources and head of the forestry technology program in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The ABAC Forestry Club was founded by forestry students in 2012. It is an official Society of American Foresters Student Chapter. The purpose of the club is to foster fellowship and personal and professional development. Major activities include management of the Nature Study Area, attending Society of American Foresters meetings and Quizbowl, and participation in the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Forestry Conclave.

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