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Johnson County Student Serves Second Term as SGA President at ABAC

TIFTON – Taylor Martin wrote her name in the history of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College this week when she accepted the challenge as the first president of the Student Government Association to serve two terms.
“I am thrilled to be serving my second term as SGA President and seeing so many great things at our institution get accomplished,” Martin said. “Knowing that I am a part of that is so humbling, and it gives me time to work on tasks that may take a while to come through. If I wasn’t getting a four-year degree here, I couldn’t serve two terms or be able to contribute as much as I have to ABAC.”

The diversified agriculture major from Johnson County is looking forward to what the new academic year has in store for SGA and the students of ABAC.

“My plans for the coming year include speaking at freshman orientation, convocation, Stallion Days, Honors Day, and other highly visible events to let students know that we are here to represent them and their voice,” Martin, the daughter of Rodney and Jan Martin, said. “I also look forward to learning more about Board of Regents policy and assisting administration in enforcing that policy. And of course, I can’t wait to have a hand in our ‘Destination ABAC’ strategic plan and watch it unfold.”

Martin said the SGA had a lot of success this year. SGA members were able to reach students during Campus Safety Week in November and have plans to do that event again this fall. A more involved Town Hall meeting with ABAC President David Bridges is also on Martin’s agenda.

Another goal is for ABAC to serve as the host for a Board of Regents Student Advisory Council conference.

“I want the student body presidents from colleges and universities all over the state to see everything that ABAC has to offer and why we love it here,” Martin said. “It would be a great learning experience for everyone.”
During her high school career, Martin held numerous leadership positions in FFA, 4-H, and Student Government. She has also been active as a member of several organizations at ABAC.

Martin was bitten by the political bug during her first semester at ABAC when she visited the State Capitol with the ABAC Collegiate Young Farmers program. While there she discussed current issues with members of the State Senate, Commissioner of Agriculture Gary Black, and several lobbyists.

Martin says that it is essential to be engaged in campus life outside of the four walls of a classroom. She also firmly believes in building relationships between students and faculty and recognizes that every accomplishment is a team effort.

“We have a wonderful team of dedicated students who are going to be a huge asset in getting things done on the campus,” Martin said. “I am looking forward to a great year.”

Summer term classes begin at ABAC on May 31. Fall semester classes begin Aug. 10.

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