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ABAC Opens New Lab Sciences Building July 27

TIFTON – Students enrolled in the bachelor’s degree program in biology at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will begin the upcoming fall semester with an ultra-modern laboratory sciences building open to them around the clock.
Doors to the brand new $8.5 million-dollar laboratory sciences building will open for the first time on July 27 at a 10 a.m. ceremony, which is open to the public. The two-story structure will house a number of labs that will allow students to work on research projects 24 hours a day.

“Biology majors will have access to the most current technology and techniques in these laboratories,” Dr. Johnny Evans, Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics, said. “Upperclassmen will also have access any time of the day or night to complete research projects.”

ABAC President David Bridges said the new building would not have been possible without the support of Governor Nathan Deal, members of the Georgia General Assembly, and the Board of Regents. He also directed special thanks to the ABAC Foundation.

“Seven million dollars of this project came from the State of Georgia through general obligation bonds,” Bridges said. “The remainder of the project was funded by the ABAC Foundation which proves once again just how crucial private support is to this institution.”

Evans said students from all majors on campus will gain tremendous benefits from the new facility.

“The building will have specialized labs for the science majors, however, all ABAC students will use the general biology, chemistry, and the anatomy and physiology labs while they complete their core requirements,” Evans said. “This is a facility that will engage all ABAC students in studying modern scientific techniques and topics.”

The building features eight laboratories focusing on general biology, microbiology, molecular biology, general chemistry, tissue culture, organic chemistry, and
anatomy/physiology. Preparation rooms support each lab. Students also have ample space in the building for study groups and discussion areas.

Fall semester classes begin Aug. 10 at ABAC.

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