

ABAC Foundation Annual Report 2021-2022





From Our Foundation Chair

Niki Vanderslice

Transitions are an occasion for transformation. While transitions can present challenges, transitions also present a motivating factor for growth and progress moving us forward toward unexperienced opportunity.

With his retirement at the end of July 2022, I want to personally thank Dr. David Bridges for his many contributions as our longest serving President. His vision and determination brought ABAC to new heights with new and improved degree programs and facilities. Dr. Bridges set the path for the future of ABAC with the addition of bachelor's degrees and the renovation

and transformation of the front of campus which is a breathtaking reminder of his legacy at ABAC. You can read more about his positive and lasting impact on ABAC in the article by Mike Chason included in this Annual Report. Dr. Bridges – we thank you for all you have done for ABAC and wish you the very best.

As we wish Dr. Bridges well, we also celebrate the arrival of the 11th President of ABAC, Dr. Tracy Brundage. Dr. Brundage is an accomplished leader in higher education and brings a strong focus on workforce development to ABAC to complement our longstanding history of preparing students who are ready for the workforce. I look forward to having the ABAC Foundation work closely with her in the years to come for the benefit of this wonderful College.

In this 2021-2022 Annual Report, we look back on the previous year to say a sincere “thank you” for your generosity to ABAC. With another record setting year of fundraising and support for the College, we are poised for even brighter days ahead with your continued generosity. Clearly, our alumni and friends believe that ABAC is a great investment! In addition to having a record-breaking fundraising year, our endowment has grown from \$12.4 million in 2015 to more than \$17 million today.

As the Chair of the ABAC Foundation and an ABAC alumna, I am honored to represent more than 53,000 alumni and countless friends who believe in ABAC.

Please commit to joining me in making your own investment in ABAC's future in the years ahead.

Niki Knox Vanderslice
Chair, ABAC Foundation Board of Trustees
Class of 2000

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The John W. and Margaret Jones Langdale Forest at Willis Still Road. Learn more on page 4.



From Our President

Dr. Tracy Brundage

It is my great honor to serve as the 11th president of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. You know that I've only been in my position for a couple of months, but I can already tell you that ABAC is a very special place. I'm looking forward to being a part of the ABAC Family for years to come.

Before I came to ABAC, I had the privilege of serving as president of Keystone College in Northeastern Pennsylvania for over four years. We moved to Tifton in late July, and I became well acquainted with gnats and the dog days of summer. Not complaining. Small price to pay for winters without several feet of snow! Everyone has been so gracious. Well represented statewide, nationally, and internationally, we are so proud that these students made ABAC their college of choice.

Each time I have a chance to interact with a current student or an alum, I ask them why they chose ABAC. A familiar theme continues to emerge. They chose ABAC because of our intimate hands-on learning environment, vibrant campus life, affordable tuition, and excellent outcomes. Our alumni are living testimonies of the value of an ABAC education. ABAC has a tremendous legacy, and I will work diligently to build on that legacy while steering a path forward into the future. For colleges and universities to remain relevant in today's higher education environment, the vision and strategies need to be innovative and bold. That's my plan for ABAC.

For any college, it's important to articulate a clear vision but it's even more important the vision and strategy of the institution align. Together, we will chisel out a clear vision, and then we'll work hard to adopt and implement strategies that support that vision. ABAC has so much potential. That helps a lot. We are on a train that's moving. We just have to stay on the right track. ABAC's vision should guide the institution into the future and represent collective needs. My goal is to state the purpose, what we are working to achieve, and effectively advance the institution. Vision inspires planning, and planning enables forward movement despite the challenges in the landscape. And yes, there are challenges. Higher education was disrupted prior to the pandemic, and that disruption has only accelerated in recent years.

This college has a history of success in many areas, and you don't have to go far to see pivotal moments of evolution which were necessary to remain competitive and provide transformational experiences for our students. Former students will be talking about their ABAC experiences for a lifetime.

Now, more than ever, we need to communicate common goals, identify strategic areas for growth, determine which degree pathways best serve our students and their prospective employers, and continue to provide high quality programs at an affordable price. As a committed supporter, your assistance will allow us to continue to forge ahead in serving our students. Help us grow this next generation of Stallions. ABAC is a great college with an incredible mission, a strong return on investment, and an incredible asset for Georgia, this country, and the world. I'm ready. Let's go.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy L. Brundage". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Tracy Brundage, Ph.D.
President, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

"Thanks to the hard work of the faculty and staff, we opened our doors to over 3,600 students this fall from 155 of Georgia's 159 counties, 58 of Florida's 67 counties, 16 different states, and 26 countries."

A Year to Remember

ABAC Dedicates John W. and Margaret Jones Langdale Forest

With a brilliant canopy of blue sky covering 944 acres of timberland, ABAC dedicated the John W. and Margaret Jones Langdale Forest at Willis Still Road in April. “Students of the past, present, and future need to understand the sacrifice, investment, and gift of money, mind, and effort that has already been invested in the John W. and Margaret Jones Langdale Forest,” Dr. David Bridges said as he stood under a giant oak tree on the property. Bridges pointed out the long history of the Langdale family with ABAC and the forest industry. “The Langdale family is intricately woven into the fabric of ABAC,” Bridges said. “ABAC has had no greater friends or loyal supporters than the Langdale family.” Trees cover 60 to 70 percent of the landscape, but the property also includes two fields, several pastures, and two ponds, one of those a 15-acre masterpiece of nature. Deer, gopher tortoises, mourning doves, turkeys, and quail have been sighted in the forest, and other species of wildlife should thrive in the tall stands of timber.

New Degree Programs and Tracks

Building on some of its existing strengths, ABAC will soon offer new bachelor's degree programs and a new track within the popular Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. When these new degree programs begin, ABAC will have 14 bachelor's degree programs across its four schools of study.

- The Agricultural Technology Management degree will prepare students for technical careers focused on problem solving, systems analysis, and management in the production, processing, or manufacturing of agricultural materials. Students will combine an understanding of the agricultural,

biological, and physical sciences with business, managerial, and technical skills.

- The Criminal Justice degree will be offered as a part of the USG's eMajor initiative, and students will have the opportunity to complete the online Criminal Justice B.S. degree while selecting from one of three tracks: general track, law enforcement track, or social justice track.
- Environmental Studies is an interdisciplinary field that draws on courses from the natural sciences, as well as the social sciences and even the humanities. This track will position ABAC biology students to help address the complex nature of contemporary environmental issues and prepare graduates for a wide variety of related careers.

Dedications Honor Chason and Merrill

ABAC honored the work of former administrators Mike Chason and Melvin Merrill with room dedications in November. The History Room in Tift Hall became the Michael D. Chason ABAC History Room and the Veterans Lounge in the Carlton Center became the Melvin L. Merrill ABAC Veterans Center.

Chason retired from ABAC in 2011 after a distinguished 32-year career as the Director of Public Relations, but has continued working most recently as Acting Vice President for Communications and Transition. Merrill served in a variety of administrative roles at ABAC for 42 years, first as Director of Development before moving on to other roles including Chief Development Officer, President of the ABAC Foundation, Inc., and Director of Capital Planning. Merrill retired in 2015 but continued to work as ABAC's Director of Capital Planning until 2020 on a part time basis. Upon his retirement, he was named ABAC Foundation President Emeritus.



Highlights of the 2021-2022 Year

School of Agriculture and Natural Resources Updates Learning Areas

During the 2021-2022 school year, ABAC made improvements, updates, and expansions to some of the experiential learning facilities within the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

- Located off Hutchinson Road, Beef Unit 2 is approximately two miles from ABAC's campus. This expansion of ABAC's beef cattle operation will offer additional hands-on learning opportunities. When complete, this learning facility will offer a livestock handling facility, instructional areas, and more.
- DATA (Demonstrating Applied Technology in Agriculture) Farm focuses on preparing students for the emerging field of agricultural technology. The agricultural industry has continually been moving toward incorporating real-time data collection and analysis as a solution to meet the demands of the future. New facilities will play a key role in preparing our students with the latest innovations.
- The majority of majors in the agricultural areas have the opportunity to learn at the J.G. Woodroof Farm at some point in their academic careers. "The Farm," as it's commonly referred to, offers a place for many of ABAC's agricultural classes to meet. The Farm Shop has undergone a complete update that includes larger, traditional instruction areas, an open-air shop that can be used for labs/trainings, and more.
- Let there be light! The driving range and the putting green at ABAC's Forest Lakes golf course is now illuminated. The 9-hole course is open until sunset seven days a week while the lit areas are open until 8:00 P.M. The course is maintained by an elite group of ABAC environmental horticulture students who use the golf facility as a learning lab for future employment in the turfgrass and golf course management industry.

ABAC Economic Impact Over \$429 Million on South Georgia

With a strong bounce back over the pandemic year, ABAC had an economic impact of \$429,357,879 on South Georgia during the 2020-21 fiscal year. Dr. Renata Elad, Dean of the Stafford School of Business, said the college forged ahead from an economic impact of over \$390 million during the 2020 fiscal year.

"ABAC's numbers show that we are edging closer to pre-pandemic levels," Elad, who analyzed the data from the University System of Georgia (USG) report said. It showed that the USG contributed a total of \$19.3 billion to Georgia's economy between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021.

Faculty and Staff Recognized for Excellence

Spring semester is always an exciting conclusion for the academic year. In Spring 2022, several faculty and staff were honored for their commitment to ABAC including the following:

- Dr. Rachael Price, W. Bruce and Rosalyn Ray Donaldson Excellence in Teaching
- Diantha Ellis, W. Bruce and Rosalyn Ray Donaldson Excellence in Advising
- Dr. Frank Flanders, W. Bruce and Rosalyn Ray Donaldson Excellence in Student Engagement
- Dr. Nicholas Urquhart, E. Lanier Carson Leadership Award
- Vickie Wilson, Roy Jackson, Sr. Award for Staff Excellence



Bridges Made His Mark

Dr. David Bridges retired on July 31 after 16 years and one month as the President of ABAC. His accomplishments approach legendary status.

A native of Parrott, Georgia, Bridges is the only ABAC president to have once been an ABAC student, receiving his ABAC associate degree in 1978 before completing his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Auburn University and his Ph.D. at Texas A&M University. Prior to becoming the 10th president in the history of ABAC on July 1, 2006, Bridges was the Assistant Dean of the Tifton Campus of the University of Georgia's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. He joined the UGA faculty in 1987 as an assistant professor in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences.

Bridges, who turned 64 this summer, retires as one of the most accomplished presidents in the 114-year history of ABAC. After offering only associate degrees for 75 years, the college began offering bachelor's degrees under Bridges' leadership in 2008. ABAC now offers 14 different

bachelor's degrees with an enrollment that reaches toward 3,600 students from 155 of Georgia's 159 counties, 58 of Florida's 67 counties, 26 countries, and 18 states. Bridges cited the introduction of bachelor's degrees as

his greatest accomplishment at ABAC. He said several of the degree programs required extraordinary work and patience. "Many people doubted whether ABAC could ever offer a bachelor's degree in Forestry or Agricultural Education," Bridges said. "It did take a long time, but we did it."

In 2010, Bridges navigated the addition of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture to the ABAC campus. Formerly known as the Georgia Agrirama, the facility is still open to the public, and ABAC students guide thousands of school children annually through the museum in the Destination Ag program. Bridges also masterminded an incredible project to rehabilitate the entire front of campus, which culminated in 2012, with the renovation of ABAC's three original buildings, Tift Hall, Lewis Hall, and Herring Hall. Bridges paved the way for the implementation of the Freedom Gallery in Tift Hall, a room which honors Medal of Honor recipient and ABAC alumnus, Harold Bascom Durham, Jr., and all other veterans.

In 2017 and 2018, Bridges concentrated his efforts on the consolidation of the former Bainbridge State College into ABAC. Using an incredible amount of determination and stick-to-itiveness, he made certain all the pieces for the merger finally fell into place. ABAC now has a Bainbridge location for students in that area. In 2020, ABAC added Edwards Hall to the front of the campus. A sparkling, multi-purpose facility, which provides a home for the ABAC music and fine arts program, including large practice facilities for the Concert Band and Concert Choir.

Other highlights of Bridges' years at ABAC include the acquisition of the 944-acre John W. and Margaret Jones Langdale Forest at Willis Still Road, and the opening of the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation, which has a statewide mission. He is now the Director of the Center, after serving as acting director since it was created in 2018.

Through Bridges' work with the ABAC Foundation, Inc., the college now offers \$1,000,000 in scholarships

for students, the largest amount of scholarship funds in the history of ABAC. The Foundation's net assets have doubled during Bridges' tenure.

At the May 2022 afternoon commencement ceremony, Bridges became only the second person in history to receive the Abraham

Baldwin Distinguished Service Award. Political icon and ABAC alumnus, George T. Smith is the other recipient. At the morning commencement ceremony, Bridges received a full color book with a story and pictures covering his ABAC tenure as an appreciation gift from the students, faculty, and staff of ABAC. "This is just too much," Bridges said. "It has been a pleasure being the President of ABAC. I have so many memories. ABAC is where my heart is."

There are two special days that Bridges treasured each year. "Graduation days are the days I will miss the most," Bridges said. "Seeing those students walk across that stage are always my favorite days at ABAC. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my alma mater. It has been the greatest of times for me."

Written by Mike Chason, Acting Vice President for Communications and Transition

"My goal was to transform ABAC from a two-year college into a senior college of excellence," Bridges said. "I believe we have done that. ABAC is the leading producer of undergraduates who work and lead Georgia's number one industry, agriculture. ABAC also has the largest and best nursing program in South Georgia."



Dr. Ernest Edwards, A Friend of ABAC

Since the founding of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, the institution has had many outstanding professors, and one of the most esteemed was Dr. Ernest Edwards who taught in the Humanities Division and also served as its Chairman. He was known as an outstanding teacher, a concert pianist, an accomplished organist, and a loyal patron of ABAC. He understood the college and the students as he observed the thinking and the changes that were a part of the viable ABAC world.

One morning he was conversing with Rosalyn Ray, who later became Rosalyn Ray Donaldson, a very dear friend and colleague. She casually asked him, "Why do we teach here?" Dr. Edwards did not answer immediately, but several days later, he returned to her office and casually handed her a piece of paper, and commented: "Here's your answer; this is why we teach here."

Dr. Edwards developed this tribute as he sat in his office on the second floor of Tift Hall, the area where all of the Humanities courses were taught at that time. As he overlooked the vista of what is now known as the Sweetheart Circle, he composed this poetical prose that so clearly depicts the ABAC strength and power. The original was typed on a state-of-the-art electric typewriter of that day, the early 1970s, but his words are as true today as they were when he wrote them. Truly, Dr. Edwards defined why we teach at and love this outstanding college.

Written by Mrs. Rosalyn Ray Donaldson

Pictured Left: Rosalyn Ray Donaldson, pictured next to the portrait of Ernest Edwards, with the original, framed copy of "Abraham Baldwin College, What it Means to Me"

Pictured Right: ABAC's Edwards Hall, named for Ernest Edwards, serves as ABAC's Fine Arts building



Abraham Baldwin College, What It Means to Me

by Ernest Edwards

It is the great adventure of touching and being touched by hundreds of lives. It is the joy of saying, "I have found something which will make life so much fuller, richer, more satisfying; I want to share with you; I want you to know these things." It is the awesome awareness of knowing that you might be helping to mold a life. It is the immense satisfaction of seeing a face say, "I know; now I understand."

It is the innate sense of what is right, the solid dependability and sense of responsibility which many of our students learn from their lives on the farm... their love of the "good earth," the exciting smell of a well-turned furrow, the anticipation of what the planted seed will bring forth, their love of these things basic to our material existence... their natural wholesomeness and goodness like that of the land from which they come.

It is the easy camaraderie between faculty and students... the good-humored joking and teasing between them. It is the feeling- -whether we be president, teacher, student, janitor- -that we are all, first of all human beings and that we are all traveling the same road and that we are all, in spite of different views, sincerely interested in saying, "This is my school, and I am proud to be a part of it."

It is the crepe myrtle beneath my window, covering itself in spring like a powder puff with purple blossoms... the dogwoods framing the door of the student center.... the purple wisteria covering the pine tree on the front campus... the magnificent oaks adorning themselves in spring as no artist ever could.

It is the mocking bird who, filled with nature's music, sits on a branch outside the window and joins in while I play for a music appreciation class. It is the voices of tennis players or swimmers- - strong, young, enthusiastic, but content and happy- - that float through the open door of my studio as I practice.

It is the freedom of open spaces, of gently rolling stretches of grass beneath South Georgia Pines.

It is in like manner to those of us who teach the freedom to search for the truth and to teach the truth we believe it to be.

It is the warmth and security of friends who become closer and dearer as the years pass... the comfort and beauty of things made familiar by daily use... the joy of people and things. It is the immense richness of a life spent with the strength, the challenge, the beauty of young people- - an experience which for us at this college is perhaps unique and different, but tremendously rewarding.

It is the bustle and excitement of the beginning again which comes with each new quarter... another chance... the fresh page, unsoiled and unspoiled. It is the sadness of coming to the end... the words unsaid... the lessons unlearned... the loneliness of empty halls- - the faces seen no more.

Admittedly, Abraham Baldwin is not Utopia, for we have the mistakes, the faults, the inadequacies that many schools have. There is the disappointment, the deep hurt when some of our students betray those who love them, those who trust them, but more important when they betray themselves. It is the realization, disquieting and oftentimes bitter, that some will fail, some will not fulfill their tremendous potential nor realize their goals, some will meet agonizing defeat. Along these same paths many of us have been, but because there are paths over which everyone must walk alone, all we can do is to wish, and wait, and watch- - but we are not unmindful nor are we unfeeling.

It is all these things and more, for it is that oftentimes frustrating and disappointing but always vibrantly exciting experience which is the Great Adventure of Living.



Alumni Association Lifetime Members

For information on becoming an annual or lifetime member of the Alumni Association, visit www.abac.edu/alumni or call 229.391.4900. Monthly contribution plans are available for lifetime memberships.

James Lee Adams
Reggie Adamson
Paula and Scott Addy
Kayla Alexander
Quay and Jimmy Allen
Jim Anderson
Martha and John Andrews
Susan and Ron Bannister
Karla Basko
Kyle Basko
Beverly Bauerband
Gloria Beard
Andy Bell
Marshall Bennett
Jordan and Justin Bentley
Suzanne and Daniel Bentley
Diana and Richard Bigler
Robert Boatwright
Sandy and Rick Bostelman
William Bowen
Elna Bragdon
JoAnn and Billy Brannen
Kim and David Bridges
Matthew Bridges
Taylor Bruce
Betty and David Carlson
Lindsey and Nate Carney
Slayten Carter
Bill Clark
Kaytlyn Cobb
Lavonne and Ben Copeland
Cathy Cox
Carrie and Joseph Crabtree
Yvonne and Johnny Crawford
Pamela Crews
Joanne Cutler
Jennifer and Patrick Davies
Derwin Davis
Tracy Dodson
Joni Dunn
Faith and Nathan Dupree
Bob Dutton
Michael DuVall
Braven Dyer
Cindy Epperly
Buster Evans
Vonda and Van Fenn
Ronnie Few
Daniel Fisher
Lynda Fisher
Matthew Fisher
Dixon Fletcher
Terri and Daniel Gibson
Elizabeth and John Gibson
Charlsy Godowns
Haleigh Goodroe
Jim Graham
Ann and Larry Graham
Jill and George Granade

Bernard Green
Jeffrey Griffin
Monika and Keith Griner
Jimmy Grubbs
Jody Haley
Michael Hall
Delia and Harry Hamm
Al Hammond
Chad Hancock
Alex Hardy
Tyler Harper
Jonathan Harris
Virginia and Scott Hart
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Coleman Hice
Randi and John Hickman
Michelle Higdon
Louise Hill
Savannah and Dan Hobby
James Holcomb
Sandra and James Holton
Deidra and Rollins Jackson
Kimberly Jacobs
Kaycee Jones
Keri Jones
Donna King
Cheryl Koehler
Alan Kramer
Jane Lee
Jack Legg
Gerald Long
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Audrey Luke-Morgan
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Tim Marshall
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Janet McGill
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Ann and Dick McNerney
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Jeff Odom
Laurie Oldham
Chip O'Neal
Ernesto Ortiz-Ariza
Taylor and Gabriel Outlaw
Amy Palmer
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Judy Perry
Louie Perry

Keith Phillippi
Melissa Pierzchajlo
Catrina and Marcus Pollard
Zach Postin
Scott Purvis
Eddie Reddick
Jill Robbins
Jule Rogers
Bryce Roland
Julie and Keith Rucker
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Vivian Russum
Sheila and Allen Sanders
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Josie Smith
Suzanne Smith
Jodie and Matt Snow
Richard Spancake
Troy Spicer
Elaine and Steve Spooner
Bo Spooner
Greg Spooner
Ada Beth Spruill
Tom Stallings
Trish Strawn
Johnathon Strickland
Robert Swan
Maurice Sweat
Robert Tindell
Zach Tomberlin
James Tootle
Zona Townsley
Laura Beth and Tony Tucker
Betty and George Turk
Sonny Turner
Niki and Ed Vanderslice
Ryan VanHorn
Tom Wade
Glen Warnock
Donald E. Watson
Victoria and Cody Whiddon
Hayley and Perry White
Holly and Buck White
Josh White
Perry White
Jay A. Williams
Amy Willis
Andrea and Vernon Willis
Glenn Willis
Sephus Willis
Shirley Wilson
Randy Wise
Elaine Wright
Josh Zeigler

Alumni Spotlight

Steve Pass

In the fall of 1970, a light blue 1963 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport parked in front of Lewis Hall and upon emerging from the car, Steve Pass started his journey at ABAC.

At the time, Lewis Hall served as a men's dormitory and "had no air conditioning, no carpet, and steam-radiated heat." Steve recalls his move-in experience sharing, "Back then, they just assigned you a building, not a room or a roommate." Thanks to his early arrival, he had his pick of rooms and was lucky to meet a great roommate.

Steve's path to ABAC started on his family's cattle farm in Buford, Georgia. Throughout school, he was involved in FFA and 4-H and has many memories of showing cows and going to camp at Rock Eagle. When it was time to think about college, Steve wasn't sure what his plan was, but shares that his father would say, "It's not if you're going to college, but where you're going to college." It was his FFA advisor who gave him an ABAC pamphlet. He applied and was on his way.

After graduating from a class of 100 at North Gwinnett High School, Steve was "out of his element" when he arrived on campus, but "life at ABAC was a perfect fit," he shares. He quickly made friends, and they tackled life at ABAC together, joining organizations such as the Baptist Student Union, the Agriculture Club, and 4-H.

In their free time, Steve and his friends would shoot pool at Kendricks, go squirrel hunting on the Alapaha River, work on their cars, and play scrimmage football. In the spring quarter of '72, Steve and his pals applied to the University of Georgia. They were all accepted and moved to Athens together.

At UGA, Steve studied poultry science where his course load was full of tough classes such as chemistry, biology, and embryology. During the summers, he worked for a steel company in Norcross, Georgia. When it was time to graduate, they asked him to join their company full time.

In 1974, Steve began his successful 45-year career in the steel business with Combustion Engineering. He learned the business from the ground up, traveled the world, and ultimately served as the Vice President of Product Development.

Looking back, there were many impactful relationships Steve built at ABAC. He recalls the professors who made learning course material a good experience, and the friends he made which are still in his life today. They spent time together as recently as ABAC's 2022 Homecoming when they came to campus to join in the festivities. However, it was Mr. Baldwin Davis, Steve's academic advisor, who played a transformative role in his life.

As an advisor, Davis was responsible for helping Steve pick his courses, yet he went above and beyond. Steve shares, "Compared to a small high school, ABAC was difficult and that's where Mr. Davis helped me. He took time with me, and he was more than just a teacher. He was a true advisor and friend. He even helped me get a job in the afternoons at the experiment station." Davis had a lifelong impact on Steve. They stayed in touch long after Steve graduated from ABAC until Davis passed away in the 1981.

In 2021, Steve decided to give back to the college where he started his undergraduate career by supporting students pursuing a degree in agriculture. In a true testament to Davis' impact on his life, Steve named the scholarship in his honor. Today, the Baldwin Davis Memorial Scholarship continues that legacy of support started so many years ago.

These days, Steve is enjoying retirement. When he is not traveling the world with his wife, or attending car shows, you can find him tinkering with his collection of antique cars. Among his collection is a light blue 1963 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport, the very same one that sat in front of Lewis Hall in the fall of 1970.





Green & Gold Society

ABAC Alumni Association

Gold Level

Daniel M. Bentley	2012
Randi M. Hickman	2012
Allen W. Sanders	2012
Jordan N. Beard	2013
Suzanne B. Bentley	2013
Reba W. Selph	2013
Holly E. White	2013
Karla G. Basko	2014
Brenda N. Doss	2014
Faith N. Dupree	2014
Laurel N. Higginbotham	2014
Elizabeth S. Mastrario	2014
Sunny N. Sparrow	2014
Caitlin M. Slaughter	2014
Andrew E. Smith	2014
Michael K. Basko	2015
Nathaniel H. Dupree	2015
Cassidy N. Reeh Forbes	2015
Sarah A. Rooks	2015
Sheila Sanders	2015
Gordon D. MacQuirter	2016
Gabriel A. Outlaw	2016
Josie L. Smith	2016
Brittney M. Turner	2016
Taylor R. Turner	2016
Cody E. Whiddon	2016
Victoria L. Whiddon	2016
Justin Exum	2016
Savannah L. Brown	2017
Charlsy C. Godowns	2017
Amanda L. Moore	2017
Jonathon J. Moore	2017
Taylor M. Outlaw	2017
Alexandra N. Ikner	2019
Landon P. Rowe	2019
Mitchel L. Sheffield	2019
Jesse T. Burton	2020
Michael J. DuVall	2020
Johnathon T. Strickland	2021

Emerald Level

Zebb L. Luster	2012
Ernesto Oritz-Ariza	2012
Esthela Lopez	2012
Sheila Ridley	2013
Tripp J. Colter	2014
Ronnie M. Few	2014
Dixon J. Fletcher	2014
Lori W. White	2014
Kayla C. Mercer Gonzales	2014
Brad S. Barbee	2015
Allison Colter	2015
Matthew C. Reid	2015

Kayla K. Alexander	2016
Kaytlyn A. Cobb	2016
Matthew T. Gonzales	2016
Vivian K. Russum	2016
Craig A. Garey	2017
Emily S. Mc Nerney	2017
Zachary T. Postin	2017
Jordan L. Bentley	2018
Brice A. Bonds	2019
Caleb R. Brown	2019
Carmen A. Counts	2019
Coleman W. Hice	2019
Michaela L. Smith	2019
Lauren Stanley	2019
Heather E. Kinsey	2020
Ava Jane Teasley	2022

Bronze Level

Alexander S. Fells	2012
Mary W. Spurlin	2012
Ashley F. Varnum	2012
Benjamin S. Varnum	2012
Marshall R. Bennett, III	2013
Sarah J. Herring	2013
Grace L. Nyhuis	2013
Jacob M. Nyhuis	2013
Seth T. Poppell	2013
Arthur W. Buchanan, III	2014
Randall T. Chambers	2014
Alex L. Chism	2014
Riley G. Davis	2014
Julia B. Wooldridge	2014
Kristen R. McHugh	2014
Eliceo C. Soto	2014
Jazmin C. Thomas	2014
Laura Agundis	2015
Tonia A. Carpenter	2015
Benjamin R. Carson	2015
Slayten M. Carter	2015
Gentry D. Cater	2015
Kendall C. Cooper	2015
Ana Martinez	2015
Trena C. Prewitt	2015
Shane A. Rahn	2015
Brianna Young	2015
Lissi C. Chism	2016
Joshua G. Clements	2016
Hillery S. Culpepper	2016
Randall T. Hester	2016
Luis I. Mendez	2016
Jarad E. Plair	2016
Schyler S. Slaybaugh	2016
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Green & G.O.L.D. Spotlight

Brice Bonds



To talk to Brice Bonds is to talk to someone who bleeds green and gold. When asked about his time as an ABAC student, Brice shares, “My experience at ABAC was the best time of my life.”

ABAC was not the original plan for Brice, but he fell in love with the campus while visiting for a Stallion Day. “A lot of people don’t think about the smaller colleges, but I am

thankful everyday [for my choice]. I feel like I got a better experience going to ABAC.”

When Brice first came to ABAC, he faced challenges because of his disability. Brice has cerebral palsy, and he initially feared he would be judged for his physical appearance. That quickly changed as he got embedded into campus life. Though initially hesitant, Brice chose to rush Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) his freshman year and quickly found a place for himself among the other young men in the fraternity. Through the connections, support, and encouragement of his AGR brothers, Brice became more confident in himself and his abilities.

Brice loved the connections that came from his time as a student at ABAC. He shares, “There are so many good things about ABAC, but the relationships I built while I was there is the best part. Everyone’s so friendly and that made it easy to make those lifelong connections I found. It really does feel like a family at ABAC.”

This sense of belonging and community found in AGR and ABAC influenced Brice to become more involved on campus. He was an active member of AGR for the entirety of his undergraduate program and served as both an AGR officer and a member of the Greek Council. “I was able to get involved on campus and it broadened my horizons,” Brice said. As a student majoring in both diversified agriculture and agribusiness, Brice also participated in clubs like the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT), and Agripreneurs. He attended meetings at the Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) and was involved in the Stallion Society for a summer.

ABAC is full of opportunities, and Brice recommends that current students take advantage of these experiences by getting involved and getting out of their comfort zone. Brice explained, “If there’s a guest speaker at a club meeting that sounds interesting, just go—even if you’re not a member of the club. Don’t only take advantage of the academic opportunities but also take advantage of the extracurricular and branch out, on and off campus. Don’t walk away from ABAC wishing you had done something.”

After graduating from ABAC in 2019, Brice began graduate school at Clemson University. Brice enjoyed his experience at Clemson, but it also made him further appreciate and miss his time at ABAC.

Brice graduated from Clemson in 2021 with a master’s degree in agricultural education and recently started his career as an extension educator with the 4-H program in Coffee County.

Today, Brice remains connected to ABAC as a member of the Alumni Association and the Green & G.O.L.D. Society. “I’ll do anything for ABAC. I feel like I owe ABAC for where I am personally and professionally. In the future, I want to keep growing, keep learning, and hopefully stay connected and involved with ABAC.”

Written by Skyla Turner, Advancement Intern

What is the Green & G.O.L.D. Society?

The Green & G.O.L.D. Society was created to recognize our amazing graduates of the last decade for giving back to ABAC through attending alumni events, volunteering, and donating to support future generations of ABAC students. Interested in joining? Visit abac.edu/alumni or contact Randi Hickman at randi.hickman@abac.edu



Alumni Association Award Winners

The ABAC Alumni Association recognizes outstanding alumni each year during Homecoming, and it is our distinct pleasure to showcase the accomplishments and contributions of these individuals. Alumni awards have been a tradition at ABAC since the Master Farmer award was first presented in 1955. Our 2022 class of award winners are representatives of many different generations of outstanding alumni.



Distinguished Alumnus Award

Rick and Sandy Bostelman are the first couple to receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Rick graduated from ABAC in 1966 with a degree in Animal Science. Sandy majored in home economics and also graduated in 1966. This couple is deeply dedicated to their community. The pair serves on many community boards and are active participants in the Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, First Baptist Church of Fitzgerald, Communities in Schools, Fitzgerald Arts Council, Pilot Club, and more! They are Lifetime Members of the ABAC Alumni Association, donors to several scholarship endowments, and always looking for a way to tell the ABAC story to potential students and others.



Master Agriculturalist Award

Walter Stephens attended ABAC during the Summer of 1959. He later attended the University of Georgia and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science. Walter is a member of the ABAC President's Club and recently created an endowed scholarship at ABAC in honor of his wife and her sister. Stephens is the author of the book, "Of Trees, Cows and Other Nonsense." The book is a collection of poems about growing old, when lifelong friends see each other as old men, being reborn as a dog, farming, jeans pockets, shirt pockets, pocket knives, Noah's Ark, farming, raising cows, legislators as turtles, the glory and tragedy of cows, and outhouses. He and his wife and business partner, Patricia, have raised a family, cattle, and trees. They have lived on farms in Georgia, Oregon, and New Zealand.



J. Lamar Branch Award for Outstanding Leadership in Agriculture

Robert Varnedoe serves as president of Lee Container, a company he and his father-in-law created in 1989. His experience with the company assures continuity and signals a new generation of leadership for this family company. Robert serves on the ABAC Foundation Board and has been a driving force in the generous donations of the J. Donald and Laurelle Lee Family Foundation to support ABAC's School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. His recognitions include 1985 & 1987 Salesman of the Year for the Sunnyland Alabama & Heartland Regions, 2016 Alpha Gamma Rho Outstanding Alumni, and the 2018 Clinch County Citizen of the Year.



Outstanding Educator Award

Mae Miller Claxton is a 1986 graduate of ABAC. She has continued her campus involvement by acting as a sponsor for Phi Theta Kappa, traveling to Costa Rica with the ABAC Alumni Association, and more. She is currently a professor in the English department at Western Carolina University. During her career, she has received numerous nominations and recognition. Some of those are as follows: Nominated for Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, Nominated for Chancellor's Distinguished Teacher Award, Finalist for Excellence in Teaching Award, Finalist for Faculty Advocate Award, Hunter Scholar Award, and many more. Her father was Henry A. (Bo) Miller, the assistant dean of students, at ABAC for more than 24 years.



Outstanding Healthcare Professional Award

Dr. Kimberly Knight Cribb received her initial nursing education from ABAC and was licensed as a registered nurse at age twenty. She holds the designation of Certified Nurse Educator as well. She is currently the Director of the Master of Science in Nursing Program at Thomas University in South Georgia. She has been an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. site visitor since 2005 and served as a member of the Evaluation Review Panel in 2011. Dr. Cribb also has an extensive grant writing background with approximately \$3 million dollars awarded for nursing initiatives which included the development and implementation of the first online associate degree nursing program in the University System of Georgia.

Outstanding Business Leader Award

Tony Tucker has worked in one industry for his entire 40+ year career - electric utilities. He is currently the President/CEO of Mitchell EMC and has served in that role since 2010. Prior to this role, he served in several managerial roles with Irwin EMC. He serves on the Board of Directors for Georgia Transmission Corporation and is President of the Board of Directors for the Georgia EMC's Credit Union. Tony was honored with the prestigious "Business Professional Award" in January 2018 from the Camilla-Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce for his success in management during four major storms in 2017. Along with providing reliable electricity, Tony has led Mitchell EMC's Foundation to award financial gifts to organizations providing relief efforts, economic development initiatives, educational programs, and non-profit projects.



Outstanding Young Alumnus Award

Jazmin Thomas attended ABAC from 2009 to 2014 and graduated with an Associate of Science as well as a Bachelor of Science in Rural Studies. She then began working as a 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent in Dougherty County. During this time, she provided educational opportunities for local youth, coached judging teams, managed social media, created marketing materials, secured program funding, and supervised youth, staff, and volunteers. She received the following state and national awards: 2020 GAE4-HA Exhibitor Award & Service Award, 2019 NAE4-HA Citizenship in Youth Development Award, 2018 NAE4-HA Promotional Piece, 2018 NAE4-HA Excellence in Urban Programming Award, and appeared in the August 2021 Georgia Trend Magazine. She is currently a management trainee with Enterprise Holdings.



Family Legacy Award

With a strong tradition in agriculture, the Perry Family from Colquitt County has four generations who have attended ABAC. Schley L. Perry, Sr. graduated from the Second District A&M School in 1921. His brother, Harris Perry, graduated from the Second District A&M School in 1923. Schley L. Perry, Jr. graduated from ABAC in 1959. Schley L. Perry, Jr.'s sons, Schley L. Perry III and Jonathan Perry, also attended ABAC in the 1980s. The fourth generation of the Perry Family to attend ABAC includes William J. "Bill" Johnson, studying Agribusiness, and Elizabeth "Libba" Johnson studying Agricultural Communications. The family farm, Pineywoods Farm, was awarded the Centennial Family Farm Award in 2020 given to farms in operation for at least 100 years and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Over the years, Pineywoods Farms has been a diversified operation with cattle, cotton, peanuts, tobacco, vegetables, grains, and timber.



Miles A. Drummond Rising Star Award

Kaytlyn Cobb attended ABAC from 2012-2016. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Diversified Agriculture and began working full-time with the Georgia Beef Board/ Georgia Cattlemen's Association as the Director of Industry Relations where she worked to promote Georgia Beef to consumers. She is currently the Marketing Strategist at B. Monroe Salon + Boutique. She is married to Matt Cobb and the couple has two foster children. Kaytlyn and Matt regularly volunteer with the Bibb County DFCS, host a weekly small group for their church, and serve in the children's ministry. She regularly returns to ABAC to speak with clubs, attend the Career Connections events, and serves on our Alumni Association Board.



Honorary Alumnus Award

Donna Webb joined the ABAC family in 2008. Her role until October 2020 was primarily focused on the recruitment and admission of students. Through a collaborative effort and without wavering on the rigor of our admission requirements, ABAC saw an increase in enrollment for fall 2020 working with incoming students during a global pandemic and immense uncertainty. She also worked closely with the ABAC Foundation and faculty to award over \$600,000 in scholarships to new and current students. Throughout her time at ABAC, she touched the lives of countless students and has been a second mom, trusted advisor and lifelong friend to many. Donna retired from her most recent role at ABAC, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, in June of 2022. Donna is currently the associate director of admissions for Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia.



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The ABAC Foundation acknowledges those who made contributions to the College during the 2021-2022 school year. On behalf of all of the students who benefit from your support, we thank you! Every effort has been made to present a complete list of donors who made gifts between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. However, if we have omitted or misspelled your name, please accept our apologies and contact the ABAC Foundation at 229.391.4907 so we can correct the error.

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Alumni Spotlight

Hannah Lindmeier

"I chose ABAC for a few reasons, but mainly because after my first steps on campus, I knew I was home. There's something so special about coming over those railroad tracks and getting your first glimpse of campus, and that feeling never dimmed throughout my four years," said May 2022 graduate, Hannah Lindmeier.

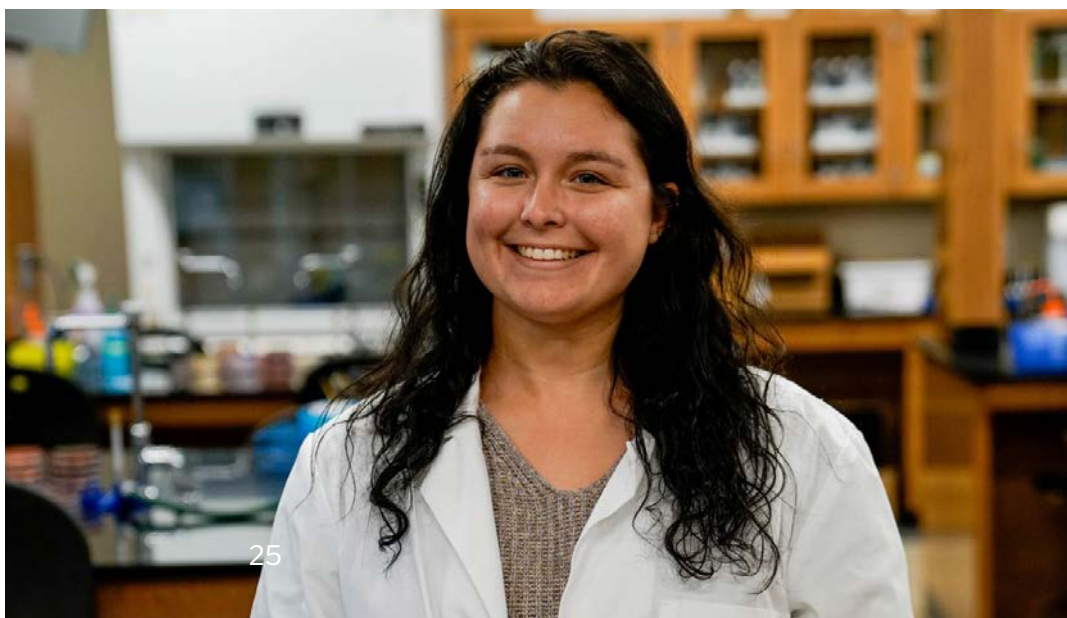
During her time at ABAC, Hannah made the most of her college career in the classroom and as a campus leader. She served as the Circle K Club Vice President and the Student Alumni Council President. She was also a member of Peer Educators, TriBeta Honor Society, and Active Minds Club. During her time at ABAC, Hannah was consistently named to the President's List or Dean's List and completed a summer research experience in 2021 at Florida Atlantic University.

Throughout the entirety of her college career, Hannah performed a research project focusing on Alzheimer's Disease under the direction of Dr. Heather Cathcart. "She is such a well-rounded student," said Dr. Cathcart. "Hannah is capable of achieving any goal and has developed superb critical thinking skills in addition to being an adaptive learner. She is committed, confident, and one of the more ambitious students I have had the opportunity to mentor and teach."

Hannah attributes her success at ABAC to the support she received from professors such as Dr. Cathcart as well as other faculty and staff mentors. "Their support of me is unending and I could never have gotten to where I am without them pushing me to new opportunities. ABAC prepared me for my career in so many ways. The hands-on lab experience and small class sizes were one of the main reasons I came to ABAC, and it proved to be one of the most beneficial parts of my college career."

After graduation, Hannah began work as a research technician at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital's Center for Genomic Medicine. She is working under the direction of Dr. Elisabetta Morini and Dr. Maria Catarina Lima da Silva on molecular neurology research focusing on frontotemporal dementia associated with Tau mutations (FTD-Tau).

"ABAC has allowed me to not only get a stellar education, but I have been able to learn through the mentoring of amazing faculty and staff what my passions are, how to achieve them, and how to make myself proud along the way," said Hannah.



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- President's Club Golden Achievement Level
Contributions of \$100,000 to \$249,999 or planned gifts of \$250,000 to \$749,999
- President's Club Silver Achievement Level
Contributions of \$50,000 to \$99,999 or planned gifts of \$150,000 to \$249,999
- President's Club Bronze Achievement Level
Contributions of \$25,000 to \$49,999 or planned gifts of \$75,000 to \$149,999
- President's Club
Contributions of \$10,000 to \$24,999 or planned gifts of \$25,000 to \$74,999

Every effort has been made to present a complete list of The President's Club members as of June 30, 2022. However, if we have omitted or misspelled your name, please accept our apologies and contact the ABAC Foundation at 229.391.4907 so that we may make the necessary corrections.

Gifts from Estates

Platinum Achievement Level

Estate of Vera Conger Bailey
Estate of Herbert Bynum
Estate of Katharine M. Elder
Estate of Sara B. Gibbs
Estate of Maurice D. Gortatowsky
Estate of Stellanova B. Osborn

Golden Achievement Level

Estate of Rosalie Lennon Shepherd

Silver Achievement Level

Estate of Mary P. Jones
Estate of Joe M. and Ann Stanford
Estate of Jasper G. Woodroof

Bronze Achievement Level

Estate of Margaret Webb
Estate of Patricia Nunn Barkuloo

President's Club Level

Estate of Mary J. Greene
Estate of Doris Outz

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Community Foundation of South Georgia, Inc.
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J. Donald and Laurelle Lee Family Foundation
Rocco and Ruth Marsicano Trusts
Montgomery Family Foundation
Parker Poe Charitable Trust
Arch H. and Stella S. Rowan Trust
Cortez Henderson Sconyers Trust
Short and Paulk Supply Company, Inc.
The Council of Garden Clubs of Tifton, Inc.
The Goizueta Foundation
The Jim Andrews Family Foundation
The Stafford Foundation, Inc.
Tifton-Tift County Tourism Association, Inc.
Southern Cattle Company
Southwell / Tift Regional Health System
University System of Georgia Foundation, Inc.

Golden Achievement Level

Cumulative Giving to ABAC of \$100,000 to \$249,999

AIMTRAC-Tifton
Alcoa Foundation
AT&T Georgia
Bostelman Family Foundation
Colquitt EMC
Community Welfare Association
George Drew Conger MD Foundation
Lovick P. and Elizabeth T. Corn Foundation
John Henry Dorminy Foundation
William James Dorminy Foundation, Inc.
First Community Bank of Tifton

Georgia Farm Bureau Foundation
Georgia Power Foundation, Inc.
Georgia State Golf Foundation
Gold Kist Foundation, Inc.
Herring CPA Group, PC
Kubota Tractor Corporation
Lasseater Tractor Company
South Georgia Banking Company
Southwest Georgia Bank
Ann Stafford Family Trust
Synovus Bank
Tidewater Ag and Construction Equipment Company, LLC

Silver Achievement Level

Cumulative Giving to ABAC of \$50,000 to \$99,999

AgGeorgia Farm Credit, ACA
Colquitt Regional Medical Center
Dolly W. Bearden Trust
Georgia Student Finance Authority
JCB, Inc.
John Deere Industrial Equipment Company
Hunter Industries, Inc.
The Daniel Ashley & Irene Houston Jewell Memorial
The Thomas M. Kirbo and Irene B. Kirbo Foundation
Livingstone Foundation, Inc.
Lubbock Abstract and Title Company
Moon's Pharmacy, Inc.
Ogeechee River Soil and Water Conservation District
Peacock Farms, LLC
Plant Telecommunications
Remlinger Manufacturing Company, Inc.
Sanderson Farms, Inc.
Sodexo, Inc. and Affiliates
Stafford Development Company
Staplcotn
The Tucker Foundation
The Watson Brown Foundation, Inc.
Vermeer Equipment

Bronze Achievement Level

Cumulative Giving to ABAC of \$25,000 to \$49,999

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Agricultural Commodity Commission for Cotton
Agrium U.S., Inc.
Ambling University Development Group, LLC
W.L. Amos, Sr. Foundation, Inc.
Anderson Community Development Foundation
Anderson Living Trust
Bank of America

Barber-Dutton Farms
Bayer
Bernhard and Company, LTD
BowenPhillips, LLP
J. Curtis Branch, Sr. Family Trust
Burch Farms
The Celia and Marcos Family Institute
CASE IH
Dorothy A. Coleman Trust
Georgia Agrirama Foundation, Inc.
Georgia 4-H Foundation
Georgia Forestry Foundation, Inc.
Georgia Power Company
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Informed Ag, LLC
J.H. Services, Inc.
Chris P. Kelly Trust
Anna M. and James L. Kirk Foundation
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McCall & Associates, Inc.
Middle South Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Committee
Mobley Gin
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Prestolite Wire Division
Prince Automotive Group
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Rotary Club of Tifton
Satilla River Soil and Water Conservation District
Arthur J. Skinner, Jr. Trust
Southeastern Credit Union
Joe M. Stanford Trust
Thomas S. Teabeaut Post 41 Memorial Trust
Harold W. Still Trust
Sycamore Peanut and Grain Foundation
The Kenneth H. Montgomery Foundation
Union Camp Charitable Trust
Willing Workers Community Club

President's Club Level

Cumulative Giving to ABAC of \$10,000 to \$24,999

ABAC Baseball Program
ABAC Agronomy Club
Affinity Foundation
AGCO Corporation
Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef
Allstate Construction Group
Ambling Construction Company, LLC
ARAMARK

Atlantic and Southern Equipment
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 Colquitt County Economic
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 Allen and Carolyn Conger
 Foundation, Inc.
 Credit Bureau Associates of
 Georgia
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 Roger C. Dill Consulting
 Dixie Oil Company
 Dixon Gin Company, Inc.
 Double A Concrete Products
 The Dow Chemical Company
 Foundation
 Doyle Equipment Manufacturing
 Flint Ag and Turf Division
 F&W Forestry Services, Inc.
 Georgia Agribusiness Council
 Georgia Agricultural Commodity
 Commission for Peanuts
 Georgia Cooperative Council
 Georgia Crown Distributing
 Georgia FFA Alumni Association
 Georgia Feed & Grain
 Association, Inc.
 Georgia Forestry Association, Inc.
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 Society
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 Orthopedic Clinic, PC
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 Georgia Young Farmers
 Association
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 Haley Jewelers, Inc., Susan and
 Jody Haley
 Heatcraft, Inc.
 The Heritage Bank
 The Howard Center for Women's
 Health
 Holder Ag Consulting
 International Paper

The Thomas T. and Bernice F. Irvin
 Foundation, Inc.
 Ivey Lakes Farm, LLP
 J&B Power Equipment, Inc.
 J.H. Services, Inc.
 Joiner International, Inc.
 Jones Chrysler-Plymouth-
 Dodge, Inc.
 Jones Peanut Company, Inc.
 Killeen Construction Co., Inc.
 La Fiesta del Pueblo, Inc.
 Lang Printing & Office Supply
 LMC Ag
 McDonald's Restaurant #4239
 Masonic Lodge of Tifton #47
 Masonic Lodge of Tifton #745
 F&AM
 Robert McLendon Farms
 Moridge Manufacturing - Brent
 Dodson
 National Christian Foundation
 Northrop Grumman Foundation
 Paradigm Administrators, Inc.
 Partners Benefit Group, LLC
 Gibbs Patrick Farms, Inc.
 Patten Seed Company
 Pennington Seed
 Jack L. Perry Enterprises, Inc.
 Philadelphia College of
 Osteopathic Medicine
 Reinhardt, Whitley, Summerlin
 and Pittman, PC
 Riverside Ford, Inc.
 RMD Consulting
 S&S Marketing, Inc.
 Savannah Golf Club
 SEDCO, Inc.
 Shiver Diesel Injection &
 Turbocharger, Inc.

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 - Ashburn Branch
 South Georgia Food Services, Inc.
 Southeast United Dairy Industry
 Association
 Southwest Georgia Chapter of
 Quail Forever
 The Spearman Agency
 Stafford School of Business
 State Farm Companies Foundation
 SunTrust Bank
 T&S Electric Motors, Inc.
 Takeuchi Manufacturing, LTD
 Target Stores
 The Chantal and Tommy Bagwell
 Foundation, Inc.
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 Tifton Banking Company
 Tifton's Great Seafood, Inc.
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 Conditioning, LLC
 Tru-Turf Pty LTD
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Betty Jean and John Prince
Lutrelle T. Rankin
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Betts Berry
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Patricia and Walter Stephens
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Laverne and Gerald Branch
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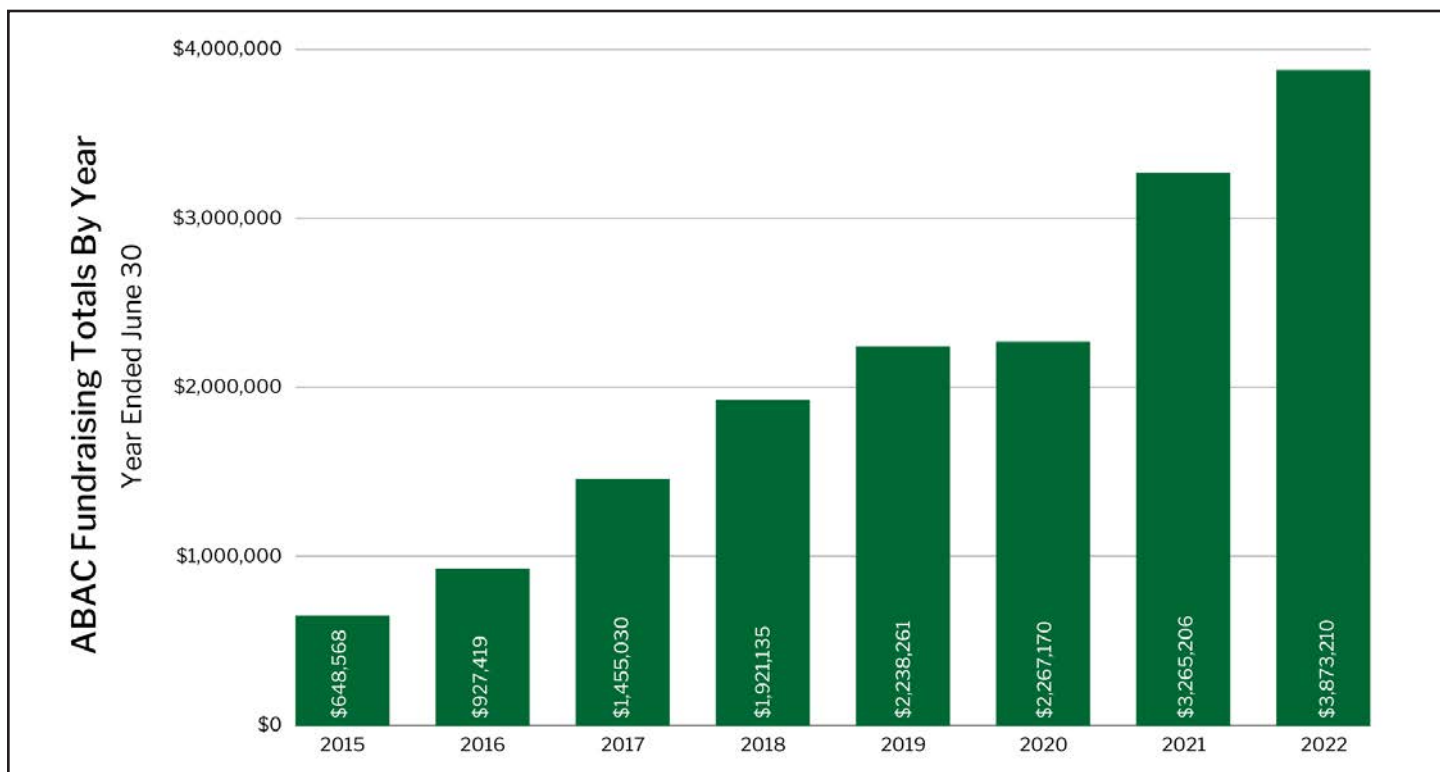
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Did You Know?

It is said that the chant, "Gee Haw Whoa Back, Give Em' Hell ABAC," was coined by ABAC President Pete Donaldson (1947-1961) in 1933 when he was a new faculty member. The chant was created as a way for the students to cheer for the college's football team. Traditionally, "gee, haw, whoa, and back" are directional commands for horses from their riders (left, right, stop, and backup).



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the Year ended June 30, 2022

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,899,831
Investments	26,122,835
Unconditional promises to give, net	515,661
Property and equipment, net	7,863,449
Cash surrender value of life insurance	251,222
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Total assets	\$ 40,652,998
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts Payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,140,407
Notes Payable	1,960,000
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Total liabilities	\$ 3,100,407
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Net assets

Without donor restrictions	
Undesignated	\$ 14,925,151
Designated by Board for endowment	2,464,731
Total without donor restrictions	17,389,882
With donor restrictions	20,162,709
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Total net assets	\$ 37,552,591
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Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 40,652,998
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year ended June 30, 2022

REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions and special events	\$ 3,008,465
In-kind contribution	433,110
Investment income, net	623,837
Realized and unrealized gains on investment	(3,611,361)
Rental Revenues	141,812
Other	286,399
Net assets released from restrictions:	
Satisfaction of program restrictions	-
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Total revenues and other support	\$ 882,262
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EXPENSES

Program Services

Academic and education	\$ 1,854,313
Other program support	434,998
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Total program services	2,289,311
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Support Services

Administrative and general	612,419
Fundraising	317,327
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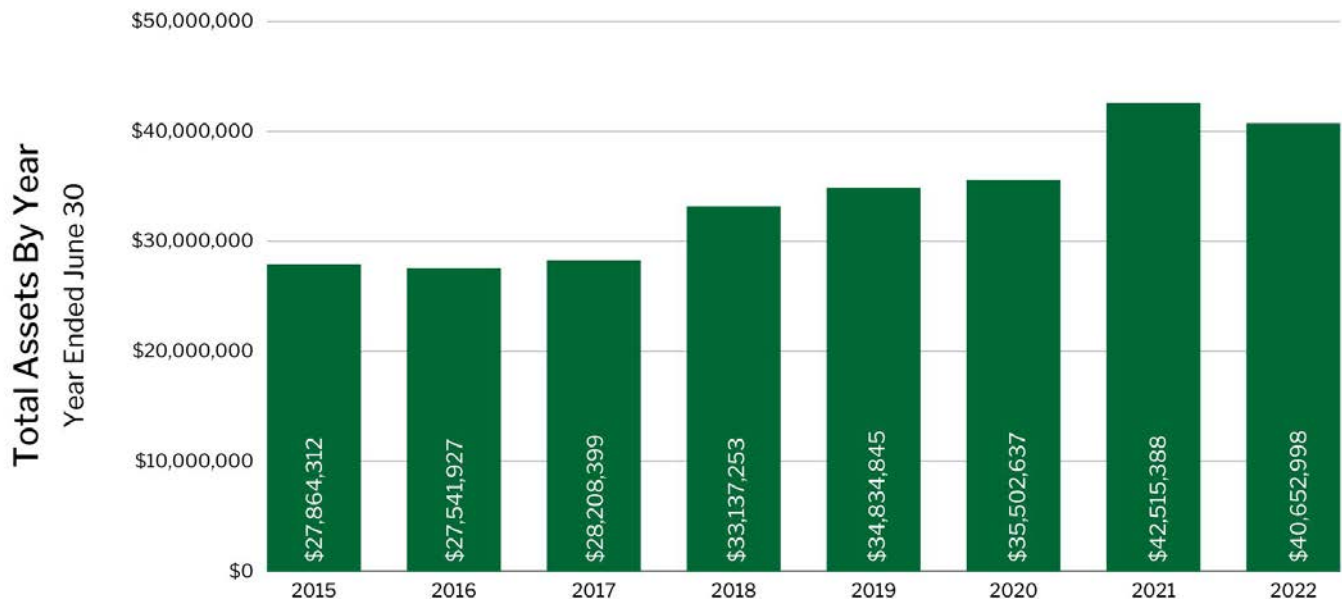
Total expenses	\$ 3,219,057
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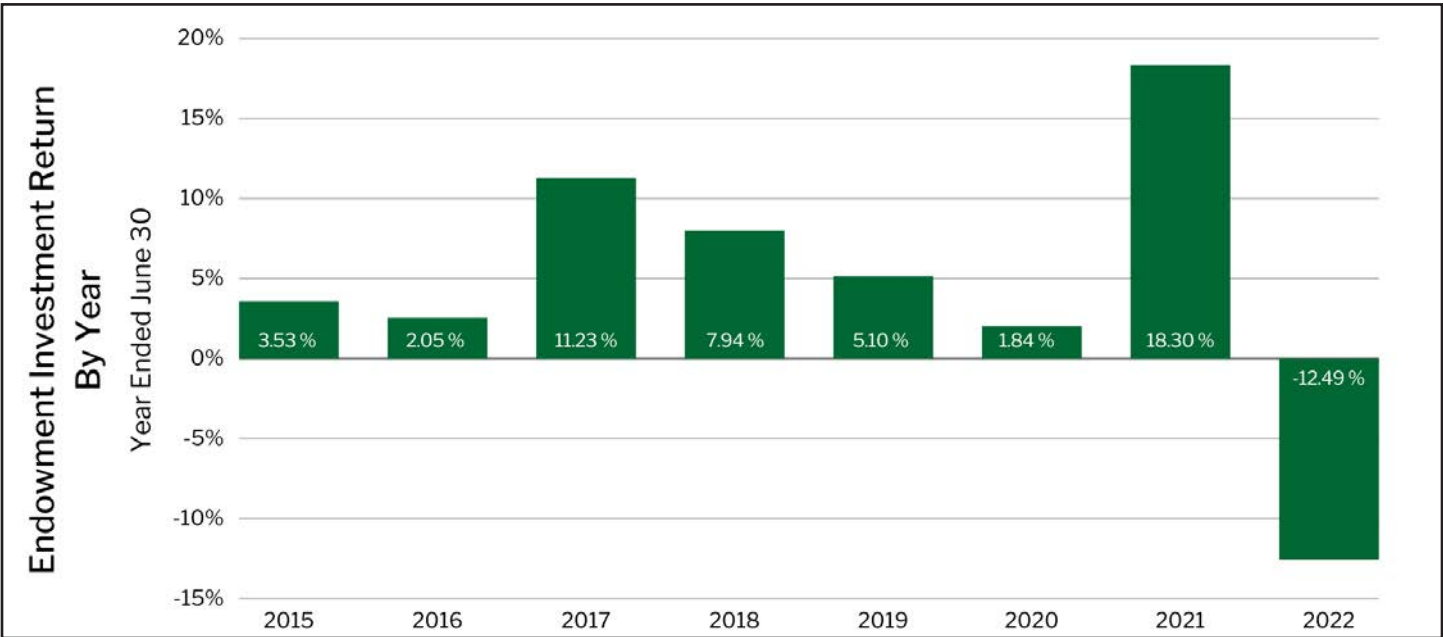
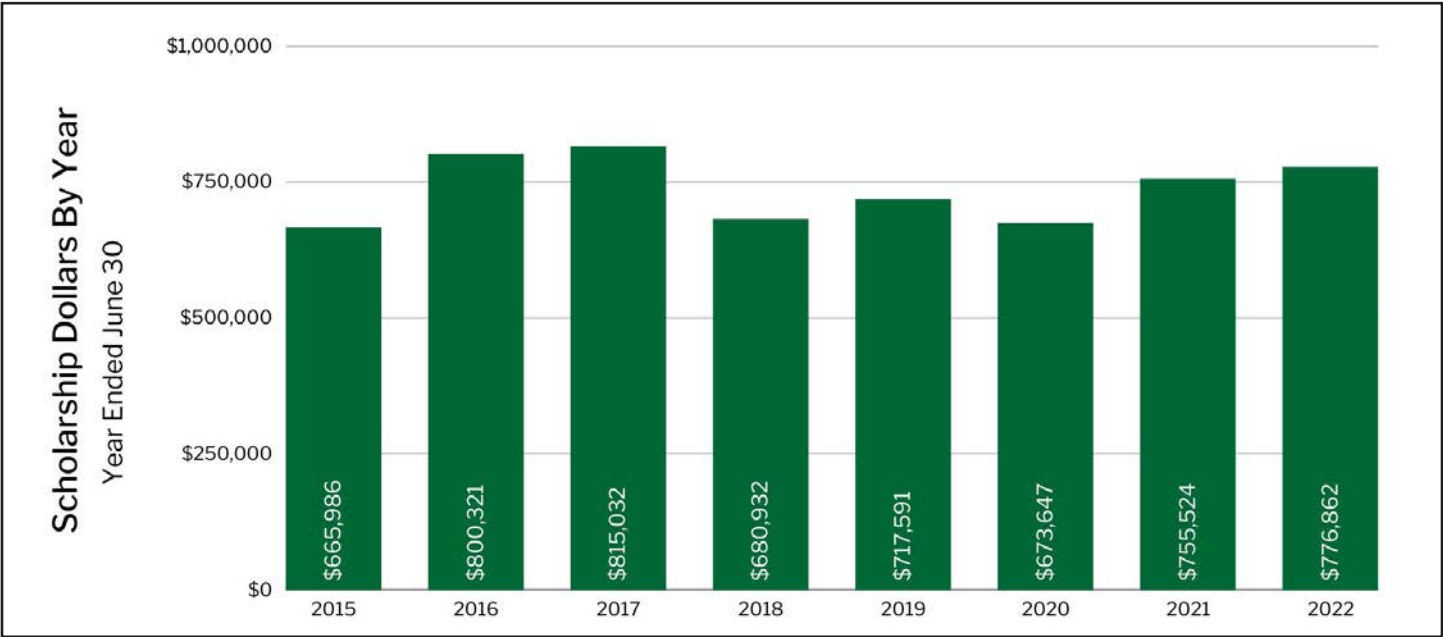
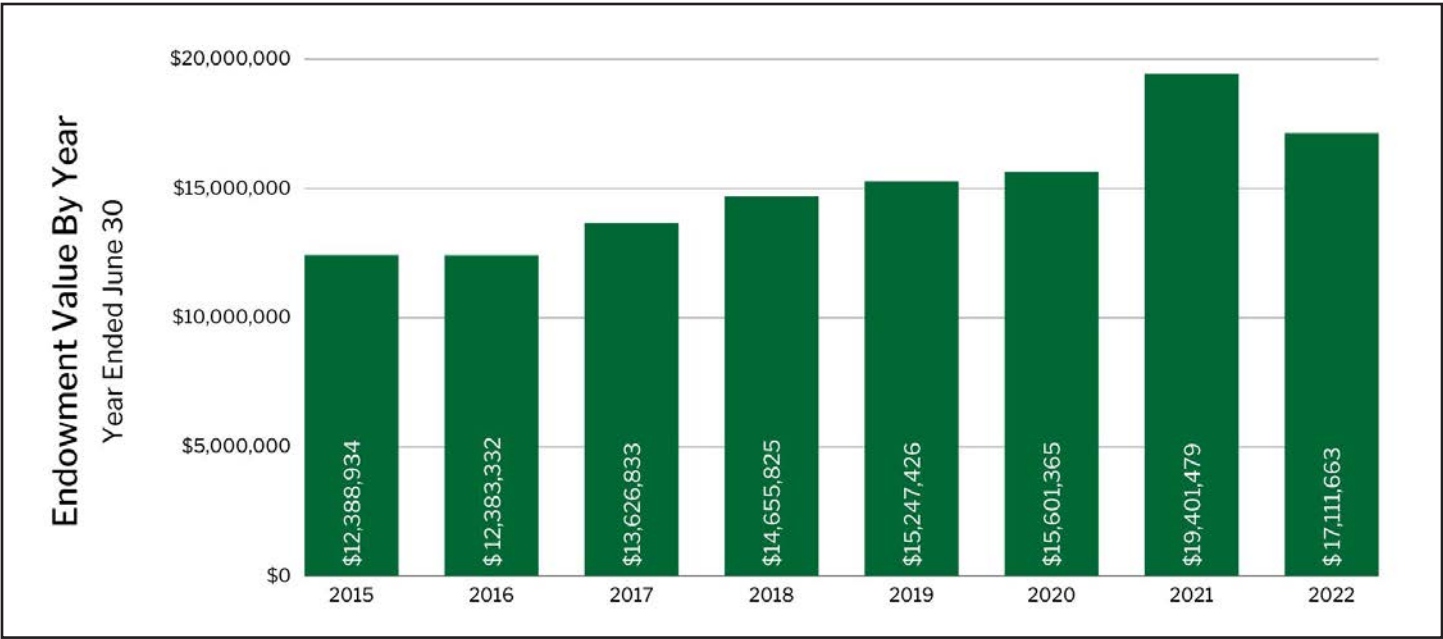
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(2,336,795)
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NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	39,889,386
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CHANGE IN DONOR INTENT	-
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NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 37,552,591
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