

2024-2025 Donor Impact Report



ABAC Foundation Annual Report



From Our Foundation Chair

Jay Roberts

Serving as Chair of the ABAC Foundation has been a privilege. ABAC continues to play a vital role in preparing students for careers and service in communities across Georgia and the Southeast. The ABAC Foundation's work helps ensure that ABAC remains affordable and accessible, and that students are equipped to succeed without the burden of student loan debt.

ABAC has made measurable progress—expanding course offerings, strengthening industry partnerships, and maintaining its position as one of the most affordable college options in the state. These accomplishments reflect ABAC's strategic goals: increasing enrollment, enhancing academic quality, and ensuring long-term institutional strength.

The Foundation supports these goals by funding scholarships, academic programs, and initiatives that directly impact student success. Our donors make it possible for ABAC to offer more flexible course options, invest in workforce readiness, and attract students from across the region. These efforts help ABAC stay competitive and mission-focused.

Thanks to your continued support, the ABAC Foundation's total assets now exceed \$40 million. These resources allow us to invest in students and programs that make a real difference. ABAC graduates often return to rural communities, contributing to local economies and public service. That's important to me, and it's important to the future of our state.

I invite you to continue supporting ABAC and the ABAC Foundation. Your investment helps students succeed and keeps ABAC strong.

Thank you for your commitment.

Jay Roberts
Chair, ABAC Foundation and Board of Trustees
ABAC, Class of 1989





From Our President

Dr. Tracy Brundage

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with deep gratitude for your generous support. Your commitment has played a pivotal role in our progress and success. Thanks to you, we have continued to elevate the educational experience at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, and we're excited to share a few of this year's accomplishments with you.

In Fall 2024, we expanded our course offerings from 1,299 to 1,340, a 3.16% increase. This growth reflects our ongoing commitment to providing a flexible, accessible, and student-centered education. With more sections available, we are better able to accommodate student needs, reduce scheduling conflicts, and support a smoother path to graduation.

Affordability remains one of our greatest strengths. ABAC leads the University System of Georgia in the use of low- and no-cost course materials and is the most affordable college option within a 100-mile radius. We take great pride in making a quality education attainable for more students and families.

We've also strengthened our partnerships with key institutions and organizations, including the Georgia Farm Bureau, the Florida Farm Bureau, the Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Southern Regional Technical College, and Fomic Polytechnic University Institute in Cameroon. ABAC has also begun recognizing agricultural learning credits from high schools in Georgia and South Carolina.

These agreements reflect our mission-driven focus on workforce readiness, academic opportunity, and rural prosperity. Our industry partners, especially those in Florida, enhance our connection with agriculture programs and teachers, helping us attract top-tier students from across the Southeast. The national reputation of ABAC's School of Agriculture and Natural Resources continues to grow, driven by these collaborations.

An important part of ABAC's mission is our service to rural communities and the students who come from and return to them. The agreements we have with industry partners and institutions who share our vision create greater opportunities for our students to expand their skills and strengthen their employability.

This year also brought key leadership appointments that will shape our academic future. Dr. Andrew Thoron was named Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. A respected and innovative leader, Dr. Thoron brings a bold vision and a strong commitment to student success. His leadership aligns seamlessly with our mission and the school's continued status as one of the most prestigious of its kind in the country.

Additionally, Dr. Jason Goodner has joined ABAC as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. With a strong academic background and a clear understanding of ABAC's unique strengths and opportunities, Dr. Goodner is well positioned to lead us into our next chapter. We are excited to welcome him to our team.

Your continued support makes all of this possible. Thank you for believing in ABAC's mission and for being such an essential part of our community. Together, we are shaping the future—both for our students and for the broader communities we serve.

Dr. Tracy Brundage, President of ABAC

Another Great Year at ABAC!

ABAC Awarded Grant to Integrate Drone Technology into Natural Resource Management Program

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's Department of Forest Resources received a \$150,000 grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to integrate drone training into its natural resource management baccalaureate program.

The grant, awarded through NIFA's Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture, will support curriculum development, equipment purchases, software, and faculty training. ABAC faculty will develop a new course focused on advanced drone applications used in agriculture, forestry, and natural resource management.

Department head Dr. William Moore said the initiative strengthens hands-on learning and keeps students competitive in a technologically advanced workforce. Drone technology provides a cost-effective alternative to traditional aerial surveys and is increasingly used for herbicide application and forest damage assessments after storms.

The project is led by Dr. Shannon Kidombo, associate professor of forestry, with Dr. Vanessa Lane and Dr. Jason Scott serving as co-directors.

According to Director of Sponsored Programs Scott Pierce, the grant solidifies ABAC's leadership in preparing future forestry, wildlife, and conservation professionals.

ABAC Named Best Residence Halls In Georgia

Over 1,300 Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College students call ABAC Place and ABAC Lakeside their home away from home. University Magazine recently ranked ABAC's residence halls the best among 30 colleges and universities in Georgia. The article highlighted spacious rooms, study lounges, and recreational areas, saying ABAC "sets the standard for excellent student housing in Georgia and making it a top choice for prospective students."

Trent Hester, ABAC's Director of Residence Life and Housing, said living on campus allows students to fully immerse themselves in college life. "We are proud to offer a residential environment that fosters personal, professional, and academic growth," he said.

ABAC Place, opened in 2004, features mostly four-bedroom, two-bath units with private bedrooms and furnished living rooms. ABAC Lakeside, opened in 2007 for first-year students, has two-bedroom units and offers lounges, game rooms, outdoor grills, and a 24-hour computer lab.

ABAC President Tracy Brundage said the recognition reflects the college's commitment to safety, affordability, and student success. Resident Assistant Nikki Ooley said living on campus helped her build friendships and fully enjoy the college experience.



Highlights from 2024-2025

Young Agri-Marketers Compete in National Competition

Members of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's NAMA team placed sixth out of 30 teams from the U.S. and Canada in the 2025 student marketing plan competition at the Agri-Marketing Conference in Kansas City, April 9-11.

Team members included NAMA President Rachel Wood, Team Captain Natalie Wisekal, Kam Ammons-Coleman, Lexie Bridges, Bailey Ellison, Nayeli Fernandez, Faith Railey, Colton Sanders, and Hilton White. They were coached by Jennifer Culpepper, Lecturer of Agribusiness.

Students developed a marketing plan for ScoutSense, an AI-powered camera system for early disease detection in nightshade and cucurbit crops. The product features a mobile data management system for producers and crop scouts. The team spent the 2024-25 academic year researching, planning, and presenting to a panel of marketing and agribusiness professionals.

Culpepper said, "I am so proud of the ABAC NAMA Team. Their accomplishment will be remembered for years to come."

The ABAC Agripreneurs, affiliated with NAMA, first began competition participation in 2009. After a hiatus from 2020-2024, this year's team became the first ABAC group to place in the top six, marking a milestone for the program, which previously advanced to the semifinals in 2012, 2017, and 2019.

ABAC attendance costs are lowest in the region

Summer is a popular time for families to visit college campuses and weigh options for the future. Forbes Magazine recently listed the top factors students consider in choosing a college, with cost and convenience at the forefront. In both areas, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) stands out.

"Families are making careful, value-driven decisions, and at ABAC, we're proud to offer an exceptional education without a burdensome price tag," said ABAC President Tracy Brundage. "More than half of our students graduate debt-free thanks to low tuition, scholarships, and flexible payment options. Cost is never a barrier to opportunity at ABAC."

Within 100 miles of Tifton, ABAC is the most affordable college when combining tuition and fees. Full-time students taking 12 hours pay \$1,634, and students from neighboring states can use ABAC's "neighbor waiver" to pay in-state rates. Last fall, 345 students benefited from this program, along with students from 15 other states.

Mia McGurl, an Agricultural Communication major from Jacksonville, Fla., said ABAC's affordability and scholarships allow her to be financially independent and on track to graduate debt-free. ABAC also offers a payment plan, with half due before classes begin and the remainder 60 days later.





The Reverends J.H. and Lillie C. Walker Memorial Scholarship

To honor the enduring legacy of their grandparents, Dr. Margaret Richardson-Nixon and her siblings established the Reverends J.H. and Lillie C. Walker Memorial Scholarship. The award is dedicated to supporting first-generation college students—reflecting the values and vision the Walkers held dear.

“Neither of my grandparents completed high school,” said Dr. Nixon. “But they understood the transformative power of education and instilled its importance in each of their children. From humble beginnings in rural Alabama, their legacy of determination and faith paved the way for all of their children to complete high school—and to attend college.”

That legacy of education and service shines through the accomplishments of the Walker family:

Veola Walker – B.S. in Psychology, Spelman College

Reverend Sam J. Walker – B.S., Daniel Payne College; Master and Doctor of Theology, Bethany College; Columbia Theological Seminary

Dr. Betty Walker Richardson – B.S., Fisk University; M.D., Meharry Medical College; Master of Public Health, Mercer University School of Medicine

Doris Walker – Degrees from Alabama State University and Troy University in Social Work

Michael Walker – B.A. in Political Science, Alabama A&M University; Master’s in Justice and Public Safety, Auburn University at Montgomery; Law Degree, Birmingham School of Law

Paul Lampley (Adopted Son) – Selma University; Career Military Service

“We hope this scholarship will carry forward our grandparents’ legacy and help make college possible for other first-generation students.”

The inaugural recipient of the Reverends J.H. and Lillie C. Walker Memorial Scholarship is Wendy Gonzalez Huerta, a second-year Writing and Communication student from Moultrie, Georgia.

As a first-generation college student, Wendy’s journey at ABAC has come with its share of challenges—but she has embraced each one with determination and optimism. Her experience has been both transformative and deeply rewarding.

Wendy currently serves as the Senator for the School Social Sciences, Education and Arts where she advocates on behalf of her peers and works to enhance the student experience. In addition to student government, she is an active member of numerous campus organizations, including the Campus Activities Board, ABAC Ambassadors, The Stallion (student newspaper), CAMP, and Stallion Society Orientation Leaders.

Through these leadership roles, Wendy has gained valuable skills in collaboration, communication, and advocacy—but it is her ability to build authentic connections with others that stands out most. She is known for uplifting those around her and inspiring them to pursue their goals with confidence.

Receiving this scholarship is both an honor and a profound encouragement to Wendy as she continues her studies. With a passion for public relations, she believes in the power of communication to bridge divides, elevate unheard voices, and spark meaningful change.

“I’m incredibly grateful for the support,” Wendy said. “This scholarship not only helps make my education possible—it reminds me that I’m not alone in this journey. I can’t wait to see where it takes me next.”



ABAC Bainbridge to offer evening program for Nursing ASN degree

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's Bainbridge campus began offering a Nursing at Night program in the spring semester of 2025. School officials hope to attract students interested in pursuing an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree, but who may have conflicts with a more traditional schedule.

"ABAC Bainbridge decided to offer this program to not only meet the needs of our healthcare partners, but also to offer an alternative to students who want to be a nurse but cannot attend the program during the day because of work, childcare responsibilities, or other obstacles," said Dr. Jeffrey Ross, Former Dean of the School of Nursing at ABAC. "Taking advantage of the Nursing at Night program allows students to continue to work during the day or utilize other forms of childcare, providing the opportunity to pursue a new career or advance their current career."

"We are so pleased to offer this new Nursing at Night program to our students," said ABAC President Tracy Brundage. "An important part of ABAC's mission is making sure our students graduate ready to enter the workforce and fill vital jobs. We pride ourselves on knowing our graduates will have the necessary skills and knowledge to lead successful lives and make meaningful contributions to their communities. The hands-on, experiential learning ASN students will receive at ABAC Bainbridge is a shining example of how we fulfill that mission."

"We couldn't be more excited to offer this opportunity to the entire region," said Dr. Michael Kirkland, Executive Director of ABAC Bainbridge. "It serves a critical need in southwest Georgia and also offers a life-changing opportunity to our students."

Ross said the evening program will follow the same pathway as traditional, daytime classes, with students being eligible to take the registered nurse licensure exam (NCLEX-RN) to become a Professional Registered Nurse (RN) after four semesters. The curriculum for the evening classes will mirror the curriculum of the traditional nursing program offered during the day. Ross added that classes, including skills labs and clinicals, will begin at 6 p.m. and should be offered three to four times a week.

"Brandy Howard has recently been hired to be the lead faculty member for the Nursing at Night courses," said Ross. "Ms. Howard is thrilled to be a part of the ABAC Bainbridge family and is excited to be able to help students achieve their goal of becoming a nurse using the night option."

ABAC Bainbridge's Hawthorn Health Sciences Center boasts classrooms and labs that resemble a real hospital, including a pediatric room, surgical room, and orthopedic room. Students practice with mannequins to mirror real-life situations.

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Student Spotlight

Jazzmyn Armstrong



Jazzmyn Armstrong is turning a lifelong dream into reality—one step at a time.

A Pre-Professional Biology major from Reidsville, Georgia, Jazzmyn has known since childhood that she wanted to become a veterinarian. Growing up in a clinic gave her a front-row seat to the compassion, challenges, and complexity of veterinary medicine, igniting a deep and lasting passion for the field.

“Veterinary medicine is far more than puppies and kittens,” she said. “It’s about compassion, connection, and the ability to bridge families through their pets.” Jazzmyn first discovered ABAC during a Stallion Day visit and knew right away it was where she belonged.

“The home-like atmosphere and small-town feel made it easy to dream big here,” she said.

At ABAC, Jazzmyn found more than just a pathway to her profession—she found a place to grow. With hands-on labs, in-depth research opportunities, and a semester-long internship at the UGA Tifton Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, she gained valuable experience and built the confidence needed for the next step in her journey.

Harnessing Innovation

How ABAC and ClicRweight Technologies are Reshaping the Future of Ranching

At Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, innovation is not confined to the classroom—it is embedded in the pasture, where cutting-edge technology is redefining how ranchers monitor, manage, and make decisions. The partnership between ABAC and ClicRweight Technologies exemplifies the college’s commitment to agricultural advancement, hands-on education, and industry collaboration.

This visionary alliance is rooted in shared goals: enhancing livestock management, empowering producers, and preparing students for a future shaped by data and technology.

A Game-Changing Gift

In 2021, ClicRweight Technologies founder and CEO Joseph (Joey) Spicola Sr. made a significant gift to ABAC’s School of Agriculture and Natural Resources—three state-of-the-art ClicRweight Bovine Solution systems valued at \$40,000.

These units are now fully operational within the ABAC Beef Unit, where they are transforming herd management and student learning alike.

ClicRweight replaces traditional gravity scales with a scale-less system that is seamlessly integrated into the cattle’s natural routine. As cattle approach a water trough, an overhead 3D camera captures images while an RFID chip in their ear is scanned. The system instantly calculates and records each animal’s weight, sending data to a secure, cloud-based dashboard accessible from any internet-connected device.

The result? More frequent measurements, less stress on the animals, and powerful data for decision-making.

A Real-World Lab for Students

This partnership provides students with unparalleled access to emerging agricultural technology.

The ClicRweight Bovine Solution is more than a technological upgrade—it is a fully integrated learning tool that allows ABAC students to engage with innovation firsthand. From the moment data is collected in the field, students are applying it in real-world scenarios: analyzing growth curves, evaluating herd performance, and connecting daily weight changes to broader decisions in marketing and management.

With access to real-time information, students gain a deeper understanding of how data supports efficiency, animal health, and profitability. They are learning to think critically, adapt quickly, and use technology to solve challenges in modern agriculture. Whether they are studying animal science, agribusiness, or agricultural systems management, students are benefiting from hands-on experience that sets them apart as they prepare for careers in the evolving world of ag technology.

A Rancher's Advantage

According to ABAC Beef Unit Manager Doug Hicks, the system has shown students across multiple disciplines that effective cattle management requires more than just observing the physical animal—it demands a deeper understanding driven by data and strategy. Decisions must be made utilizing data collected by many “tools” ranging from technology such as used in the ClicRweight system to genetic information from genetic testing. As the well-known quote goes, “You can’t manage what you can’t measure.”

With the ability to record average daily gains and monitor animals in real time, producers can better determine when to market, which animals to cull, and how to optimize feed use. This creates operational efficiencies that lead to increased profitability and improved animal welfare.

“At ClicRweight, we’re committed to taking the ag industry into the 21st century by putting smart, efficient technology in the hands of the next generation. By equipping ABAC students with real-time weighing capabilities right in the pasture, we’re helping them learn how data-driven decisions improve animal care and operational efficiency, just like they’ll need to do in the field,” said Joey Spicola, CEO of ClicRweight.

The Future is Here

As labor shortages and market volatility continue to challenge the cattle industry, solutions like ClicRweight offer real answers. ABAC faculty agree that technology is no longer optional, it is essential. And the ability to interpret, apply, and innovate with that technology is what will define the next generation of agricultural leaders.

ABAC offers its sincere gratitude to Joey Spicola Sr. and ClicRweight Technologies for their generosity and partnership. It is a blueprint for what’s possible when academic innovation, private-sector leadership, and student opportunity converge.



New Leadership at ABAC

Dr. Andrew Thoron and Dr. Jason Goodner assume new leadership roles at ABAC



Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College has named Dr. Andrew Thoron as the new Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Thoron joined ABAC in January 2020 as head of the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication. ABAC President Dr. Tracy Brundage praised Thoron as an innovative and highly respected leader whose vision aligns with the college's mission to provide exceptional student experiences in one of the nation's most prestigious agriculture programs.

A native of Illinois, Thoron holds a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University and a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Florida. He previously served on the faculty at both the University of Illinois and the University of Florida before coming to ABAC. Thoron has already begun his role as dean and said he is honored to lead the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources as it continues to strengthen teaching, engagement, and industry partnerships that prepare students for successful careers.

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College has announced Dr. Jason Goodner as its new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Goodner comes to ABAC from Arkansas State University Beebe, where he has served as Vice Chancellor for Academics and Chief Academic Officer since 2019, overseeing academic programs and faculty for three divisions serving more than 3,000 students.

ABAC President Dr. Tracy Brundage said Goodner's academic leadership and understanding of institutional growth make him a strong fit for the college. Goodner said he is honored to join ABAC and looks forward to working closely with faculty and staff to support student success. He previously

held leadership and faculty roles at Darton State College, Albany State University, and Andrew College, including serving as Academic Dean and Chief Academic Officer at Andrew College for five years.

Goodner holds a doctorate in Adult and Career Education from Valdosta State University, along with graduate and undergraduate degrees from Georgia Southwestern State University and Georgia Southern University. A South Georgia native, he and his wife Leslie, an ABAC alum, are excited to return to the area. Goodner assumed his new role on June 2, 2025.



Student Spotlight

From Class Project to Possible Scientific Breakthrough

By uncovering evidence of a potential new species right in ABAC's own backyard, Tessa Dixon demonstrates that big breakthroughs can come from small places.

Tessa's passion for wildlife began early during childhood visits to Georgia's Okefenokee Swamp, where she was captivated by alligators, snakes, and untouched ecosystems. That curiosity eventually led her to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, where her academic journey culminated in an extraordinary discovery: a previously undocumented species of burrowing crayfish.

Tessa graduated from ABAC in Fall 2024 with a perfect 4.0 GPA—the first in the history of the college's wildlife program—and was named the 2024 Outstanding Wildlife Student. Under the guidance of Program Support Specialist Philip Ford II and Dr. Ben Gahagen, she pursued a senior research project that placed her at the forefront of field biology in Georgia.

The focus was crayfish—small freshwater crustaceans that play a critical role in aquatic ecosystems by breaking down decaying material and serving as indicators of water quality. In Georgia, about one-third of crayfish species are terrestrial burrowers, meaning they live underground rather than in open water.

Tessa and her team selected ABAC's Pitcher Plant Bog in Turner County as their study site due to its isolation and unique ecology. "The hardest part of the project was the crayfish extraction," Tessa said. "These weren't crawfish you could trap in water. I spent 30 to 40 hours in the field and only collected six specimens."

Using a dichotomous key and genetic analysis, Tessa and Dr. Gahagen compared the specimens to known species. After extensive evaluation, the conclusion was clear: the crayfish represented a species previously undocumented in scientific literature.

"There's still so much we don't know about burrowing crayfish," Tessa said. "Our goal is to bring greater awareness to their role in the environment and inspire more research in this field."

Tessa hopes the discovery encourages conservation of Georgia's fragile bog habitats, which are essential not just for this newly discovered species, but for many others that may still be waiting to be found.

As ABAC deepens its commitment to hands-on learning and field-based research, students like Tessa Dixon demonstrate that meaningful, real-world impact is well within reach.



A Legacy of Enrichment

The Kirbo Foundation's Enduring Support of the Carter Arts and Lecture Series

The Carter Arts and Lecture Series at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's Bainbridge campus stands as a tribute to community, culture, and the shared vision of two extraordinary men—President Jimmy Carter and Charles H. Kirbo. Thanks to the ongoing support of the Thomas M. and Irene B. Kirbo Charitable Foundation, the Series continues to bring world-class speakers, performers, and thought leaders to Southwest Georgia each year.

Born from Carter and Kirbo's friendship and mutual dedication to public service, the Series reflects a legacy deeply tied to the Bainbridge campus. Kirbo, a respected attorney and Carter's longtime political advisor, donated the land that became the ABAC Bainbridge campus in 1973 during Carter's term as Governor, making the dream of a regional college a reality.

Carter's connection to ABAC began even earlier. As a young farmer, he attended short courses on soil conservation, fertilizer, and pesticides—knowledge he carried back to his family farm and shared with his neighbors, strengthening his personal link to ABAC's agricultural mission.

Decades later, in 2014, Carter returned as one of the first speakers in what was then the Arts and Lecture Series. In a remarkable act of generosity, he donated his \$25,000 honorarium to the program in honor of Kirbo, and the Series was officially renamed to the Carter Arts & Lecture Series.

Established in 1981 by Bruce and Charles Kirbo to honor their parents, the Thomas M. and Irene B. Kirbo Charitable Foundation continues to enrich communities across Georgia and Florida, with a special focus on Bainbridge. The Foundation's annual contributions support higher education, youth programs, libraries, and—through the Carter Arts and Lecture Series—exceptional cultural and educational programming.

Today, each event is free and open to the public, held at 7 p.m. in the Kirbo Center Auditorium on the ABAC Bainbridge campus. Through this Series, Charles Kirbo's vision and President Carter's legacy live on, offering inspiration, connection, and learning to all. ABAC is honored to carry this tradition forward with the Kirbo Foundation's steadfast support.



Alumni Spotlight

Robby Stephens

When Robby Stephens walked onto the ABAC campus in 2014, he already knew he was stepping into something special. For Stephens, ABAC was not just the next step in his academic journey, it was part of the family legacy. His mother, two aunts, and sister had all attended ABAC, and he was eager to follow their lead.

Now, more than a decade later, the Athens, Georgia native has carved out his own path in the livestock industry, carrying with him the values, connections, and lessons he gained during his time in Tifton.

“I love South Georgia,” Stephens said. “When I was a kid, I would come down here and see my grandparents. I would always tell them I was going to move to South Georgia, and this was where I wanted to be. I used to say everything is better in South Georgia. My grandparents had a little candy drawer in their house, and I always said that even the candy tastes better in South Georgia.”

Stephens majored in diversified agriculture with a concentration in livestock production, a natural choice given his upbringing around his father’s stockyard. But midway through his ABAC experience, his grandfather suffered a stroke, and Stephens made the decision to commute from the family farm in Ashburn while managing the cattle operation.

After graduation he stayed on the family farm but needed to look for ways to earn extra income. During spring break one year, he agreed to fill in for a week at the Turner County Stock Yard. “Most of the kids working there were ABAC students,” he remembered. “They asked if I could work for a week while everybody was going on spring break, and I said sure. At the end of the week, they asked if I was coming back next week, and then the next. Then they stopped asking, and I just kept showing up.”

That week-long gig turned into something much bigger. At just 27 years old, Stephens purchased a controlling stake in the stockyard, becoming the youngest majority stockyard owner in the United States at the time. “It was scary,” he admitted. “I had saved some money raising cattle and making deals, but buying the stockyard wiped it all out. It felt like being a broke college kid again.”

Now 29, Stephens is entering his third year as owner, and his business is thriving. Sellers travel from across the region, and buyers come from as far away as Arkansas, drawn by strong prices and the stockyard’s solid reputation. “I like meeting new people,” Stephens said. “I meet somebody new every week. That is my favorite part about it.”

Stephens is quick to credit ABAC for laying the foundation for his success. “ABAC taught me how to work with people,” he said. “You meet folks from every kind of background there, and it helps you learn how to communicate across differences. I still remember taking Human Communications as a freshman. We had to give speeches and that class made me comfortable talking in front of people. That is a skill I use all the time now.”

Today, Stephens is more than just a successful business owner. He serves on the ABAC Alumni Association Board, hires current students as part-time workers at the stockyard, and supports the Chris Tatum Memorial Scholarship. “That is my legacy, in a way,” he said. “You have to keep the next generation going. I invest in these kids because if there is nobody doing this, if kids do not want to farm, where are we going to get our beef and clothes from?”

Looking back, Stephens says ABAC gave him more than an education, it gave him a lifelong network. “I have met a lot of good people at ABAC,” he said. “If I get married one day, a lot of those people will be in my wedding. ABAC felt like its own small-town community, and that community stays with you long after you leave. It is not just where you go to college, it is a community for life.”



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 2025 class of award winners are representatives of many different generations of outstanding alumni.

Distinguished Alumnus Award - James Holcomb, Class of 1970

He attended ABAC from 1968 until 1970 before earning his bachelor's degree in business administration from UGA's Terry College of Business. He did post-graduate work at both Tennessee Tech and Middle Tennessee State University and went on to work for Westinghouse Electric before becoming the owner of Ardry Trading Company. He serves on a multitude of boards and is a strong, consistent community supporter, regularly donating time, funds, and other resources to causes near and dear to his heart including veterans, cancer research, and children.

Family Legacy Award - The Ross Family

Four generations of the Ross family have attended ABAC, starting with James Oren Ross, Jr., in the 1930s when ABAC was the Second District A&M School and continuing with his sons Larry Cottle Ross, Ebbie Timothy Ross, and Michael Neal Ross, and daughter Tammie Ross Koran. The next generation saw 13 of James's 17 grandchildren either attend and/or graduate from ABAC: Jasmine Ross McMillan, Julie Ross McCloud, Jeffery Ross, Angela Barbee Owen, Melanie Barbee Cross, Christie Barbee Venable, Wes Ross, Carrie Ross Crabtree, Oren Ross, Sunny Ross Sparrow, Marla Ross Folsom, Sam Koran True, and Christopher Maxwell. Eight of James's great-grandchildren have attended and/or graduated: Emily Walker, Brooks Cross, Bryce Cross, Conner Cross, Loren Croy Flynt, Whitney Croy Everidge, Pate McMillan, and Kendall Maxwell. Several members of the family met their spouses at ABAC. There have also been members of the family and extended family that have worked at ABAC or served on boards at the institution.

Honorary Alumnus Award - Dr. Jerry Baker

Before joining ABAC, Dr. Jerry Baker served as CEO and Executive Director of Sigma Xi: The Scientific Research Society and was a faculty member at the University of Georgia for 13 years. At ABAC, he served as Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources and later as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, helping expand degree programs and advising numerous student clubs, including Young Farmers and Ranchers, Collegiate FFA, and the Horseman's Association. Even after retirement, he remained engaged with the college through volunteer work and scholarship support, earning recognition such as the Lanier Carson Leadership Award and an Honorary American FFA Degree.

J. Lamar Branch Award for Outstanding Leadership in Agriculture - Matt Hestad, Class of 2010

He graduated from ABAC with an associate degree in Agricultural Communications in 2010. He, his wife Bianca and their son Boomer live in Covington, where Matt serves as senior vice president for the Georgia Forestry Association and Foundation. He is responsible for directing the Georgia Forestry Foundation's strategic initiatives across economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and education and leadership as well as leading the communications team for both the Association and Foundation, which is instrumental in advancing a mission to support Georgia's \$41.3 billion forestry sector and its impact on communities statewide

Master Agriculturalist Award - Max "Buddy" Lewis, Class of 1978

He attended ABAC from 1975 through 1978 and graduated with an associate of applied science in agriculture. He started out growing crop peanuts, soybeans, grain sorghum and wheat from the 1970's through the early 2000's, while always maintaining a cattle herd. In 1996, Max built four broiler houses and began a 28-year career growing chickens. The poultry operation allowed for a steady income during the process of reducing the row crop operation. Currently, he and his son maintain a herd of cattle on roughly 400 acres in Dougherty County that have been in the family since the 1930s. They utilize good industry practices like pasture rotation, continual genetic improvement through herd management, hay production for their herd and some neighbors and custom litter spreading. Buddy sits on the board of directors for Mitchell EMC Board, representing Dougherty County, is a member of the Georgia Farm Bureau, and attends Porterfield Methodist Church in Albany.

Miles A. Drummond Rising Star Award - Will Bostelman, Class of 2021

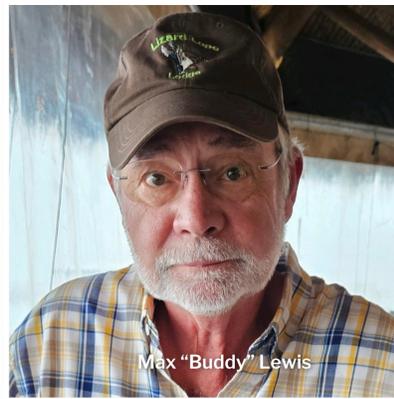
He graduated from ABAC with a bachelor's degree in business in 2010 and went on to start his own business, The Swingset Co., which designs, builds, and markets high quality wooden swing sets. He is also very involved in both his local community in the Atlanta area and in state-level economic development, which carries over from his active involvement as a student: he served as an ABAC Ambassador, a Student Government Association senator representing the Stafford School of Business, and was elected SGA President in his junior year.



Brad Lindsey



Chris Earls



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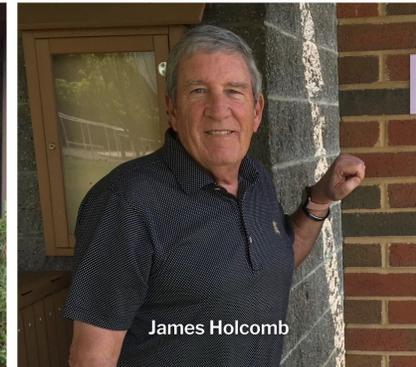
Jerry Baker



Regina Kramer



The Ross Family



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Outstanding Educator Award - Regina Kramer, Class of 1979

She graduated from ABAC with an associate degree in home economics in 1979. She and her husband, Richard, live in Alpharetta and have three children, Christopher, Michael, and Caroline. Regina began teaching home economics in 1984 at Roswell High School, then moved to Riverwood High School, Crabapple Middle School, Crabapple Crossing Elementary School, and Summit Hill Elementary School. Even though she retired in 2015, she still substitute teaches at Fulton County Schools. She was very active on campus during her time as a student, joining multiple clubs and participating in campus events, and has also been a long-time member of the ABAC Alumni Association.

Outstanding Business Leader Award - Danny Griffin, Class of 1982

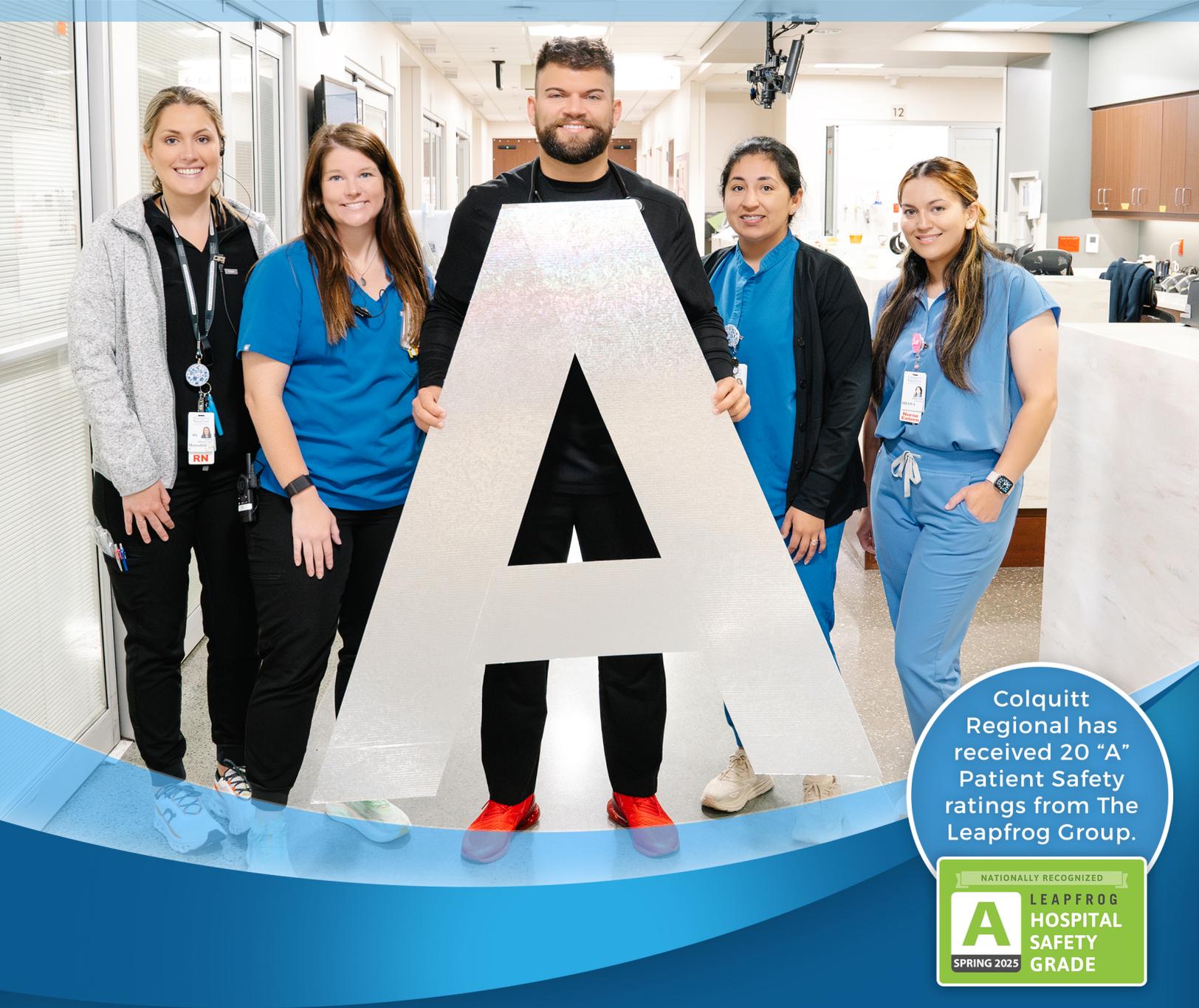
He graduated from ABAC with an associate degree in business administration in 1982. His wife, Tammy, and their two children, Daniel and Alyssa, also attended ABAC. Danny is the president and dealer principal of The Griffin Automotive Group, which includes Griffin Ford Lincoln and Griffin Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Tifton, Griffin Chevrolet of Sylvester and Griffin Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Valdosta. He is also a strong community supporter, regularly donating time and money to various programs and causes around Tift County.

Outstanding Healthcare Professional Award - Dr. Brad Lindsey, Class of 1991

He graduated from ABAC with an associate degree in 1991. Brad currently serves as a neurologist at Southwell and donates in support of several foundations for medical research and support. He regularly attends events at ABAC.

Outstanding Young Alumnus Award - Chris Earls, Class of 2010

He graduated from ABAC with an associate degree in agricultural education in 2010. Chris is currently a lecturer in biology at ABAC, serves as the head women's soccer coach, and is the advisor for the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He, along with his athletes and advisees, does community service around the area, and he is an active supporter of ABAC through various endowments and events.



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Honoring Dr. Larry Moorman: A Legacy of Learning and Generosity

Some legacies are felt not just in buildings or programs, but in every student whose life is forever changed by a simple act of generosity. That is the legacy of Dr. Larry Moorman.

Together with his wife, Debra, Dr. Moorman believed in the boundless power of education and in the importance of giving back to others. In 2002, their remarkable gift of Forest Lakes Golf Club to the ABAC Foundation became more than just a donation of land. It became a place where learning comes to life.

Today, students walk the fairways of Forest Lakes not just to play golf, but to study turfgrass management, golf course operations, agribusiness, and more. “The most rewarding thing about donating Forest Lakes to ABAC is seeing so many students get a leg up on other job seekers with real world experience” Debra said. Many alumni can trace the start of their journey to the opportunities they found on these greens.

The Moormans’ generosity did not stop there. In 2009, they donated the Forest Lakes Golf Club clubhouse, creating a welcoming space where students gather; events are held, and community connections grow stronger.

Today, Dr. Moorman’s memory lives on in many ways, especially through the Annual Dr. Larry Moorman Golf

Tournament at Forest Lakes, which celebrated its second year this past May. The tournament not only honors his life and vision but also raises funds to support the students he cared so deeply about.

The legacy of Dr. Moorman has been an inspiration to many people in our community. Every year Dr. Moorman would support various local organizations and activities: he bought livestock raised by local students at FFA auctions, he sponsored youth sports teams through the Tift County Recreation Department, he contributed to his church, he sponsored local arts activities, and he supported ABAC by donating a golf course to use for teaching, and so much more. “I admired Dr. Moorman’s generosity and have sought to emulate his giving, including donating to the memorial scholarship at ABAC in his honor” Dr. Bret Wagenhorst, Dr. Moorman’s practice colleague of 20 years, explained.

Dr. Moorman believed in planting seeds that would grow far beyond his lifetime, and that can be seen in the Dr. Larry Moorman Endowed Scholarship. In 2025 Debra Moorman and Jennifer Moorman, on behalf of the family of Dr. Larry Moorman, created a scholarship for the benefit of ABAC students. The scholarship endowment honors Dr. Moorman’s life, work, and commitment to higher education. Their generosity continues to create opportunities, hope, and bright futures for ABAC students.



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The ABAC Foundation acknowledges those who made contributions during the 2024-2025 fiscal 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, 2024 and June 30, 2025. However, if we have omitted or misspelled your name, please accept our apologies and contact the ABAC Foundation at 229.391.4900 so we can correct the error.

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A Legacy of Commitment: How Jimmy and Sandra Holton Became Champions

When Jimmy and Sandra Holton look back over their lives—nearly 60 years of marriage, decades of service to their community, and deep roots in Southwest Georgia—they can see a trail of moments that steadily built their connection to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Their relationship with ABAC began with Jimmy attending in 1962, and that connection was rekindled many years later with a simple invitation from a friend.

Jimmy Holton first stepped onto ABAC's campus in 1962. The campus, as he fondly remembers, was smaller then, but full of energy and camaraderie. He ran track, played intramural sports, and enjoyed the lively social scene. He even jokes that he “did pretty good with the girls, although the boys outnumbered the girls.”

After ABAC, Jimmy transferred to the University of Georgia, where he graduated in 1965. UGA also played a pivotal role in his personal life. During his junior year, a sorority sister arranged a blind date with a young woman named Sandra. That introduction would shape the rest of his life.

Sandra enrolled at UGA when she was just 16 years old. Bright, determined, and deeply committed to her education, she graduated magna cum laude with a sociology degree and completed her master's in 1965.

After the Holtons married in June 1966, they moved to Camilla, where Sandra began what would become a remarkable 34-year career with the Mitchell County Family and Children's Services—32 of those years as director. Her dedication to families in need left an indelible mark on the community. While living and working near ABAC, Sandra came to learn just how impactful the institution is to Southwest Georgia.

“I'm so glad that even young people in our community seem to have connections to ABAC,” she said. “The more I learned about ABAC, the more I liked it.”

Jimmy's profession veered from agriculture: He managed the Camilla Petroleum Company and oversaw wholesale marketing operations,

including more than 20 convenience stores. After the business was sold—twice—Jimmy remained in upper management as director of marketing and operations before finally retiring.

Even with a different career path, his passion for agriculture remained. He served on ABAC's Animal Science Board and had a distinguished record as a member of UGA's livestock judging team, winning high individual honors in sheep and competing internationally.

In his community, Jimmy has been a leader. He has served on the Boys & Girls Club board, volunteered through his church, and has been an active Rotarian since 1969. He even had the privilege of serving as president during the nation's bicentennial year in 1976—a year when his friend James Lee Adams arranged for Paul Harvey's broadcast to air from Camilla.

A Friendship that Led Back to ABAC

Jimmy's modern involvement with ABAC began thanks to that same longtime friend. When ABAC Foundation Board member James Lee Adams invited him to attend An Evening for ABAC, Jimmy and Sandra gladly accepted. That evening sparked something meaningful.

What began as annual contributions grew over time into a deeper commitment. As they learned more about ABAC—its students, its mission, and its impact on the region—they felt inspired to do more. Today, Jimmy and Sandra are proud members of the 1908 Society and have established the Jimmy and Sandra Holton Endowment. The endowment will help create many more stories like theirs, as many more students will be empowered to attend ABAC through their support.

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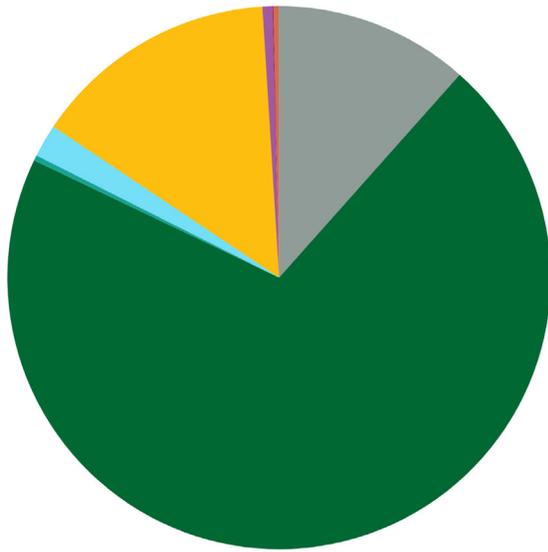
April 10-11, 2026

A full schedule, hotel accommodations,
and more will be available soon at
www.abac.edu/homecoming



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Total Assets
Year Ended June 30

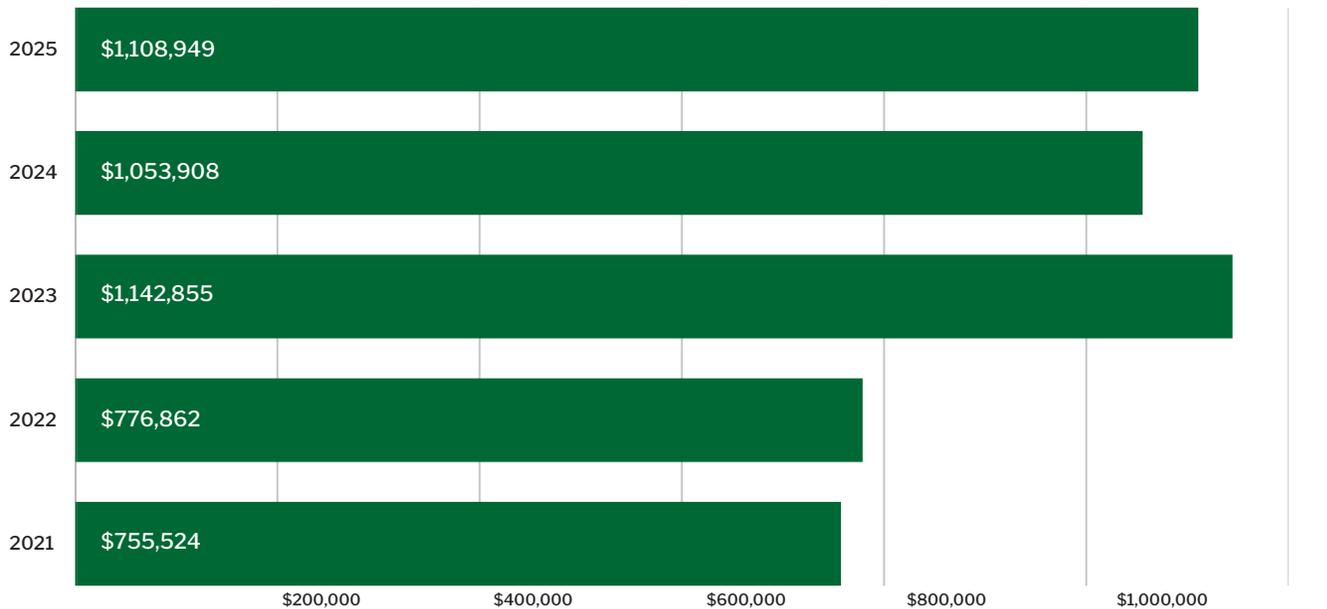


- Investments: \$33,624,259
 - Property and Equipment: \$6,972,267
 - Cash and Cash Equivalents: \$5,513,271
 - Unconditional Promises to Give: \$932,191
 - Life Insurance Cash Value: \$282,338
 - Investment in Limited Partnership: \$153,639
 - Assets Held in Gift Annuity Trust: \$159,994
 - Other assets: \$25,880
- TOTAL ASSETS: \$47,663,839**

Total Assets By Year
Year Ended June 30



Scholarship Dollars By Year
Year Ended June 30



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year ended June 30, 2025

REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions and special events	\$ 1,731,048
In-kind contribution	291,085
Investment income, net	1,061,083
Realized and unrealized gains on investment	2,796,525
Rental Revenues	142,574
Other	272,794
Gains on uncollectible contributions receivable	21,251
Total revenues and other support	\$ 6,316,360

EXPENSES

Program Services

Academic and education	1,475,282
Other program support	916,321

Total program services	\$ 2,391,603
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Support Services

Administrative and general	644,825
Fundraising	415,691

Total Support Services	1,060,516
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Total expenses	\$ 3,452,119
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	2,864,241
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NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	42,717,647
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NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 45,581,888
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Thank you for investing in our students!



198 Total
Endowments



\$1.1 Million in
Scholarships Awarded



861 Students
Received Scholarships



4,023 Students Enrolled for
the Fall 2025 Semester



Enrolled Students Represent
20 US States and 23 Countries

2024-2025 Highlights



Our Mission

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is a State College within the University System of Georgia. ABAC's mission is to provide excellent education by engaging, teaching, coaching, mentoring, and providing relevant experiences that prepare the graduate for life.

Our Vision

ABAC aspires to be an institutional destination of greatness, a college where committed students seek a life-changing experience and are prepared to contribute positively to the communities in which they live and work.



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