

## ABAC Student Resources

The Office of Student Affairs seeks to support and advance the mission of ABAC to provide an excellent education by engaging, teaching, coaching, mentoring, and providing relevant experiences that prepare you, the future graduate, for life. We are committed to supporting the resources, programming, and opportunities to promote student wellness. As Dean of Students, I serve as a student advocate and strive to help you understand your student rights and responsibilities within the policies and guidelines established by the University System of Georgia and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Whether you attend ABAC in Tifton or in Bainbridge, you have access to the resources of Student Affairs. Our job is to help you make the most of your college experience. Please reach out to us at [deanofstudents@abac.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@abac.edu), call [229-391-5130](tel:229-391-5130), or stop by to visit in Branch Hall, Suite 208. Also, be sure to periodically check the digital signage around campus as well as your ABAC email for updates. You may also visit the [Dean of Students](#) website for more resources and information.

The following are resources which may assist you that are available through ABAC and our local community:

- **ABAC Police Department:** The ABAC Police Department provide effective, efficient, and professional services to the Tifton campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is located in Evans Hall. Their contact number is (229) 391-5060. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/wellness-safety/police-department.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/wellness-safety/police-department.html).
  - LiveSafe App: The LiveSafe app provides students with a direct connection to the ABAC Police Department so that everyone can easily communicate all their safety needs. Users can send texts, photos, videos and precise location information to report incidents ranging from routine maintenance needs to suspicious activity to safety threats. For more information visit, [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/wellness-safety/police-department.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/wellness-safety/police-department.html).
- **Accommodation & Disability Services (ADS):** ADS is dedicated to ensuring nondiscrimination and equitable access to programs, courses, and activities for qualified students with disabilities. The Accommodations Coordinator works with students, faculty, and staff in developing reasonable accommodations and strategies for a successful learning experience while maintaining rigor and academic standards. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/wellness-safety/accommodation-disability-services.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/wellness-safety/accommodation-disability-services.html).
- **Career Center:** The ABAC Career Center serves to empower, prepare, and support students and alumni through their career exploration and development process as they explore career options, gain valuable experiences, and launch their post-

graduation career plan. For more information, visit

<https://www.abac.edu/academics/student-success/career-center.html>.

- **Communication, Awareness, Referral, Education (CARE) Team:** The CARE Team is a network comprised of members from the ABAC campus community who work together to promote a safe and thriving academic and residential environment. When you submit a referral using the link below, please know that your submission will be reviewed by appropriate individuals dedicated to connecting members of the ABAC community to support resources as well as upholding the standards with applicable codes of conduct. Submit a CARE Team referral [here](#). For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/wellness-safety/care-team.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/wellness-safety/care-team.html).
- **Counseling Center:** The mission of The Counseling Center is to foster the development and emotional well-being of ABAC students through personal behavioral health counseling. The Counseling Center provides individual counseling, group counseling, prevention and outreach, consultation, and crisis response across the ABAC Tifton and Bainbridge campuses. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/wellness-safety/counseling-center.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/wellness-safety/counseling-center.html).
  - **Uwill:** The ABAC Counseling Center offers expanded access to mental health services – in addition to the ongoing counseling services on campus – through a partnership with Uwill, which offers students immediate access to teletherapy with no additional charges, a direct crisis connection, and wellness programming through its easy-to-use online platform.
    - **24/7 Mental Health Crisis Line:** 833-646-1526. For in-the-moment support from a licensed counselor for mental health.
    - **Teletherapy Sessions** (up to 3 30-minute sessions): To schedule teletherapy, use your ABAC email to [register](#) and log in. Choose a time that fits your schedule and select a therapist based on your preferences, including issue, gender, language, and ethnicity.
  - **988 Suicide & Crisis Line:** The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. The 988 Lifeline is comprised of a national network of over 200 local crisis centers, combining local care and resources with national standards and best practices. For more information, visit <https://988lifeline.org/>.
- **Health Center:** The ABAC Health Center is located on the Tifton campus and provides students with health care services and health-related educational programs consistent with its mission and reflecting the needs of the campus community. The Health Center is staffed by nurse practitioners and registered nurses who provide care for acute illnesses and minor injuries. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/wellness-safety/health-center.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/wellness-safety/health-center.html).
- **Library Services:** The ABAC Libraries contain resources that support and augment the College's curriculum. All materials except for equipment, special collections

and course reserves are stored on open shelves or are available from our repository via request. Items in the physical collections are catalogued and shelved according to the Library of Congress Classification System. Physical items are loaned to currently enrolled students with their Gold Card. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/academics/academic\\_resources/libraries.html](https://www.abac.edu/academics/academic_resources/libraries.html).

- **Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs):** With approximately 60 student clubs and organizations, ABAC should have at least one group to match the interests of every student. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/get-involved/clubs-organizations.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/get-involved/clubs-organizations.html)
- **Recreational Sports:** ABAC offers all current students the opportunity to engage in campus recreational activities through Intramural Sports programming, Thrash Wellness Center, and the Legacy Foundation Swimming Pool.
  - **Intramurals:** Intramural participation is entirely voluntary, and students are encouraged to become involved, whether for competition or fun, in a group or as an individual; no additional fees are required. Intramural activities include basketball, bowling, softball, pickleball, flag football, soccer, tennis, sand volleyball, dodgeball, and other events. The desire for fun, exercise, social contact, and friendly competition in a wholesome, satisfying atmosphere furnishes the stimulation for the activities and tournaments offered. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/recreation/index.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/recreation/index.html).
  - **Thrash Wellness Center & Foundation Legacy Swimming Pool:** Thrash Wellness Center and the Foundation Legacy Swimming Pool have recently been renovated on the Tifton campus, and all students, faculty & staff are encouraged to incorporate new equipment and facilities into their routine toward a fit and healthy lifestyle. More information on hours of operation and guidelines can be found at [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/recreation/thrash-wellness.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/recreation/thrash-wellness.html) and <https://www.abac.edu/foundation-legacy-pool-complex/>.
    - Bainbridge Student Wellness Center: Students have access to this facility for the promotion of fun, fitness and wellness.
- **Reporting Forms:**
  - Academic Dishonesty Report—Use this [form](#) to report academic misconduct. Incidents include, but are not limited to, giving or receiving unauthorized academic assistance, cheating, plagiarism, and falsifying results.
  - Hazing—Use this [form](#) to report all forms of hazing activities. Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that—(I) is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in a student organization; and (II) causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher

education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury including—(aa) whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone’s body, or similar activity; (bb) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity; (cc) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances; (dd) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts; (ee) any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct; (ff) any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law; and (gg) any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law.

- Incident Reporting Form—Use this [form](#) to report student non-academic misconduct. Incidents include, but are not limited to, alcohol/drug use, disruptive behavior, theft, and physical assault. Do not use this page to report events presenting an immediate threat to life or property. For immediate safety concerns, call ABAC Police at 229.391.5060 or 911.
- Sexual Misconduct/Title IX—ABAC strongly encourages members of the College community to report instances of sexual misconduct promptly (see attached). These policies and procedures are intended to ensure that all parties involved receive appropriate support and fair treatment and that allegations of sexual misconduct are handled in a prompt, thorough, and equitable manner. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/title-ix.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/title-ix.html).
- Student Code of Conduct and Stallion Honor Code—The Student Code of Conduct outlines the policies and procedures the college has established to promote the college mission and protect the rights and privileges of the entire campus community. All students are expected to abide by and follow the Student Code of Conduct and Stallion Honor Code while enrolled at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/dean-students.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/dean-students.html)
- Student Complaints—ABAC recognizes the importance of providing procedures for fair and equitable resolution of student complaints. Resolution of complaints should be achieved at the lowest administrative level and in the most equitable way possible. The burden of proof resides with the student who [submits a complaint](#). Students who elect the complaint process should not fear prejudice or retaliation for initiating the process or participating in its resolution.
- **Student Food Pantry**—Use this [form](#) to request to visit the food pantry. The ABAC Food Pantry provides food items and basic supplies to students in need. The food pantry is not a college funded service. The services are financed

through year-round charitable fundraising. Most of the food is from donations. Products offered are dependent on their availability as well as our financial situation. We try to provide as much variety as possible while still maintaining cost limitations and providing for the basic needs for those who need assistance.

- **Student Workers:** ABAC students are a vital part of our campus in many ways. Each semester departments across our college hire around 200 to 250 student workers to help keep our locations running smoothly. For more information, visit <https://www.abac.edu/about/administration/human-resources.html>.
- **Technology:** Information Technology's primary mission is to deliver reliable, secure, and high-quality services to ABAC students. Their goal is to support easy communication methods and make available intuitive and useful access to information and services to enable academic success. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/technology.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/technology.html).
- **Testing Center:** The ABAC Testing Center provides a wide range of testing services to the ABAC community. Services include but are not limited to, online testing, program-specific entrance and exit exams, proctoring services (independent learning, and placement testing. For more information, visit <https://www.abac.edu/academics/student-success/testing-center.html>.
- **Title IX:** Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is committed to ensuring a safe learning environment that supports the dignity of all members of the ABAC community. ABAC does not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender in any of its education or employment programs and activities. ABAC will not tolerate sexual misconduct, which is prohibited, and which includes, but is not limited to, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, and stalking. For more information, visit [https://www.abac.edu/campus\\_life/title-ix.html](https://www.abac.edu/campus_life/title-ix.html).
- **Tutoring Center:** The ABAC Tutoring Center employs peer tutors who meet specific qualifications and are trained in tutoring and are trained in tutoring skills. They can help with most courses taught at ABAC. For more information, visit <https://www.abac.edu/academics/student-success/tutoring-center.html>.

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### Community Resources/Services

- **Brother Charlie's:** Brother Charlie Rescue Center (BCRC) is a faith-based non-profit agency organized and incorporated in 1979 to serve the homeless in the South Georgia Region. Our agency provides services to the homeless in our area by outreach to the homeless population, emergency shelter, and help homeless individuals access and obtain housing appropriate to their level of functioning and need. For more information visit, <https://brothercharlies.com/>.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** Celebrate Recovery is a biblically balanced approach to help bring sustainable recovery and healing to our hurts. It guides us toward new healthy

truths and life-giving habits as we repair our broken relationships. For more information, visit <https://fbctifton.org/celebrate-recovery>.

- **Legacy Behavioral Health:** Offer an array of outpatient services to help individuals with mental health, addictive disease and developmental disability issues. Service delivery is tailored to the individual and is based on consumer needs and preferences. For more information, visit <https://legacysga.com/>.
- **Oasis Recovery Community Organization, Inc.:** Resources for individuals in recovery from substance abuse. For more information, visit <https://www.oasistifton.com/>.
- **Ruth's Cottage & The Patticake House:** Victim Services domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and legal advocacy. For more information, visit <https://stopthehurtga.org/>.
- **Tiftarea House of Hope:** Tiftarea House of Hope, part of [The Bridge of Tiftarea, Inc.](#), is a non-denominational, faith-based emergency and transitional residence for homeless women. For more information, visit <https://www.tiftareahouseofhope.org/>

Additional Resources:

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