

Katibeth Mims selected as ABAC SANR leader

Seven students have been selected as School of Agriculture and Natural Resources (SANR) Leaders at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. One of them was Seminole County's Katibeth Mims, an agricultural communication major and the daughter of Stephanie and Greg Mims.

The six other SANR Leaders include Chrys Kirby, an agricultural education major from Tifton; Cole Patterson, an agriculture major with a concentration in ag technology and systems management from Ty Ty; Jamya Barnett, an agriculture major from Wauchula, Fla.; Youry Gonzalez, an agribusiness major from Douglas; Meredith McGlamory, a double major in agriculture with a concentration in animal science and agricultural communication from Rochelle; and Brittany Braddy, an agricultural education major from Mount Vernon.

SANR Academic and Career Coordinator Suzanne Bentley said the students play a key role in the growth of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"I am thrilled to work with our second team of SANR Leaders this academic year," said Bentley. "These students have not only excelled academically, but through their extracurricular involvement as well. This strong team of seven serves as the face of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and these students have graciously stepped up to serve the SANR as well as ABAC."

Selection for the SANR Leaders was based on grade point average, club/organization activity, and leadership skills. The members of the group will be prominent at events sponsored by the SANR, Stallion Days, and other recruitment opportunities.



Pictured left to right, new ABAC SANR leaders include: front row: Youry Gonzalez, Meredith McGlamory, and Cole Patterson; back row: Brittany Braddy, Katibeth Mims, Chrys Kirby, and Jamya Barnett.

"I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to serve as a School of Agriculture and Natural Resources Leader for this upcoming school year," Mims said. "ABAC is a small-town school with big time opportunities, and I look forward to conveying this to prospective students while advocating for our professors, students, and the curriculum."



Southwest Georgia Academy Day proclaimed by the Governor

In 1969, Southwest Georgia Academy (SGA) was but a dream. For over a year, SGA's founding fathers, Hal Haddock, Henry Haddock, J.W. Willis, Lynn Pullen, and Charles Bridges traveled the state in search of the answers to make their dream a reality.

In February of 1970, registration for SGA's first students began as did the interviewing and hiring of the school's first teachers and headmaster. W.T. Henry of Colquitt was hired as head of school as were eighteen teachers consisting of Anngene Gibbs, Margaret Arnold, Henrinell Middleton, Pat Bridges, Martha Dozier, Vivian Morton, Libby Pridgeon,

Martha Jordan, Mary Thompson, Emogene Jarvis, Mildred Tarver, Edna Sessions, Naomi Bruner, Ruby Still, Suzanne Felder, Sibbie Smith, Joy White, and Carolyn Widner.

On September 1, 1970, Southwest Georgia Academy opened its doors to approximately 365 students in grades 1-11. The 12th grade was added in 1971, and SGA graduated 33 students in its first graduating class.

This year, SGA celebrates its 50th year of promoting educational excellence with 417 students and as such Governor Brain Kemp has declared September 1st as Southwest Georgia Academy Day.



David Maxwell and Rhonda Worrell

Chamber shines its spotlight on the Donelsonville News

This week the Donelsonville-Seminole County Chamber of Commerce shines the "Spotlight" on the community's source for news and information since 1916, the *Donelsonville News*!

Located at 216 Cherry St., the *Donelsonville News* has been a part of the lives of residents here in Donelsonville and Seminole County for over 100 years, and it is still keeping readers informed and up-to-date on news relating to the community, while also keeping local citizens inspired as well as entertained by the regular columns published - weekly in its printed newspaper and daily at donelsonvillenews.com

Businesses can advertise their products and services to an engaged readership of subscribers, and newsstand and vendor patrons. The classifieds and public notices, a favorite section of Chamber President Sarah Avery, can help one find yard sales, used cars and trucks, and show who needs volunteers here in the area.

"We can learn about foreclosures, tax sales, new liquor licenses and much more! The *Donelsonville News* covers our births, graduations, weddings, deaths, and more. We are looking forward to a new century being chronicled in our hometown newspaper," commented Avery.

In addition to submitting news and advertising, stop by the *Donelsonville News* and ask managing editor David Maxwell to give you a tour of the newspaper's museum. The collection includes old photos, articles, and machinery from the paper's first century in operation. Dan Ponder is the owner and publisher of the paper.

If you are interested in joining the Chamber of Commerce or you have questions about the Chamber and what they do, call or stop by and speak with Sarah or Kadie Matthews. The Chamber, located at 122 E. Second Street in downtown Donelsonville, is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., and can be reached by phone at (229) 524-2588.

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