Area Invited to ABC Banquet in Lafayette

The official Acadian Bicentennial Celebration Banquet honoring visiting Canadians, French, U. S. and state officials and religious dignitaries will be held at noon in James Hall at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12.

The bicentennial celebration will open with the presentation of the national anthem, "Canada 75" in a grand manner.

The event will be held at the Louisiana University Club, Lafayette.

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