

About **CHIPOLA**



Changing Lives
Creating Futures

Since 1947

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"I love the ACE Lab. I spent many hours here studying with other students and I think it really helped me out in the long run having a place like this to go!"

2018 Graduating Student Survey

"All my online courses were great, easy to use, and the teachers were helpful."

2018 Graduating Student Survey

"BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS!"

2018 Graduating Student Survey

"Theater is wonderful! Great plays, and great community involvement. Baseball games and basketball games were always a delight."

2018 Graduating Student Survey

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History

Chipola College is a public, open-admissions institution in Marianna, Florida, serving Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington counties in the Florida Panhandle. Located in Northwest Florida, 70 miles west of Tallahassee, 60 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, and 30 miles from the Alabama state line, Chipola is the third oldest of Florida's 28 state-supported community colleges. Programs in workforce development began in 1967-1968 and in 2003, the Florida Legislature granted the college permission to offer selected baccalaureate degrees that address documented workforce needs in its region. Chipola opened its doors in 1946 as a private institution with six full-time teachers and 65 students. The college served 2,680 students in its degree and certificate programs in 2018-2019.

Chipola was brought under state control and financing in 1947 when Florida's Minimum Foundation Law initiated a plan to place two years of college education within commuting distance of every Florida citizen. The original district of Calhoun, Jackson and Washington Counties was expanded later to include Holmes and Liberty Counties.

A milestone in the college's history occurred in 1953 when the college moved from its original location at the former Graham Army Air Base to its present location near the banks of the Chipola River.

The first permanent buildings were completed and occupied in 1954. Additions through the years have created a complex of 35 buildings arranged on a wooded campus of about 75 acres in a 120-acre tract. The remaining acreage is in its natural state of pines, cedars and hardwoods. The campus also includes outdoor athletic fields and a pool. There are six off-campus buildings used for specialized training activities in public service programs.

Chipola College is governed by a nine-member District Board of Trustees appointed by the governor for four-year terms and by the State Board of Education. The college operates under rules of the Florida Department of Education and policies set forth by the District Board of Trustees. The college was accredited in 1957 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC) and has maintained continuous accreditation since that time. The most recent reaffirmation of accreditation occurred in 2008.

In 2003, the Florida Legislature authorized Chipola College to award bachelor degrees, which means that more students in the college district are now able to access bachelor degree programs in fields where there is a demand for trained workers. Chipola's School of Education offers seven bachelor degree programs, the first being approved in 2003. These programs prepare math, science and English teachers for area middle and high schools. Elementary Education and Exceptional Student Education degree programs were added in 2006. The college initiated the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Management in 2007 and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2008. In December 2010, Chipola was approved to offer the Bachelor of Science in English Education. In May 2011, Chipola was approved to offer the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with concentrations in Accounting and Management; an Information Technology concentration was added in 2016 and an Engineering Management concentration was added in 2017. After 70 years, Chipola continues to meet the challenge of its mission by addressing the postsecondary educational needs of local citizens.



“Chipola College promotes learning and student achievement through excellence, opportunity, diversity, and progress.”

Chipola College Vision

Chipola Named a State College

In June 2008, Chipola officially became a state college and part of the Florida College System, which consists of institutions awarding 2-year and 4-year academic degrees. It was at this time that its name changed from Chipola Junior College to Chipola College.

Chipola's programs are more affordable and cost-effective than those at the state university level—another benefit to both taxpayers and students.



*Chipola now offers
nine Bachelor of
Science degrees in
Education,
Nursing and
Business
Administration.*

Nine Bachelor's Degrees Offered at Chipola College

- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (grades K-6)
- Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Student Education (grades K-12)
- Bachelor of Science in English Education (grades 6-12)
- Bachelor of Science in Middle School Mathematics Education (grades 5-9)
- Bachelor of Science in Secondary Mathematics Education (grades 6-12)
- Bachelor of Science in Middle School Science Education (grades 5-9)
- Bachelor of Science in Biology Education (grades 6-12)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
(Four concentrations: Accounting, Management, Infor. Systems, Engineering Management)

*Graduates of Chipola's
School of Education
Program are certified
and placed in jobs at a
rate of 90-100%.*

Bachelor of Science Degrees in Education

Chipola initiated the School of Education to offer bachelor of science degrees in education. The first degree programs prepared students as middle school and high school teachers to address the critical shortage of qualified math and science teachers.. The Florida State Board of Education later approved three additional bachelor degree programs in the School of Education: Elementary Education, Exceptional Student Education, and English Education.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN)

The RN-BSN degree program began in Fall 2008. Applicants for the BS in Nursing must have earned the AS degree in Nursing, be licensed Registered Nurses, and have completed all required prerequisite courses. Chipola's nursing programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Accounting Concentration)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Engineering Management Concentration)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Information Systems Concentration)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Management Concentration)

Chipola's Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) began in May of 2011. Chipola now offers the BSBA with concentrations in Accounting, Management, Information Technology and Engineering Management. To enter the BSBA program, students must complete 60 hours of lower level course work including Florida's required 36 hours of general education and program pre-requisites.

Documented Performance of Chipola and Its Students

Chipola is respected among post-secondary institutions in Florida because of the success of its students. Below are highlights of success on a variety of indicators. Similar results have been achieved by Chipola each year since the identification of the college's expected outcomes.

- **Florida Bright Futures Scholars:** State reports have ranked Chipola among the top performing Florida colleges for the high percentage of its students receiving the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. Many of these students will transfer to professional schools in medicine, law, pharmacy, engineering, and business, but the fact that so many of these scholars receive their general education at Chipola speaks well for the college's reputation for high standards and quality instruction.

- **Outstanding Instruction at All Levels:** There are many other indicators of instructional quality. State accountability reports consistently rank Chipola among the top colleges in Florida on reports of GPAs of transfers to state universities. Licensure passing rates and job placement rates in many programs are consistently above 90%.

- **ETS Proficiency Profile Performance:** Chipola's graduating sophomores scored above the national mean in all ETS Proficiency Profile test areas: reading, writing, critical thinking, and mathematics.

- **Chipola Honors Program:** The Chipola Honors Program is a member of the National Collegiate Honors Council. The Honors Program offers weekly seminars for the brightest and best students from Chipola's five-county district. Teachers of honors classes guide students through research projects beyond the regular course requirements. Honors students often serve as tutors in the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE).

Chipola has been nominated for the Aspen Prize for the last six consecutive times. Nomination is based on student outcomes. Only the top 120 out of 1,200 colleges are nominated.

Nationally Recognized Scholars, Brain Bowl Team, Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Beta Lambda Chapters

The Chipola College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an honor society for students from two-year colleges, offers opportunities in scholarship, leadership, and service. Through service learning, students learn about commitment to community. Although membership is restricted by GPA, the organization involves non-members in campus and community events. The college holds PTK members in high esteem and has created an Academic Wall of Honor to recognize outstanding accomplishments earned by students throughout the chapter's history. Phi Theta Kappa members have been named New Century Scholars and named to the All USA Academic Team. PTK members have also been recipients of the coveted Guistwhite Scholarship and the Coca Cola Scholarship. Among other awards, the chapter has been recognized as the Most Distinguished chapter in the state and nation.

In 2019, Citlali Gutierrez of Blountstown was named a Coca Cola Silver Scholar. She along with Ansleigh Walters of Chipley, was named to the All-Florida Academic First Team.

The Chipola College Brain Bowl team has an outstanding record with a record nine state titles (2008-2019) in the Florida College System Activities Association Brain Bowl State Tournament. The team also has won the NAQT Community College National Championship Tournament numerous times, and has finished as the top two-year college in the National Academic Quiz Tournament (NAQT) Four-Year College Tournament. Chipola's 2018-2019 Brain Bowl Team finished third in the 2019 Community College National Championship in Orlando.

Campus organizations reflect Chipola's commitment to academic growth among students both inside and outside the classroom. The college nurtures and guides students in these organizations, expanding their educational opportunities into regional and national arenas. Student members are encouraged to interact and sometimes compete with their peers from colleges nationwide.

Through membership, students are exposed to new experiences at conferences in Florida and in distant locations like Los Angeles, Dallas, Boston, Denver, Nashville, Minneapolis, and Seattle.

Chipola business majors in the MAN-4720 class (Strategic Management) participate in the International Business Simulation competing against thousands of teams from universities and colleges around the world.

Chipola's business-centric organization, Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), is a top performer at State and National Leadership Conferences. PBL hosts FBLA District competitions for middle and high students. The group also performs community service projects such as a Zombie Crawl and Pie the Professor event to support local and national charities. Although PBL is primarily for business majors,

Nineteen Chipola College Phi Theta Kappa members have been awarded prestigious state and national awards in the last ten years.

Graduates of Chipola's nursing and corrections programs are employed and placed in jobs at a rate of 90-95%.

students from all majors are welcome to join.

- **STEM Events:** The Mathematics and Natural Sciences Departments hosts juniors and seniors from Chipola's District high schools for an annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics event each Fall. This year's one-day event - "Epidemic" - placed participants in laboratory settings to find the pathogen, mode of transmission, infection rate and projected spread of fictional disease in rural Northwest Florida.

- **Academic Center for Excellence (ACE):** In 2006, Chipola received a coveted Title III - Strengthening Institutions Grant through the U. S. Department of Education. This grant provided funds to establish the ACE for instructional support. The ACE features a comfortable learning environment for on-demand tutoring, group study, "Exam Cram" sessions, and computer access to instructional software. Hundreds of students attend the ACE each week to receive free individual tutoring upon request and participate in study sessions. Over 950 students made thousands of visits to the ACE in 2017-2018. The ACE was recognized by Florida College System (FCS) Chancellor Madeline Pumariega for innovation and excellence through the Chancellor's Best Practice Awards. The Chipola College ACE was among the top 10 finalists for a Bellwether Award in 2015 and in 2014.

- **Fine and Performing Arts:** Chipola College is well known throughout the Southeast for its excellent arts education and programming in music, art, and theatre. Classes and performance-based learning are offered in all three areas, and scholarships are available to increase accessibility for students.

The 56,000 square foot Dr. Gene Prough Center for the Arts is one of Florida's finest performing arts centers. The center opened in Fall 2012, and consists of a 650-seat state-of-the-art proscenium main theatre for performing arts; a 150-seat experimental theatre for intimate works, cutting-edge programs and recitals; an art gallery to serve the current and future needs of the Chipola College community. Teaching spaces, meeting rooms, scenery and costume shops, and offices are designed to enrich the educational experiences of Chipola's students and more than 6,000 K-12 school children in the five-county area. Some 10,000 guests visit the Center for the Arts each year.

Chipola's five musical ensembles, College Chorus, Rock and Jazz Ensemble, Show Choir, and the new Wind Ensemble and the President's Ensemble perform throughout the Southeast. The Show Choir and the President's Ensemble are chosen by audition. The Show Choir performs in such venues as Disney World, Sea World, and aboard cruise ships. Show Choir's annual concert, *Jazzmatazz*, routinely performs to sold-out audiences.

Chipola Theatre produces three student productions each year and a Fall Showcase. The 2018-2019 season included *Almost, Maine* and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*.

Each summer thousands of area children visit the Center for experience live theatre for the first time. This year children attended *The Wee Sing Train Musical*.

Theatre majors tour New York City and Broadway biennially. Students participate in masterclasses in the heart of New York's theatre district, and attended Broadway and off-Broadway performances. Students also attend the Florida Theatre Conference (FTC) and the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) for professional development opportunities.

The college also sponsors an Artist Series featuring national and international artists and provides deeply discounted tickets for Chipola students and staff. The 2018-2019 season included the legendary sound of *Chi-Town Transit Authority*; a modern-day folk trio *A Band Called Honalee*; writer, humorist, novelist, and biscuit connoisseur *Sean Dietrich*; and an original play *Our Lives in Letters* conceived and written by Chipola College faculty Constance R. Smith and Rachel Cooley West in collaboration with Northern Illinois University School of Theatre and Dance and Florida State University's Institute on World War II and the Human Experience.



Chipola is a Rural Cultural Arts Center with outstanding drama and music programs.

Chipola's theatre's production, Almost, Maine received an "excellent" rating by the Florida College System Activities Association and the FCSAA Award for Community Service. The production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast received a "superior" rating.

The Center's Art Gallery hosted the works of Chipola art faculty Mary Chong, Heaven Meets Earth, and Florida State University's Institute on World War II and the Human Experience's exhibit, Love, Dolly: Letters Home in World War II.

The Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) supports the arts in the Chipola district by funding programs for children, contributing to the Chipola Artist Series, providing grants for area music, art, and theatre teachers, and offering scholarships to Chipola students. Their unwavering effort to support the cultural life in the Chipola district has enriched the lives of countless community members.

- **Emphasis on Instructional Programs and Student Outcomes:** Throughout Florida, Chipola is recognized for the quality of its instructional programs, all of which undergo annual program assessments according to specific expected outcomes. A rigorous program assessment process helps deans, department chairs, and lead faculty determine program strengths and weaknesses and make improvements. All academic departments require common course syllabi, departmental final exams, and textbooks. Academic departments provide students with access to appropriate labs and instructional materials.

Many indicators confirm Chipola's outstanding academic program. Just one example is that Chipola's graduates in biology, chemistry, and physics are often recruited as lab assistants in state universities and engineering students consistently earn top honors in colleges of engineering.

- **College-Level Competencies:** Faculty have identified college-level competencies taught in the general education core courses of associate degree programs. Multiple measures are used to evaluate how well students learn to do the following:

- Evaluate Societal and Ethical Issues, Problems, and Values
- Understand the History, Nature, Methods, and Limits of Science
- Demonstrate Basic Mathematical Skills and Knowledge
- Comprehend and Articulate Effectively in English (Reading, Writing, and Oral Communication)
- Interpret, Evaluate, and Appreciate Works of Human Culture
- Evaluate and Use Information Technology Effectively

- **Excellent Advising and Orientation:** Chipola's students get a good start during one-on-one advising sessions with faculty members and Student Affairs advisors. Academic plans and other aids in educational planning are available on the college's website. Entering freshmen learn college survival skills during an orientation course. Recent Graduating Student Surveys show that 93% of the graduates were satisfied with academic advising. Over 88% felt that SLS 1101-Orientation had helped them "learn about programs and services," and 91% felt that the course had helped them "learn about transferring to a state university."

- **Athletics:** While Chipola is recognized for excellent academic programs, sports have always been a big part of the college community. Chipola student-athletes participate in men's baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's softball and women's cross-country. The college also has an outstanding cheerleading squad.

Chipola athletes have played men's basketball and baseball since the college's inception and even fielded a football team for a couple of years. Chipola hosted the FCSAA men's and women's state basketball tournament for 17 years.

In 2019, Chipola won conference titles and state championships in softball and baseball. Chipola softball continued on to win their third national championships in college history.



Men's Baseball holds 6 state championships and three national championships, including back to back national titles in 2017 and 2018.

Men's Basketball holds a total of 13 state championships. Women's Basketball holds six state championships and a national championship in 2015.

Chipola marked its 60th anniversary in 2007 in grand style by picking up two national championships—baseball and softball—and state championships in all four of the college's major intercollegiate sports. The feat put Chipola in the record books as the only team from the Florida ever to win four state championships in one year.

Chipola has an exceptional record of preparing student-athletes for the next level. Most student-athletes transfer to Division I colleges and universities, while others advance to the professional ranks.

The entire focus of athletics at Chipola is to prepare student-athletes for success on the playing field and in the classroom.

Course Offerings

Chipola offers more than 40 degrees and certificates. The most popular majors among AA/Transfer students are Business, Engineering, Education, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Psychology. Popular AS degree programs are Nursing, Computer Science and Engineering Technology. Popular certificate programs are Automotive Technology, Fire Science, Corrections, Cosmetology and Law Enforcement. A state-of-the-art welding program was initiated in January 2014. Engineering Technology and Civil Engineering Technology were initiated in 2015.

At the request of current students, most classes are scheduled from 7:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. To meet the needs of employed, commuting students with family responsibilities, most departments schedule evening and online classes.

Training programs are changed or continued as dictated by documented need by needs assessments which precede all major program changes. Program assessments are based on indicators of student learning, cost effectiveness, faculty qualifications, and community impact. The college fosters training partnerships with area businesses and agencies. Responses to community training needs include: (1) establishing the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) to provide tutoring; (2) offering high school Dual-Enrollment classes in district high schools at the request of parents, students, and school officials; (3) increasing enrollment for RN and CNA programs; (4) establishing the School of Education to help address Florida's shortage of qualified teachers, (5) delivering a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration program with concentrations in Accounting and Management; (6) delivering a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, and (7) establishing an Engineering Technology program to address the need for skilled technicians by area employers.

Outstanding Faculty

One of Chipola's greatest assets is its outstanding faculty. Of the full-time faculty members, about 82% are tenured; about 24% hold doctorates; and 63% hold master's or education specialist degrees. At least 10% of the faculty members are completing course work toward the doctorate.

Several instructors have received prestigious teaching awards and won state and regional recognition for instructional projects at Chipola. John Gardner, Chipola College Automotive Technology Instructor, was recently named Professor of the Year by the Association of Florida Colleges.

Faculty members regularly participate at state meetings and conduct in-service activities for public school personnel in the college district. When available, part-time faculty are also engaged to teach classes, mostly in the arts, social sciences, criminology, and corrections.

Full-time faculty members teach over 70% of student contact hours. Highly qualified instructors are hired in full-time positions. This has prevented fragmented approaches to instruction that are frequently reported in schools with high percentages of part-time instructors. Inherent in the college's philosophy is the belief that full-time faculty members have a full-time commitment to teaching and that interaction in the workplace creates a willingness to learn from each other, share departmental resources, and gain expertise.

Chipola's Baseball and Softball teams competed in the NJCAA National Championship in 2019.

Chipola Softball won FSCAA State Championship and the NJCAA National Championship in 2019.

Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Professional Presentations and Appearances

Bender, Stephanie. Literature/Language – Presented paper “Femme Fabrications: Constructions of the New Woman in the Advertising Photography of ringl + pit” at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAMLA) conference “Women of the Avant-Garde and Political Dissent: Resisting Power from the Margins” in Birmingham, Alabama

Craven, Bryan. Public Relations – Presenter AFC Region 1/Communications and Marketing Commission Conference, “How to Succeed in PR Without Really Trying”

Cruz-White, Irma. Mathematics and Natural Sciences – Presenter: *Preparing NCTM CAEP Program Reports*, CAEPCon, Washington, DC; Presenter: *Extending AMTE Standards to Implementation: Review of Proposed NCTM CAEP Program Standards for Mathematics Teachers*, 2019 Annual AMTE Conference, Orlando, FL

Gardner, John. Workforce and Economic Development – Host of *Tech Garage* and *Motorhead Garage* on Discover’s Velocity Channel

Smith, Connie. Fine and Performing Arts – Presenter: Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) session presentation “Prep for Theatre.” Production Resume Workshop, Job Fair

White, Matthew. Director of Distributed Systems – Presenter: “Technology & Leadership”, AFC Leadership Conference, Seminole State College, January 2019; Presenter: “Technology & Leadership”, AFC Region 1 Conference, Chipola College

Professional Publications

Bouvin, David. School of Business and Technology – Mardis, M., Jones, F., & Bouvin, D. (2018). Advancing technician education through evidence-based decision making. National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Principal Investigators Conference (Proceedings); Mardis, M., Jones, F., & Bouvin, D. (2018). Aligning employers and classrooms: Using a body of knowledge to analyze syllabi. National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Principal Investigators Conference (Proceedings); Mardis, M., Jones, F., & Bouvin, D. (2018). Assessing educational pathways for manufacturing in rural communities: An investigation of new and existing programs in northwest Florida. National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Principal Investigators Conference (Proceedings)

Smith, Connie. Fine and Performing Arts – Co-wrote and produced with Dr. Rachel West the play *Our Lives in Letters: A World War II Perspective* in collaboration with The Institute on World War II and the Human Experience and the School of Theatre and Dance at Northern Illinois University

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Awards, Recognition, Professional Accomplishments

Clemmons, Sarah. President - Florida PTK College Presidents Paragon Award, April 4, 2019 and National PTK College Presidents Paragon Award, April 6, 2019.

Dowgul, Casey. School of Education – Earned Specialist Degree from University of West Florida

Hendrix, Belinda. Athletics - Named 2019 NJCAA National Softball Coach of the Year.

Hendrix, Jimmy. Athletics - Named 2019 NJCAA National Softball Coach of the Year.

Johnson, Jeff. Athletics – Named ABCA National Coach of the Year for the second year in a row

Klanjac, Sherry. Business and Technology – Finalist for AFC Boyer Award, professional presentation “Accounting Anywhere Anytime”; November 2018 winner of Chipola Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional Award; 2018-19 Chipola Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional of the Year Award

McInnis, Kurt. Literature/Language – Self-published a poetry chap-book entitled “Romance Economist”

Morales, Linda. Awarded Chipola College Career Employee of the Year

Mosley, Kristie. Student Support Services – Distinguished Service Award for Administrator 2018-19

Sirmon, Charles. Fine and Performing Arts – Completed Broadway Teacher Workshop produced by MTI and The NY Center for the Arts (30 hours of professional workshop/training in NYC); Awarded Director for *Almost, Maine*, Excellent Rating and Community Service Award from Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA); Awarded for *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, Superior Rating from FCSAA.

Smith, Bonnie. Academic Center for Excellence – 2019 AFC Learning Center Award Finalist

Smith, Connie. Fine and Performing Arts – Designed and created the set for Chipola College TV studio

West, Rachel. Literature/Language – Winner of the 2018-19 Kirkland Teaching Award

Local, Regional, State, and National Leadership

Cruz-White, Irma. Mathematics and Natural Sciences – NCTM CAEP SPA Coordinator – coordinating efforts related to the National Recognition of Mathematics Education Programs; NCSM-Leadership in Mathematics Education Board Member – Awards Chair; member of the NCTM CAEP Standards Revision Task Force charged with the revision of the current NCTM CAEP Standards for the preparation of Mathematics Education Programs; member of the Florida Mathematics Re-Design workgroup representing the Florida College System for the Florida Standards Review

Dowgul, Casey. School of Education – Advisor, Chipola Future Educators, with two students winning first place awards at 2019 FFEA State Conference; Judge, National FFEA Educators Rising Conference, Impromptu Lesson Plan Competition

Gilmore, Darwin. Workforce and Economic Development – Immediate Past-Chair of Board Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Jackson County Excellence in Leadership Award; Board Member Opportunity Florida; Board Member Jackson County Economic Development Committee; Board Member North Florida Inland Long Term Recovery Group; Workforce Panelist, Rural Strong Expo (hosted by SBA, USDA); Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council; Northwest Florida Forward Talent Council

Klanjac, Sherry. Business and Technology – Member American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; member of Leadership Jackson County

McInnis, Kurt. Literature/Language – Founded and directed the *Chipola Poetry Café*, a yearly poetry reading and lecture. The guest speaker for 2019 was Jamey Jones, Poet Laureate of Northwest Florida.

Smith, Connie. Fine and Performing Arts – Onsite Manager for Southeastern Theatre Conference Job Fair

White, Matthew. Director of Distributed Systems – President-Elect, Association of Florida Colleges, 2019; President, Association of Florida Colleges, 2020

Growth of Facilities and Technology

The college has received over \$20 million in building or renovation funds. Over 90 percent of the classrooms are equipped with “smart” classroom technology, and most buildings are equipped with wireless internet capability. Chipola has 18 student computer labs. These are located in all classroom buildings. The state-of-the-art Library houses the student Technology Center and provides numerous databases as part of a state system. The new Academic Center for Excellence provides on-demand tutoring and additional academic support.

The new decade ushered in a new age of technological integration into the curriculum and instruction. For example, online courses are offered in every academic department, and state-of-the-art technology supports training. Automotive Service Technology, Welding and Engineering Technology students now have some of the most advanced, computer-assisted instructional equipment available. Instructors have the capability to simulate equipment failures and track students’ progress toward diagnosing the failure. Students receive valuable “hands-on” training supplemented by expert instruction.



Accreditation & Affiliations

Chipola College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees, and certificates. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Chipola College. This accreditation was most recently reaffirmed in 2018.

The college is also a member of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, the Southern Association of Junior-Technical Colleges, the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities, the American Council on Education, the Council for Resource Development, and other national professional organizations for institutions of higher learning.

Chipola's Nursing programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission For Education In Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), and the Paramedics/EMT program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Profession (CoAEMSP). The college is also accredited by the Florida Board of Nursing, Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Florida Department of Children and Family Services, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF), and International Conference on Automotive Collision Repair (I-CAR). The Welding Program is accredited by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Chipola College Vision, Mission, and Goals

Vision

Chipola College promotes learning and student achievement through excellence, opportunity, diversity, and progress.

Mission

Chipola College provides access to quality learning opportunities toward baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees, and certificates and facilitates the economic, social, and cultural development of the College's service area.

-Adopted April 19, 2016

Institutional Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Expand and maintain student access

Objective 1.1: Increase awareness of opportunities at Chipola College

Objective 1.2: Minimize barriers to enrollment and completion

Goal 2: Enhance distance learning

Objective 2.1: Provide high quality online courses

Objective 2.2: Ensure that academic support services are readily available to distance learning students

Goal 3: Increase students' college readiness and success

Objective 3.1: Ensure students attain foundational competencies for continued higher education

Objective 3.2: Provide high quality academic support services

Goal 4: Prepare students for careers

Objective 4.1: Prepare students to make informed career and education decisions

Objective 4.2: Prepare students for employment and continued learning

Goal 5: Provide a high quality dual enrollment program

Objective 5.1: Provide off-campus dual enrollment courses that are of the same high quality as on-campus courses

Objective 5.2: Ensure that academic support services are readily available to students in off-campus dual enrollment courses

Goal 6: Provide a safe and secure campus environment

Objective 6.1: Provide an aesthetically pleasing campus environment

Objective 6.2: Provide a safe campus environment

Goal 7: Manage resources responsibly

Objective 7.1: Ensure appropriate use of resources

Objective 7.2: Use resources efficiently

Goal 8: Facilitate regional development

Objective 8.1: Support economic development in the region

Objective 8.2: Support cultural and social development in the region

Goal 9: Remain a leading institution in the Florida College System

Objective 9.1: Maximize outcomes on institutional performance measures

Objective 9.2: Provide a high quality overall educational experience

