Invitation

The Letters Department of Chipola College cordially invites you to participate in the Twenty-first Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival to be held on the Chipola campus on February 11, 2011.

The Throssell Literature/Language Festival is an interscholastic competition consisting of eight contests. The contests are writing, speech, oral interpretation, grammar/mechanics/usage, literature, reading, humanities, and Spanish language.

Participants in the festival must be currently enrolled juniors or seniors from one of the high schools in the Chipola District (Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington counties). Dual enrollment students may be contestants.

Deadline for entry is January 28.
Recognition will be given to first, second, and third places and to honorable mentions in each contest.

General Requirements

1. Sponsoring teachers must accompany their students to the contest.
2. Contestants must be juniors or seniors currently enrolled in a high school in Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty or Washington counties. Dual enrollment students may be contestants.
3. Contestants may enter one contest per time period, for a maximum of two contests. See Festival Schedule to determine which contests will meet at the same time.
4. Each high school may enter a maximum of two students per contest, except for the President’s Reading Contest which can have four. That is, a single school may have a maximum of eighteen contestants participating in the festival.
5. Chipola will provide all materials (pencils, paper, etc.) for each contest, except oral interpretation. No study aids allowed.
6. Time limits for each contest will be rigidly observed.
7. Time will be used as a tie breaker.
8. All contests will be administered and judged by Chipola College faculty on the day of the contest only. The decisions of the judges will be final and binding.
9. The purpose of the competition is not to dictate curriculum; rather, it is to encourage widespread learning and inquiry. Therefore, specific references to prepare for the competition will not be suggested, and copies of the various contest materials will not be provided after the contest to individuals or to schools.

Writing Contest

The contest will consist of an impromptu, expository essay written in one 90-minute period and based on a choice made from topics provided at the contest. Each essay will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
1. Substantial content
2. A clear thesis
3. An organizational plan
4. Well-developed supporting paragraphs
5. Specific, relevant details
6. Logical transitions
7. Effective word choice
8. Standard English usage

Speech Contest

The contest will consist of a prepared two to two and one-half minute speech on a topic selected from five previously announced speech topics. See enclosed letter for topics. Students may bring notes. Speeches will be evaluated on the following criteria:
1. Content
2. Organization
3. Voice
4. Language
5. Platform behavior/Appearance

Literature Contest

The contest will consist of a multiple-choice, 55-item exam covering American and English literature. Time allotted for the exam is 60 minutes.

Oral Interpretation Contest

The contest will consist of a two-to-three minute oral interpretation of a previously published literary work of the contestant’s own choosing. The contestant should bring five copies of his/her reading for use by the judges. Oral interpretations will be evaluated on the following:
1. Vocal projection, expressiveness and variety
2. Interpretation of the material
3. Eye contact
4. Body language (gesture, movements, etc.)

Grammar/Usage Contest

The contest will consist of a multiple-choice, 50-item exam covering all aspects of grammar, mechanics and usage. Time allotted for the exam is 60 minutes.

Humanities Contest

The contest will consist of a multiple-choice, 50-item exam covering art, art history, architecture, music, and world literature. Time allotted for the exam is 60 minutes.

Spanish Language Contest

The contest will consist of a multiple-choice, 50-item exam on Spanish grammar and language for students with two years of high school Spanish. Time allotted for the exam is 60 minutes.

The President’s Reading Contest

Chipola President Dr. Gene Prough sponsors the President’s Reading Contest. The emphasis of the 50-item, short-answer exam is on Classic American Westerns. The Reading Contest will be based on the following five works: Riders of the Purple Sage by Zane Grey, The Big Sky by A. B. Guthrie, Hondo by Louis L’Amour, Sea of Grass by Conrad Richter, and The Virginian by Owen Wister. Time allotted for the exam is 90 minutes.

The winner will receive a $50 cash prize and a Presidential Medallion.
Throssell Literature/Language Festival

Please email or mail registration information by January 28, 2011 to:
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School: __________________________

Faculty Sponsor: __________________

Additional Faculty, Aides, Drivers Attending: ______

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Names of Contestants:
SESSION I: 9:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Writing Contest
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Speech Contest
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Oral Interpretation Contest
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President’s Reading Contest (4 contestants)
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Names of Contestants:
SESSION II: 11:05 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Grammar/Mechanics/Usage Contest
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Literature Contest
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Humanities Contest
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Spanish Language Contest
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*Note: A single contestant may enter only one contest per time period.

Festival Schedule

8:15-8:45  Registration & Photos, Jackson Hall
9:00-9:15  Welcome
9:20-11:00 Speech Contest
          Writing Contest
          Oral Interp Contest
          President’s Reading Contest
11:05-12:05 Grammar/Usage Contest
            Literature Contest
            Humanities Contest
            Spanish Language Contest
            (Sponsors and non-competing students attend program.)
12:05-12:30 Lunch hosted by Chipola College
12:30-1:00 Awards

February 11, 2011

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Letters Department

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