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, and 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 and personnel 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 previously announced 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 Science and Nature. The contest will be based on the following four works: A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson, Isaac’s Storm by Erik Larson, The Hot Zone by Richard Preston, and The Double-Helix: A Personal Account by James D. Watson. Time allotted for the exam is 90 minutes.

The winner will receive a $50 cash prize and a Presidential Medallion.
Twenty-third Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival
February 15, 2013

Throssell Literature/Language Festival

Please email or mail registration information by February 1, 2013 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

For further information, contact
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