**Invitation**
The Letters Department of Chipola College cordially invites you to participate in the Twenty-fourth Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival to be held on the Chipola campus on February 14, 2014.

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).

Deadline for entry is January 30.

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 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. Students must present alone. 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 theme of the 50-item, short-answer exam is on Murder, Mystery, and Mayhem: The Nineteenth Century. The contest will be based on the following four works: *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins, *The Leavenworth Case* by Anna Katherine Green, *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James and specific readings from *Complete Tales and Poems* by Edgar Allan Poe. Time allotted for the exam is 90 minutes.

The winner will receive a $50 cash prize and a Presidential Medallion.
24th Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival
February 14, 2014

For further information, contact
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Throssell Literature/Language Festival

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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

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| 12:05-12:30 | Lunch hosted by Chipola College                              |
| 12:30-1:00 | Awards                                                       |