Chipola softball players named All-Conference

Eight members of the Chipola College softball team have been named to the Panhandle All-Conference team.

Chipola's Ilona Andringa was selected as the Conference Pitcher of the Year. She has a 21-3 record and one save in 26 outings with a 1.12 ERA.

Chipola's first team All-Conference selections include: Pitcher—Ilona Andringa; Infielder—Nalleli Lopez; Outfielders—Gabrielle Santos, Dana Edmundson and Pitcher/DP—Madison Ragan.

Second team selections include: Infielders—Brianna Surrento and Ashley Morris.

Courtney Davis is Honorable Mention infielder.

Pitcher/DP Madison Ragan has .394 batting average with 13 homeruns and 46 RBI. As a pitcher, Ragan has a 6-5 record with one save and a 2.18 ERA.

Centerfielder Dana Edmundson is hitting .463 with 28 RBI, 48 runs scored, 27 stolen bases and one homerun. Right-fielder Gabriela Santos has a .424 average with 2 homeruns, 45 RBI, 46 runs scored and 32 stolen bases.

Second baseman Nalleli Lopez has a .397 average with 39 RBI, 49 runs scored and 38 stolen bases.

First baseman Brianna Surrento has a .381 average with 5 homeruns, 39 RBI, and 16 stolen bases.

Shortstop Courtney Davis has a .314 average with 33 RBI, 31 runs scored and 17 stolen bases.

Third baseman Ashley Morris has a .364 average with 30 RBI and 24 stolen bases.

The defending National Champion Chipola Lady Indians (10-6) have clinched a berth in the FCSAA State Tournament. Chipola will play Miami Dade, in the first round of the tournament, Friday, April 29, at 10 a.m. (CST). Win or lose, Chipola will play again at 4 p.m. game that same day.

The Lady Indians are fifth in the FCSAA State Poll. Northwest is second. Chipola finished the 2015 season at 49-10 with a Conference Championship, FCSAA State Title and NJCAA Division I National Championship.

Chipola players sign with major Universities

Chipola College Athletics on May 14 hosted a signing ceremony for eight student-athletes who signed with four-year colleges and universities. Athletes from the following sports are pictured from left: (front) Women’s Basketball—Cynthia Petke of Cameroon, Georgetown University; Rosemarie Julien of Port St. Lucie, Florida Gulf Coast University; Aisha Edwards of Malvern, Arkansas, University of West Virginia; Micah Norris of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, East Tennessee State University (back) Cross Country—Margaret Wiedeman of Wakulla, Truett McConnell College; Men’s Basketball—Mehdy Ngouama of France, Alabama State University; Maurice Rivers of Atlanta, Jackson State University, and Eric Lockett of Warner Robbins, GA, Florida International University.
Chipola theatre major to audition for Hairspray Live

Odra Chapman, a 2016 Chipola Theatre major, is heading to New York for an audition for the upcoming live NBC’s “Hairspray Live.”

Local theatre fans will remember Chapman in the debut role of Tracy in the Chipola Theatre department’s first musical in the new Center for the Arts opening season along with Director of Theatre, Charles Sirmon. Who played her “stage mom.”

Odra was only 16 and still in High School, when chosen by Director of Theatre, Charles Sirmon, who says, “I am thrilled to be a small part of her theatre life and to watch how much she has grown while in his program.”

NBC is holding an open casting call to find their next Tracy Turnblad for the upcoming live production of the Tony Award–winning musical, “Hairspray.”

The original Broadway musical won eight Tony Awards in 2003, including best musical. With Charles Sirmon and newcomer Odra playing the Mom and Daughter team… “Hairspray” is based on the John Waters’ 1988 film. Film director Adam Shankman later adapted the musical into a feature in 2007.

NBC’s “Hairspray Live!” follows the network’s other staged live productions of “The Sound of Music,” “Peter Pan,” and “The Wiz.” Auditions for Tracy Turnblad are Sunday, April 24, at Telsey & Company in New York City.

Chipola’s Hasty Award presented to Daniel Clubb

Chipola College music student Daniel Clubb of Malone has been awarded the Winford E. Hasty Memorial Music Award for Outstanding Musicianship. Clubb is a graduating sophomore majoring in piano performance. He is a member of the College Chorus, Rock and Jazz Band, and the President’s Ensemble. Pictured from left, are: Chipola Fine Arts faculty and administration Dr. Josh Martin, Dr. Christina Villaverde, Clubb and Evelyn Ward. The Hasty Award is presented to an sophomore music student showing outstanding accomplishment in academics, performance, talent improvement and ability and involvement in Fine Arts Programs.

CHIPOLA BSU RECOGNIZED AS FOUR-STAR PROGRAM—
The Chipola Black Student Union won state recognition as a four-star program at the recent Florida African American Student Association (FAAAS) convention. This distinction was previously held by Pensacola State for Region 1, but Chipola College BSU brought it home this school year. Chipola’s BSU, under the leadership of Dr. Willie Spires, submitted a PACE Plan which covered the following topics: Political Activism, Academic Excellence, Cultural Awareness and Economic Empowerment. The students held events throughout the school year that centered on these topics. Pictured from left, are: Monty McLeroy (alumnus), Vershawn Perry (alumnus), Ariana Martin, Jackie Dudley, Liz Jones, Dr. Willie Spires (faculty adviser), Edward Arroyo, Teon Long and Micheal Dargan.
Indians win Panhandle Conference

For the second straight year, the Chipola Indians are the Champions of the Panhandle Baseball Conference.

As of April 21, the Indians are (15-3) with two league games remaining. Chipola plays host to Pensacola, Friday, April 22, at 5 p.m. The Indians finish out conference play at Pensacola, Saturday, April 23. Chipola hosts three non-conference home games, Chattahoochee Valley, Tuesday, April 26, at 3 p.m., and a double-header with Alabama Southern, Monday, May 2, at 4 p.m.

The Indians will play in the first round of the FCSAA State Tournament at noon (CST) Monday, May 16, at Henley Field in Lakeland. Chipola will face the winner of a matchup between an unnamed wildcard team and the Suncoast Runner Up. A win would put the Indians in a 3 p.m. (CST) game, Tuesday, May 17. A loss would move the Indians to the noon (CST) game on May 17. The championship game is set for Friday, May 20, at 10 a.m. (CST).

The Conference standings as of April 21, are: Chipola (15-3), Gulf Coast (13-7), Tallahassee (7-11), Northwest (7-11), and Pensacola (4-14). Chipola is ranked second in the FCSAA State Baseball Poll, behind top-ranked Santa Fe. Gulf Coast is fourth.

The Indians won the title with a 9-0 blanking of Tallahassee on April 17. Brady Acker (4-0) was the winning pitcher. Tekwaan White was 2 for 4 with a homerun. Michael Hickman was 2 for 4. Reese Cooley also had a homerun.

Chipola split their last two games with Northwest, including an 8-7 loss on April 16, and a 6-5 win on April 15. Ryan Shauger (3-0) got the win on the mound in the April 15 game. Jose Caballero was 3 for 5. Reynaldo Rivera was 3 for 4.

For the latest in Chipola sports news, visit www.chipolaathletics.com

Chipola’s Children Production Superhero?? Is May 12

The Chipola Children’s Theatre production is set for Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts. You’ve heard of Spider-Man, Batman, and Superman! Now get ready for the newest superhero, Joe! The only problem is that he doesn’t have any superpowers. Join him and his wacky group of superhero friends as they discover what it means to be a true hero. Ticket sales to the public begin April 28 on-line at www.chipola.edu, or at the Center for the Arts Box Office. The show is directed by Charles Sirmon with original script by Chris Manasco. Join Chipola Theatre on Facebook or visit www.chipola.edu

Chipola Nursing Graduates

Twenty-three students recently completed the Associate Degree Nursing program at Chipola College. Graduates are now qualified to take the state certification examination to become Registered Nurses. Pictured from left, are: (front) April Yates, Mollie Sampson, Mary Miller, Chelsea Dixson, Jessica Barton, Tammy Waits, Delynda Bailey, Jessica Woodell, Sejal Bhakta, Brook Revell (back) Danette Womble, Lisa Callahan, Kelsey Rehberg, Nicholas Byrd, Christopher McLeroy, Cassandra Guadiana, April Linton, Savannah Lee, Jose Duran-Romulo, Cericia Brown, Melinda Smith, Tina Mathena. (not pictured) Phyllis Reddick.
Chipola Commencement May 5 in Dothan

The Chipola 2016 Commencement Ceremony is set for Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m., at the Dothan Civic Center. The address is 126 St. Andrews Street, Dothan, AL, 36303.

Counted as members of the class are all who will complete degrees or certificates from December of 2015 to May of 2016 or during the Summer 2016 terms.

Diplomas will be awarded for Bachelor of Science, Associate in Science, Associate in Arts and Workforce Development Certificates.

Graduates may invite an unlimited number of family members and guests to share the event. The ceremony will be broadcast live via internet on YouTube available at this link:  www.youtube.com/user/ChipolaCollege

Leonard Hamilton, head basketball coach at Florida State University, will deliver the commencement address. He is a former head coach at Oklahoma State University, the University of Miami, and the NBA’s Washington Wizards. In 23 years as a collegiate head coach, his teams have qualified for seven NCAA tournaments and eight NITs, highlighted by appearances in the NCAA Tournament’s Sweet Sixteen in 2000 with Miami and 2011 with Florida State. For information, contact the Admissions and Records Office at 718-2311.

Scholarships in the Arts Deadline is May 1

Application deadline is May 1 for the 2016-17 Fine and Performing Arts scholarships.

Students should submit the online application prior to May 1 to schedule an art interview or auditions for theatre or music.

Scholarships are available to high school graduates with acceptable academic records and aptitude in music, theatre, or art. Scholarships, up to full tuition and fees, are awarded on the basis of talent and academic record.

The Chipola Regional Arts Association Scholarship also is available. This year, Jackson County students will be selected. The CRAA Scholarship deadline is April 18. Online scholarship applications and information on the audition process and requirements are available at www.chipola.edu/finearts and then Scholarships.

For more information, contact the Fine and Performing Arts Department at 850-718-2257.

Chipola's Student Support Services, in coordination with Student Activities, hosted their annual End of Year Luau for Chipola students. Here, Chipola student Kayla Rudd, slides under the limbo poll. Students participated in various dance competitions and enjoyed free food.