Reception for new president April 8

The public is invited to meet new Chipola College president Dr. Jason Hurst at a drop-in reception, Tuesday, April 8, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The reception will be held in Lobby of the Chipola Center for the Arts.

Dr. Hurst became Chipola’s tenth president on April 1. The District Board of Trustees selected him in December to replace Dr. Gene Prough who retired on March 31.

Hurst came to Chipola in November 2011 as Vice-President of Baccalaureate and Workforce Development and was promoted to Executive Vice President in 2013.

Prior to Chipola, Hurst served as Vice President for Workforce Education and Academic Support at Pensacola State College from July of 2010 to November 2011. He served Central Alabama Community College as the director of Workforce Development and director of the Talladega Center. Prior to that he served as the Assistant Dean of Workforce Development at Gadsden State Community College.

Dr. Hurst earned a doctorate from Mississippi State University in 2008, a Master of Education from Auburn University in 1999 and a Bachelor of Education from Athens State University in 1997.

Dr. Hurst and his wife, Alisa, have three children—Hayden, Halle and Hunter.

Chipola Jazzmatazz tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for Jazzmatazz 2014 to be presented by Chipola College’s Award-Winning Show Choir, April 10-11, at 7 p.m. nightly in the Center for the Arts.

This year’s Jazzmatazz, entitled “Past, Present and Future” will feature high energy, song and dance favorites performed by the group under the direction of Angie White and Dr. Josh Martin, with choreography by Brittney Holmes.

Tickets—$10—are available from Show Choir members, or in the Center for Arts Box Office, or online at www.chipola.edu

All Employees:

Please do not forget that Dr. Hurst has invited all college employees to meet with him on Tuesday, April 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the Center for the Arts. All offices will be closed and classes will be suspended. The meeting will be followed by the drop-in reception.
Brain Bowl wins seventh straight state title

The Chipola Brain Bowl team won the 2013-14 FCSAA State Championship March 22, defeating Broward College in the final 580-370 to claim the title.

The Chipola team has won 7 consecutive state titles, and is now tied Broward with the most titles in Florida community college history.

Chipola player Jacob Leff was awarded the David Ehlert High Point Award, averaging 92 points per game. Leff is the third Chipola player to win this award, following in the footsteps of Dallin Kelson and Paul Kelson.

Other Chipola team members are: William Singleton, Wesley Chevillot, Rebecca Delgado, and Ashley Delameter. Chipola coaches are Stan Young and Dr. Robert Dunkle who have both coached the team for 10 years.

Qualification for the state tournament begins with 25 teams across four regions. The top two teams from each region automatically qualify with two wildcard teams also selected. Chipola qualified by winning the Panhandle Region.

The Chipola team is also the NAQT (National Academic Quiz Tournament) community college national runner-up. The team finished 2nd in a field of 65 from across the nation in March.

CAST ANNOUNCED

The Chipola College Theater is in full rehearsal for the children’s musical, “You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown,” which will be presented to hundreds of elementary school children in May. A public performance is set for May 7 & 8 at 7 p.m.

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon recently selected the following actors:

Colton Day as Charlie Brown, Kate Burke as Lucy Van Pelt, Gracie Wallace as Sally Brown, Brett Floyd as Linus Van Pelt, Deondre Davis as Schroeder, Seth Alderman as Snoopy, Patrea Clark as Marcie, Odra Chapman as Peppermint Patty, Shayli Tharp, Dakota Ball, Victoria Ashley, Joseph Corcoran, Ray White, Morgan Cook, A’dajah Swilly as Peanuts Gang.

“You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” (Revised) opened on Broadway in 1999. It is a fresh approach to the all-time 1967 classic. Sally Brown joins Charlie, Linus, Schroeder and Snoopy in this version. Two new songs, Beethoven Day and My New Philosophy, have been added to the 12 wonderful numbers of the original version, including My Blanket and Me, The Kite, The Baseball Game, Little Known Facts, Suppertime and Happiness.

Tickets for all Chipola Theatre productions go on sale two weeks prior to the performance. Tickets—$8 for adults and $6 for 18 and under—are available online at www.chipola.edu and at the Center for the Arts Box Office, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, and one hour before each show.

For more info contact Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre sirmonc@chipola.edu 850-718-2277.

Commencement moved to Dothan Civic Center

The Chipola 2014 Commencement Ceremony has been moved to the Dothan Civic Center in Dothan, Alabama, on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. The address is 126 St. Andrews Street, Dothan, AL, 36303.

The Health Center, where the ceremony is usually held, will be under renovation from March to September.

All graduates will be presented in one ceremony allowing students to invite an unlimited number of guests to share this event.

For information, visit the Admissions and Records Office in Student Services Building A. Information also is available online at www.chipola.edu, or by calling 850-718-2311.
Chipola women finish third; men in Elite 8 at Nationals

The Lady Indians finished third in the nation with a 71-61 win over Central Arizona College in the NJCAA Women’s National Basketball Tournament in Salina, Kansas on March 22.

Tiffany Lewis (pictured first) led Chipola in scoring with 18 points. Brianna Wright scored 16. Evelyn Akhator (pictured second) had 13. Sueterrica Key had 11.

Evelyn Akhator and Tiffany Lewis were named to the All-Tournament team.

The Lady Indians lost their bid for a first national title with a 78-71 loss to Hutchinson in the semi-finals on March 21. The Lady Indians fell behind 38-17 in the first half, but pulled to within four points in the second half. The comeback was too late as Hutchinson prevailed forcing Chipola into the consolation game where they took third place. Chipola’s Sueterrica Key was 4 for 7 from the three point line scoring 15 total. Wright scored 13. Akhator had 12 and Lewis scored 11. Khadijah Ellison added 10.

The Lady Indians scored a 64-54 win over Butler in the quarterfinals. Akhator led Chipola with 16 points, 16 rebounds and two blocks. Rhani Bell scored 11.

Chipola trounced ASA of New York, 81-46, in the first round women’s game. Lewis led with 19. Wright and Akhator both scored 16.

The Lady Indians had finished the season with an incredible 34-2 record after winning all 12 Panhandle Conference games, the league title and the FCSAA State Championship. Head coach Greg Franklin was named Florida Coach of the Year.

The Chipola men’s season came to an end March 20 with an 86-79 loss to Jones County in the quarter-finals.

Sam Cassell, Jr., (pictured at third) was named to the All-Tournament team. He led Chipola with 19 points in the loss. Jamaar McKay had 18. Foul shots and free throws proved to be the difference with Jones County connecting on 29 of 37 while Chipola made 16 of 23.

The Indians scored a 91-83 win over State Fair (MO) in the first round. Cassell led Chipola with 23 points. Carlos Morris had 18.

The Indians finished the season with a 22-6 record, the FCSAA State Championship and the Panhandle Conference Title. Head coach Patrick Blake was named Florida Coach of the Year.

Replays of Chipola’s games are available on the web at www.ihigh.com/njcaatv.

Chipola wins at Phi Beta Lambda business competition

Phi Beta Lambda members brought home 10 top awards from the 2014 State Leadership Conference and competition in Orlando.

Chipola PBL members competed with students from 25 colleges and universities from the state in various business and leadership competitions. PBL is a student business association which brings business and education together through leadership and career development programs.

Chipola winners include: first in Hospitality Management, team of Kathryn Meadows and Jessica Taylor; first in Network Design, team of Brady Carlson and Shareem Goodlet; first in Networking Concepts, Brady Carlson; second in Business Ethics, team of Alex Anderson and Jeff Pitts; Second in Cost Accounting, Alicia Bednar; Third in Networking Concepts, Shareem Goodlet; Fourth in Accounting for Professionals, Alicia Bednar; Fourth in Contemporary Sports Issues, Alex Anderson; Fourth in Management Concepts, Alicia Bednar and Fourth in Sports Management and Marketing, Josh Myers.

Qualifying students will compete at the national level in Nashville this summer. Students attending the national conference will also participate in numerous leadership and career development workshops.

During the state conference, the students heard keynote speaker, Jeanine Pirro, the former District Attorney, County Judge, and host of Fox News Channel’s “Justice with Judge Jeanine.” She spoke about breaking down barriers to employment and the role of the internet and social networking sites on hiring decisions.

PBL is the college level division of FBLA-PBL, the largest business career student organization in the world. Vikki Milton and Glenda Bethel serve as advisers for the Chipola College chapter.
Chipola College will offer a small business seminar, “Modern Marketing Techniques,” Friday, April 11, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, in Room M-108 of the Business and Technology building (M).

The seminar will cover modern marketing techniques for reaching the right consumer, with the right product, at the right price. The workshop will offer new ways to research the marketplace and innovative tools to reach the consumer.

Cost of the seminar is $15. Registration deadline is April 9. Participants may register online at www.northfloridabiz.com.

The first six Chipola students to sign up will receive free admission. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 or sign up in Building M, (108).

For information, contact Severson at 850-718-2441 or email severson@chipola.edu

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Prough and Traynom retire

Hundreds of well-wishers turned out to say goodbye to outgoing Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough and Joyce Traynom, his administrative assistant. Both retired this month and are pictured with student assistant Jay Rees.

Mark Your Calendars for the

STOCKYARD STAMPEDE 5K

April 19 in Blountstown, benefitting the Take Stock in Children Program. Registration is $20 and includes a t-shirt.