Chipola alumnus Ricky Polston elected Chief Justice of Florida

The Florida Supreme Court on April 4 unanimously elected Ricky Polston to become the state’s 55th Chief Justice starting July 1, 2012.

Polston will become only the second Chief Justice from Jackson County and the first to come from west of the Apalachicola River since 1925. “I am deeply honored by my colleagues’ vote,” said Polston, 56. “And I commit myself to be a faithful steward of this public trust, recognizing that I am a servant to the people of Florida, to the constitution, and to the laws of the land.”

Polston is originally from Graceville where he graduated high school and attended Chipola College and Florida State University.

Justice Polston will serve a two-year term and will succeed the current Chief Justice, Charles T. Canady. He was appointed Justice of the Florida Supreme Court in October of 2008. He was a Judge for the First District Court of Appeals. He practiced law in Tallahassee from 1987 to 2000. He holds an Adjunct Law Professor position at the FSU Law School. He has been a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) since 1978.

Polston served as a Judge of the First District Court of Appeal from January 2001 until October 2008, when he left to join the Supreme Court. He received his law degree with high honors from Florida State University in 1986 and also attended FSU as an undergraduate.

With his wife Deborah Ehler Polston, he has been a vocal advocate for children’s causes, especially in promoting the adoption of children from the foster care system. He and his wife raised four children of their own before adopting a sibling set of six brothers.

Sen. Bill Montford to speak at Chipola commencement

Florida Senator Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee) will deliver the commencement address at the Chipola College graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 3.

The ceremony begins at 7 p.m. (CST), in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony.

More than 400 graduates make up the Chipola class of 2012. They will join the ranks of more than 12,000 Chipola alumni. Counted as members of the class are all who completed their degrees or certificates from December of 2011 to May of 2012 or who will complete work during the summer 2012 terms.

Sen. Montford was born in Marianna and moved to Blountstown where he grew up and attended public school. He graduated from then Chipola Junior College in 1967 and transferred to Florida State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in mathematics education and Master of Science Degree in Administration and Supervision.

16 MONDAY
- Early Registration for Fall Terms A&B Currently Enrolled Students with 30+ Hrs; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Student Government Association – 2 p.m., Z116
- CEA – 3 p.m., TBA

17 TUESDAY
- Early Registration for Fall Terms A&B Currently Enrolled Students with 15+ Hrs; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Executive Council – 9 a.m., A192
- Student Ambassadors – 1 p.m., A156

18 WEDNESDAY
- Early Registration for Fall Terms A&B for Currently Enrolled Students with 1+ Hrs; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Black Student Union – 10 a.m., C104

19 THURSDAY
- Early Registration for Fall Terms A&B for Currently Enrolled Students with 1+ Hrs; 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Awards Night – Reception 6 p.m. / Ceremony 7 p.m., Arts Center

20 FRIDAY
- College Application Deadline for Summer I Term
- Early Registration for Fall Terms A&B for Currently Enrolled Students with 1+ Hrs; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Deans Meeting – 9 a.m., A192

22 SUNDAY
- FCA Chapel Service – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
Decemberadio and Flying Backwards in concert

The Chipola College Huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host a Spring Concert on Saturday, April 21, featuring Christian recording artists Decemberadio and local favorite Flying Backwards.

The Spring Concert is the second event featuring outstanding nationally-known performers following the Remedy Drive Concert last Spring.

The free concert starts at 7 p.m. and is being promoted by Shane Corbin with One Shot Entertainment, and financed by the Ministry Partners of the Chipola College Huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

For information, contact Dr. David Hilton at 526-2761, Ext. 3331.

Chipola hosting reception to recognize students

Chipola College will host a Press Conference/Reception to recognize the academic accomplishments of several prominent students, Wednesday, April 18, at 2 p.m., in the Lobby of Chipola College Student Services Building.

Chipola student Alyssa Munns has been named a Coca-Cola Gold Scholar and a Guistwhite Scholar in the USA Today Phi Theta Kappa Academic Awards program.

PTK adviser Pam Rentz will be on hand to unveil a portrait of Munns which will hang on Chipola’s Academic Wall of Honor.

The Chipola Phi Beta Lambda Business team will be recognized for winning fourth place in Parliamentary Procedure at the PBL National Convention.

The Chipola Brain Bowl team will be recognized for winning the Florida Brain Bowl State Tournament for the fifth straight year and for finishing as the top two-year college at the National Academic Quiz Tournament Four-Year College Tournament for the second year in a row. Paul Kelson was the top scorer at both the state and national tournaments. Volunteer assistant coach Dr. Robert Dunkle was selected Florida Brain Bowl Coach of the Year.

For information, call 718-2264 or email craven@chipola.edu

Chipola hosts Florida Virtual

Chipola College recently hosted the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) Region 1 LINCC User meeting. Pictured from left, are Rebecca Bichel, FSU; Brenda Rutten, CCLA; Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Chipola Senior Vice President; Renee Hopkins, Chipola Librarian; and Jean Phillips, FCLA. Library personnel from community colleges, universities and support personnel from CCLA and FCLA attended the meeting. Florida Community Colleges and Universities are merging their library systems to create the Florida Virtual Library.

Chipola recognized as DCF Partner for Promise

The Department of Children and Families Bay County Service Center recently recognized Chipola College and the Chipola Appreciation Club as a Partner for Promise. Pictured from left, are: DCF Regional Director Vicki Abrams, Chipola College PR Director Bryan Craven, and Courtney Peel, DCF Community Development Administrator. The Chipola Appreciation Club provides free tickets to sporting events for foster families and will sponsor a camp for foster children as part of the DCF’s “Camps for Champions.” To learn more, visit www.flpartnersforpromise.com or www.campsforchampions.com.

Chipola Lady Indians lead conference and state

The Chipola Lady Indians are the number one team in the latest FCSAA Softball Coaches Poll.

As of April 11, Chipola (42-7) overall, leads the Panhandle Conference race with a 10-2 league record. Tallahassee (8-6) is second in the league. Northwest is 6-6 and Gulf Coast is 6-8. Pensacola is 2-10. Chipola has clinched a berth in the FCSAA State Tournament which begins April 26 in Pensacola.

The Lady Indians finish the conference season at home Friday, Feb. 13, when they host Pensacola in a 4 p.m. double-header.
Chipola Spring Music Concert is April 17

Chipola College’s Spring Ensemble Concert is set for Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m., in the Chipola Arts Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The free concert will feature the college’s Chamber Singers, classical guitar students, and Jazz Band. The audience will enjoy Swing, Latin, Funk styles, Cha-Cha and madrigal selections.

Dr. Daniel Powell, Associate Dean of Fine and Performing Arts says, “Excitement is particularly high because this is the last concert before the opening of the new Center for the Arts. Emotions are high as we reflect on the memories of the past and look forward to a new era of arts for our community.”

The jazz band under the leadership of Dr. Randall Haynes and the chamber chorus under the leadership of Leslie Heffner will deliver an exciting eclectic program, featuring many students that will give their last performance on Chipola’s stage.

Since her Chipola debut last semester, Heffner has delivered jaw-dropping results and these students are sure to deliver again this semester. From jazz vocalists to pop and swing charts, Dr. Haynes will feature his stunning group in another show-stopping performance.

Dr. Daniel Powell says, “All of our programming is of high caliber and this one will be no exception. Chipola has established a tradition of excellence in their programs: four artist series events, three theatrical productions, a popular Jazzmatazz series, Jazz Band, Chamber Chorus, and a Music Through Performance Program.”

For information, contact Dr. Daniel Powell at powelld@chipola.edu or call 718-2257.

Chipola children’s show “Finale”

The Chipola College Theater is in rehearsal for the children’s show, “Finale,” which will be presented to hundreds of elementary school children in May. A public performance is set for Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Tickets—$5 for students and $7 for adults—go on sale May 3 in the college Business Office.


The show was written by Chipola guest choreographer Chris Manasco and will be the last one in the “old theatre.” It’s time to move to the new theatre and there is going to be a lot of change. But someone forgot to tell the zany characters from past children’s shows. Don’t be surprised to see Snoopy, the Three Little Pigs, or even Alice in Wonderland make an appearance. Come along as this roller coaster of an adventure weaves storylines and characters together in exciting and unexpected ways, reintroducing the audience to some of Chipola Theatre’s most memorable characters. For information about Chipola Theater, call 718-2227.

Chipola Baseball hosts Northwest Friday at 5 p.m.

The Chipola baseball team will host Northwest, Friday, April 13, at 5 p.m. The game was originally scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Chipola hosts Tallahassee Wednesday, April 18, at 5 p.m.

As of April 11, Chipola is tied with Northwest, both at 9-4 in the conference race. Gulf Coast is third at 7-6. Tallahassee is 5-7 and Pencsacola is 2-11.

Chipola whipped Gulf Coast 11-1 on April 9. The Indians shut out Pencsacola 4-0 on April 7 behind the pitching of L.J. Hollins. Chipola outlasted Pencsacola, 7-6, on April 6 in 10 innings.

Chipola is ranked fifth in the FCSAA State Poll. Northwest is fourth and Gulf Coast is eighth. Tallahassee is tenth.

The top two teams in the conference earn a spot in the FCSAA State Tournament set for May 3-7, at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland.

Rural Development forum set for April 20 at Chipola

Chipola College is the site of an Interagency Rural Development Forum set for Friday, April 20.

The free forum is hosted by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

Topics on the agenda include: Asset Building in Rural Florida, Housing and Community Development Resources, Resources for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs, Rural Economic Development Opportunities and Update on the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

The forum begins at 9:30 a.m. and runs through 3:30 pm (CST) in the Chipola College Continuing Education Building (3158 College Street) Marianna, FL 32446.

Free continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. More than 50 people have registered for the event.

The Chipola College contact for the Forum is Dr. Jim Froh at (850) 718-2413.
Chipola Spring into Summer concert series begins April 22

The Chipola College Department of Fine and Performing Arts will host a Young Artist Showcase concert featuring outstanding music students and alumni, Sunday April 22, at 2 p.m. in the Arts Center.

This is the inaugural concert of the new Spring Into Summer Concert Series being launched this year by Chipola piano instructor Dr. Christine Yoshikawa.

Dr. Daniel Powell, Chipola director of Fine and Performing Arts, says, “The primary mission of the Spring Into Summer series is to present our finest local chamber music ensembles and soloists to audiences in a Sunday Matinée during our spring and summer months.”

Concerts in this series can range from classical offerings to modern. Events will take place in either the Chipola Arts Center or the Chipola Chapel. All concerts begin at 2 p.m., and admission is by donation.

Dr. Powell says, “The public is invited to join us for this exciting event and enjoy this sampling of music with a beautiful summer season.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL
23-26 Early Reg for Fall Terms A&B for Currently Enrolled Students
26 Last Class Day Spring A Academics
26 Early Summer 1 Reg Payment Due
26 Music, Theatre and Art 2012-13 Scholarship Application Deadline
26 Artist Series: The Whiffenpoofs
27/30/1 FINAL EXAMS
30 Last Class Day Spring A – FWD
30 Last Class Day Spring C

THIS WEEK

“Chipola This Week” is a weekly publication of the Chipola Public Relations Office.

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 18. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
17-Apr Renee Hopkins

ENC 1101 & 1102 STUDENTS: You will need your Photo ID for admission to take your final exam. If you do not have your photo ID, you may get one made on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m. and Tuesdays from 1-3:30 p.m. in Building A-108. Exceptions will be by appointment.

TROY-DOTHAN. The Troy University Dothan Campus Transfer Day will be Wednesday, April 18, from 3-5 p.m. in the Library/ Technology Building. For more information, call Nicky Butler at (334) 983-6556, ext. 1205 or send an email to nbutter@troy.edu.

FINANCIAL AID NEWS
Deadline to have financial aid files complete for Summer I and II Registration is April 23, 2012.

THANKS. A big thanks to all the students and staff that came to Spring Frolics. It was a huge success! Also, thanks to the clubs for participating in the relays. The winner of the relay competition was the Cheerleaders. Great Job! Thanks to all SGA and Student Ambassador members for helping plan and organize Spring Frolics.

Spring Frolics was sponsored by Chipola SGA.