Fall classes begin Monday, Aug. 19, with late registration through Aug. 20

Chipola Fall classes begin Monday, Aug. 19. Late registration is Monday, Aug. 19, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and continues through noon on Aug. 20. The drop/add period continues through noon, Friday, Aug. 23.

The college also offers several classes during Term C which begins Oct. 11.

There are several steps in the application process: (1) complete the college Admission Application; call 718-2311 for assistance; (2) request your high school to send a final transcript to Chipola College Admission and Records Office; and (3) take the College Placement Test; call 718-2284 for assistance. Students should report to Room 156 in the Student Services Building and sign in to see an academic advisor.

Chipola offers the Bachelor of Science Degree, the Associate in Arts Degree, the Associate in Science Degree and Workforce Development programs.

The schedule of classes is available online at www.chipola.edu. For information, call 718-2211.
Chipola Artist Series season tickets on sale

Chipola Artist Series season tickets are on sale online at www.chipola.edu and at the Center for the Arts Box Office through Aug. 28. The Box Office is open Monday through Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Online tickets may be printed at home or with an order confirmation, will-call tickets will be available at the box office the night of the show.

This year’s lineup opens Thursday, Aug. 29, with Sweet Potato Pie, sharing a classy blend of Americana, Bluegrass, Country and Gospel music. The group has created a new musical style called "sweetgrass," which includes elements of country, classical, blues and bluegrass.

Voices of Lee, a 16-member a cappella vocal ensemble from Lee University in Cleveland, TN, will perform Oct. 4.

On Jan. 16, 2014, concert harpist Anna Maria Medieta will present the passionate and sensuous music of the Argentine Tango and Spanish Flamenco complete with Latin instruments and flamenco dancers.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats will amaze audiences with their breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty on April 1, 2014.

Season tickets are $48. Single event tickets are $14 for adults, $10 for children under 18, with special pricing for Chipola students and employees. Individual tickets for the first event go on sale Aug. 26.

Call 850-718-2277 or visit www.chipola.edu/fine-and-performing-arts.

Piano and Cello duo to perform Sunday, Aug. 25

The Chipola Department of Fine and Performing Arts will host Russian-born cellist Alexei Romanenko and Canadian pianist Christine Yoshikawa in a dynamic musical duo, Sunday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. in the Arts Center.

Romanenko and Yoshikawa delight audiences around the world with their highly vibrant musicality and technical brilliance. Equally in demand as concert soloists, the Romanenko-Yoshikawa Duo has distinguished itself as a dynamic team with an impressive list of awards and personal achievements. The duo has enjoyed debuts on many of the world’s prominent concert stages.

The public is invited to enjoy the duo as they feature cello and piano works by Pärt, Scarlatti, Bloch, Beethoven, Reger, Schnittke and Faure. Admission is by donation.

For information, contact the Fine and Performing Arts Department at 718-2277.

New and reassigned Chipola employees recognized

New and reassigned employees were recognized during the recent annual back-to-school program at Chipola.

New employees hired since August 2012, include: Byron Ward, Career Coach, Welding; Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Program Manager/Rangemaster; Jamie McAllister, Corrections Program Manager; Marcus Dabai, Instructor, Business & Technology; John Kiebel, Instructor, Business & Technology; Dr. Cathryn Meegan, Assistant Professor, Business & Technology; Meri Mock, Publications Coordinator; Dr. Rose Cavin, Assistant Professor, School of Education; Billy Smith, Mailroom Clerk; Elvin Batson, Custodian; Debra McGee, Custodian; Melvin Roullhac, Custodian; Joshua Tolar, Groundskeeper, Dr. Carolyn Cruce, Assistant Professor, Literature/Language; Brendan Foley, Assistant Coach, Men's Basketball; Kyle Herring, Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball; Scott Pittenger, Assistant Coach, Baseball; Raheem Waller, Assistant Coach, Men's Basketball; Dale Heidebrecht, Music Instructor; Amanda Clark, Biology Instructor; Catherine Dorgan, Chemistry Instructor; Latresha Bighem, Instructor Social & Behavioral Science; and Lisa Jenkins, Senior Office Assistant Financial Aid.

Several current employees were promoted or transferred to new positions during the last year. These include: Dr. Jason Hurst, Executive Vice President; Steve Anderson, Director of Public Service; Glenda Bethel, Instructor, Business & Technology; Vikki Milton, Director of E-Learning; Dr. David Hilton, Associate Dean, Mathematics & Natural Science; and Evelyn Ward, Director of Fine and Performing Arts.
Rahal-Miller donates three vehicles to Automotive program

Rahal-Miller recently donated three vehicles to the Chipola Automotive technology program. The vehicles include a 2002 Nissan Maxima, a 2006 Infinity M45 and a 2007 Nissan Quest.

Nissan North America and Rahal-Miller made the donation possible. In addition to the donation, Ricky Miller and Jimmy Parris of Rahal-Miller, coordinated and paid for towing the vehicles from Miramar, Florida.

Automotive instructor John Gardner says, “These vehicles will benefit our program and students in their training. They are equipped with some of the latest and greatest technology. We depend on our great partners like Rahal-Miller to keep our program up to date.”

Area singers invited to join community chorus

Area singers are invited to be among the first to sing in the Chipola Community Chorus in the new Center for the Arts with rehearsals beginning Aug. 20.

Rehearsals are scheduled on Tuesdays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Aug. 20 – Oct. 29, in the Center for the Arts Experimental Theatre.

The Fall performance is slated for Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.

The choir is under the direction of Chipola vocal instructor, Dale Heidebrecht.

No experience is necessary, just a willing spirit and enthusiasm for music.

Interested singers are asked to contact Heidebrecht at (850) 718-2376 or email: heidebrechtd@chipola.edu

Appreciation Club announces annual membership drive

Local sports fans are invited to join the Chipola Appreciation Club during its annual membership drive.

The Appreciation Club is a tax-deductible organization governed by local supporters. The group helps Chipola and its students by promoting athletics and underwriting scholarships and functions not supported from public funds.

The standard $250 membership provides access to Chipola Appreciation Club general seating and Hospitality Room for four guests at all Chipola home men’s and women’s basketball games and admission to all Chipola baseball and softball games.

The Gold $1,000 Membership provides Chipola Appreciation Club reserved seating for four guests and Appreciation Club general seating for two more guests, and admittance to the Chipola Club Hospitality Room. Corporate Sponsorships also are available. A portion of membership dues are tax-deductible.

For information about the Appreciation Club, call 850-718-2451.
Chipola Theatre celebrates Superior season

The Chipola Theatre department celebrated an outstanding inaugural season in the new $16 million Center for the Arts with record numbers of tickets and Superior rankings from Florida College System Activities Association.

Director of Theatre Charles Sirmon said more than 8,000 theatre patrons attended three major student productions, the largest attendance in school history.

The 2012-13 season included the comedy “Noises Off” and Broadway musical “Hairspray” both of which earned Superior ratings from the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA).

Chipola theatre majors also presented the annual Theatre Showcase, a fundraiser which featured a night of skits, songs and dance. The season closed with the children’s show “Alice in Wonderland” which was performed for hundreds capable of housing the two-story revolving set expertly constructed by the students and Connie Smith, Director of Technical Theatre. These young actors took the direction and concept devised by director Sirmon and ran with it all the way to greatness. All areas of the production—direction, choreography, sound, lighting, set, costuming and performers—melded together into a work that each individual involved could be proud of. This department put on a production that rivaled the work of larger institutions. These students and faculty have a dedication to their program and to the art of Theatre that is enviable.”

Next up was the Broadway musical “Hairspray” which was a sellout for five shows. FCSAA adjudicator, Robert Gandrup wrote, “The audience packed the new theatre and gave a standing ovation, and was well deserved. I was quite impressed by the mastery of the shows material by the cast and crew and how professional the demeanor of the whole organization was as they presented their production to a large audience. The entire cast had moments on stage that were professional, sharp and stunning without up-staging or completely stealing a scene or the whole show. It was a great ensemble production.”

Chipola hosts FWC Hunter Safety Course

Chipola hosted the range portion of the Florida Wildlife Commission’s Hunter Safety Course July 27 at the Reddoch Firing Range. Persons born on or after June 1, 1975, and 16 years or older, must pass a hunter safety course before purchasing a hunting license. Instructors are, from left: George Warthen, FWC NW Regional Coordinator for Hunter Safety; Alton Ranew, Instructor; Steven Stewart, Chipola Law Enforcement Coordinator and Rangemaster; David Arnette, Instructor; Leah McAllister, Instructor; and Jamie McAllister, Chipola Corrections Coordinator. This was the first such class hosted by Chipola, and college officials plan to offer more courses in the future.