Chipola working with FSU and TCC on NSF project

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NSF awarded Florida State University a $844,825 grant to support a four year project, Assessing Information Technology Educational Pathways that Promote Deployment and Use of Rural Broadband.

The project is one of a number of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) initiatives underway at the FSU College of Communication and Information.

Dr. Charles R. McClure, the Francis Eppes Professor and director of the Information Institute will lead the project at the Principal Investigator. Dr. Marcia Mardis, Ed.D, Associate professor, and Ebrahim Randeree, Assistant Dean at CCI are Co-Principal Investigators as are Dr. Jim Froh, Dean of the School of Business and Technology at Chipola College and Kathryn M. Stewart, Dean, Technology and Professional Development at Tallahassee Community College.

The goals of the project are to strengthen the employee pool of IT technicians, and to improve broadband, telecommunications, and networks education for current and future IT employees in rural Northwest Florida. The project will analyze current curricula at TCC and Chipola and solicit faculty and employer feedback. Findings will include recommendations for improvement in IT training and economic development.

CHIPOLA WORKING WITH FSU AND TCC ON NSF PROJECT—Chipola College is collaborating with Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College in a National Science Foundation project to improve Information Technology education and employment. Pictured from left, are: Vicki Mathis, Chipola Grants Operations Coordinator; Dr. Marcia Mardis, FSU Associate professor; Dr. Jim Froh, Chipola Dean of the School of Business and Technology; and Laura Spears, FSU doctoral candidate and Research Coordinator for the project. Not pictured is Dr. Charles McClure, Principal Investigator and Francis Eppes Professor at FSU.

Chipola Theatre earns Superior rankings in inaugural season in new center

CHIPOLA THEATRE EARNED SUPERIORS-- The Chipola College Theatre department celebrated an outstanding inaugural season in the new $16 million Center for the Arts with record numbers of tickets sold and Superior rankings from Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) adjudicators for “Noises Off” and “Hairspray.” Here, Charles Sirmon, Chipola Director of Theatre (left) and Evelyn Ward, Director of Fine and Performing Arts, show off plaques for the Superior rankings.
**Upcoming Events**

**August**
12. Return to Regular Work Week
12. Faculty Returns -- Fall Term
12. AFC Back to School Luncheon
13. Executive Council – 9 a.m., A192
14. New Student Testing Begins
   Returning Student Registration & Drop/Add for Fall A&B

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**This Week**

“Chipola This Week” is weekly publication of the Chipola Public Relations Office. Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at ward@chipola.edu.

**Birthdays This Week**
6-Aug Irma Cruz-White
7-Aug Sarah Clemmons
10-Aug Jocelyn Wahlgren
11-Aug Nell Donaldson
11-Aug Dan Sims
11-Aug Joyce Traynom

**Library Hours**
Mon., Aug. 5
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Closed Aug. 6 - 8 for Inventory

**Tech Center Hours**
MON, Aug. 5 at 7:45 a.m. - 6 p.m
The Tech Center will reopen on Monday, Aug. 19 at 7:45 a.m.

**Ace Summer Hours**
Monday - Wednesday
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Artist Series Tickets**—Chipola Artist Series season tickets are now on sale, online at www.chipola.edu and at the Center for the Arts Box Office through August 28.

**Fall Registration**—New students planning to enroll in Fall classes are encouraged to make application as soon as possible. Registration for returning students begins Aug. 14. New and returning student registration is Aug. 15 and 16. Classes begin Aug. 19. For information, call 718-2211.

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**Rotary Helps Chipola**

*ROTYAR HELPS CHIPOLA—* Marianna Rotary Club President Gene Strickland recently presented Rotary’s annual monetary contribution to Chipola Foundation Director Julie Fuqua for Rotary Scholarships. President Strickland said, “Chipola is a tremendous asset to our community and Rotary is proud to continue our support.”

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**Future Nurses Graduate from ADN Program**

*CHIPOLA NURSING GRADUATES—* Twenty-nine students recently completed the Associate Degree Nursing program at Chipola. Graduates are now qualified to take the state certification examination to become Registered Nurses. Pictured from left, are: (seated) Hannah Shouppe, Hannah Moore, Emily Warner, J.D. Sellers, Myles Taylor, Justin Neel, Calvin Gilbert, Valerie Gonzalez, Tania Harvey, Sarah Durden, (standing) Kristie Bard, Sheena Davis, Mary McClellan, Ammita Daniels, Renee Gilbert, Stacia Spencer, Yolanda Hamilton, Chelsea Dalton, Rocio Lopez, Auslinn Shuler, Tiffany Burdeshaw, Janie Laramore, Alisa Kronberger, Amy Pierce, Corynn Walker, Melinda Dampier, Chelsea Wells, Monica Greubel and Jennifer Reeves.

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**New Generation at Chipola Basketball Camp**

More than 40 youngsters participated in the recent annual Chipola Kid’s Basketball Camp. Lane Johnson, grandson of the late Milton H. Johnson, participated in the camp along with J.D. Taylor son of former Chipola assistant coach Scott Taylor. Pictured from left, are: Scott Taylor, J.D. Taylor, Patrick Blake, Lane Johnson and David Johnson.