Chipola responds to Governor’s $10K challenge

Gov. Rick Scott on Nov. 26 challenged Florida’s community and state colleges to develop four-year degrees that would cost no more than $10,000.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, “One of our primary goals at Chipola is to provide students access to higher education. We work hard to keep tuition as low as possible without sacrificing quality in our educational programs. We look forward to working with the governor and the Florida College System to make college even more accessible to the citizens of our district.”

Dr. Jayne Roberts, Vice President of Student Affairs, indicated that Chipola’s tuition is already close to the governor’s plan. “If a student enters Chipola as a college-ready student and does not deviate from their academic plan, the tuition to earn a bachelor’s degree could fall within the $10,000 range for certain B.S. programs,” Roberts said. She selected a sample of one student’s records who earned an A.A. degree and a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. Their total tuition was within the $10,000 range. Fees brought the cost to a little over $10,000.

The mean level of tuition and fees for schools in the Florida College System was $3,328 during the 2011-12 academic year, according the Department of Education’s 2012 annual report. At that rate, a four-year degree would cost about $13,300, or $3,300 above Scott’s goal. Tuition and fees for four years at a Florida university averages about $25,000, or nearly twice as much as for the 28 state colleges.

Chipola’s tuition and fees for lower level courses (freshman and sophomore) is $102 compared to the Florida College system state average of $103. For upper level courses (junior and senior), Chipola charges $115 compared to the Florida College system state average of $118.

The State University system charges an average of $202 per credit hour for undergraduate (freshman through senior) level courses.

Chipola offers the Bachelor of Science Degree, Associate in Arts Degree, Associate in Science Degree and Workforce Development programs. Bachelor’s Degrees include: Education majors in Middle and High School Math or Science, English Education, Exceptional Student Education and Elementary Education; Business Administration degree with concentrations in Management or Accounting; and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Additionally, the college offers the Educator Preparation Institute, a Teacher Certification program for those with a B.S. in a non-teaching field.

For information, call 718-2211 or visit www.chipola.edu

Jazzmatazz at Chipola

The Chipola College Show Choir will present a Jazzmatazz Christmas classics in their annual series Nov. 29-Dec. 1 in the new Center for the Arts.

The award-winning Show Choir will perform an eclectic mix of holiday favorites that will capture the true meaning of Christmas. This is the first holiday concert in the new performing arts complex. All three shows begin at 7 p.m. General admission tickets—$10—will be available at the door nightly at 6:30 p.m.
Chipola to host Panhandle Classic Friday and Saturday

The Chipola Indians host the men’s Panhandle Classic, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. Chipola will play at 8 p.m. Friday and at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Fans will get a look at five teams from the FCSAA Top 10. The Indians (8-0) are second in the State Poll behind top-ranked Northwest (8-0). Gulf Coast (8-1) is fifth. Tallahassee (6-2) is sixth. State College of Florida (6-1) is seventh.

Games begin at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, with Gulf Coast vs. State College of Florida. Pensacola plays Brunswick at 4 p.m. Northwest Florida State meets Clinton at 6 p.m. Chipola takes on Santa Fe in the 8 p.m. nightcap.

Saturday, Dec. 1, games include: Gulf Coast vs. Clinton at noon; Pensacola vs. State College of Florida at 2 p.m.; Tallahassee vs. Santa Fe, at 4 p.m., and Chipola vs. Brunswick at 6 p.m.

Illusionist to perform for Chipola Artist Series

First year Chipola head coach Patrick Blake said he is pleased with his team’s performance so far. “We still have a lot of room for improvement. There are still a lot of things we’ve got to get better at, but to be 8-0 at this point in the season, I’m very happy. We’ve just got to make sure that we focus on the process of getting better each and every day.”

Chipola improved to 8-0 on the year with a pair of wins on Nov. 23-24 at the Northwest Florida Rick Flores Classic. The Indians beat Columbia State 87-73, on Nov. 24. Carlos Morris led Chipola with 18 points. Cinnamon Bowers and Kruize Pinkins added 16 points each. Chipola outlasted Lee College 75-67 on Nov. 23.

In women’s basketball, the Chipola Lady Indians (10-0) are tied for first in the FCSAA state poll with Northwest (8-0). Gulf Coast (7-1) is third. Tallahassee (6-2) is fifth. Pensacola (5-3) is seventh.

The second event in the Chipola Artist Series is a first for the college. Illusionist Sammy Cortino will present his Las Vegas style magic show in the Center for the Arts, Jan. 17, 2013.

With Siegfried and Roy and Lance Burton endorsing his International Brotherhood of Magicians membership, Sammy Cortino is taking magic back to its roots in its purest, up-to-date form. His raw, live, unprecedented style brings out a sense of old Hollywood charm.

Tickets are available online at www.chipola.edu. Click “Fine Arts” and “Artist Series.” Online tickets can be printed at home, or with an order con-firmation, will-call tickets will be available at the box office the night of the show. Box office hours will be established closer to the performance. Single event ticket sales will be $14 for adults, $10 for children under 18, and $5 for Chipola students and employees.

Two more events follow Cortino in the Artist Series. The Davis and Dow jazz quartet featuring a vocalist and a request-by-favorites second half is Feb. 7, 2013. The popular bluegrass/country comedy group, Three on a String, will perform April 11, 2013.

For information, visit www.chipola.edu or phone 718-2257.

Theatrical designer visits Chipola

Jeremy Floyd, a Chicago professional designer recently spoke to Chipola’s theatre humanities class. Jeremy was a former student of Chipola’s Director of Theatre, Charles Sirmon.

Floyd’s first experience with theatre and design started years ago while Sirmon was teaching at Dothan High School. Since that time, he has earned a BFA in Theatrical Design from the University of South Alabama, a MA in Dramatic Theory and Criticism from University of Kentucky and a MFA in Stage Design from Northwestern University.

Floyd shared with the students the process of becoming a designer. He gave in-depth examples of how costume design is created and executed.

Floyd’s professional work includes designs from Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Drury Lane Theatre and the Actors Theatre of Lexington. He has also lectured at Northwestern and continues to travel around the state as a freelance costume designer.
Chipola hosts FBLA

The Business and Technology Department and the Phi Beta Lambda business organization recently hosted the Future Business Leaders of America Fall Rally. FBLA students from 12 area schools attended. Pictured from left are: Vikki Milton, Chipola PBL adviser; PBL members John Eubanks; Jeff Pitts; Cathy Riddle and Elissa Severson, Departmental Staff Assistant in Business and Technology.

Prepare now for spring classes at Chipola

New students planning to enroll in Chipola College during the Spring 2013 semester are encouraged to make application before the college closes for the holidays.

There are several steps to completing the application process: (1) complete the Admission Application; call 718-2311 for assistance; (2) request a final high school transcript be sent to the Admission and Records Office; and (3) take the College Placement Test; call 718-2284 for assistance.

New student testing begins Jan. 2.

First Generation Scholarship funds available at Chipola College

The Chipola College Foundation is accepting applications for the First Generation in College Scholarship for the Spring 2013 semester. There will be five partial $1,000 scholarships awarded.

Completed applications must be received in the Foundation office by 4 p.m. on Dec. 6.

Students must have applied for Federal Pell Grant (FAFSA) and have been determined to be Pell eligible in order to apply for the First Generation in College Scholarship. Applicants must have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) below 5273 and still have unmet financial need.

The First Generation in College Scholarship is a need based scholarship to Florida residents. The student must enroll as an undergraduate, degree-seeking student for a minimum of six hours per term in a community college in Florida. The student must meet the eligibility requirements for demonstrated financial need and must come from a family where neither parent has completed a baccalaureate degree. If the student regularly resides with only one parent who provides support, that one parent must not have completed a baccalaureate degree for the student to be eligible.

In order to apply for a First Generation in College Scholarship students must complete an application available in the Foundation office and turn it in with all of the required items outlined on the application by Dec. 6.

For information, call 850-718-2404.

ACE offers academic assistance for students

The semester’s end is nearing, bringing unit exams and finals. Chipola’s Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) provides free academic assistance to all Chipola students.

The ACE staff understands the educational backgrounds of local students and is prepared to provide the academic assistance to help students reach their educational goals. ACE offers on-demand assistance in nearly any course offered at Chipola, from Introduction to Biology to Anatomy and Physiology, Elementary Algebra to Calculus, and many in between.

ACE is staffed with administrative staff and 16 peer-tutors who have excelled in the courses in which they tutor. Tutors lead study sessions. In addition to student staff, Chipola faculty work closely with thy scheduling office hours in ACE. The ACE also has the Social Science film series and the English department’s “Crime Stoppers Writing Hotline,” seminars.

Alicia Hatcher, Coordinator of Extended Learning and Professional Development and ACE, coordinates special group sessions in ACE. “The ACE’s ability to adapt to the needs of Chipola students is exceptional. Students provide the staff with different challenges and adventures each semester, and the staff does a remarkable job of meeting the needs presented.”

As the fall semester comes to an end, the ACE will offer extended hours and additional study sessions for unit exams and finals. Visit the ACE, located in Bldg L.
Final Exam Schedule: Fall 2012

Monday – December 10
8:00  CTS 1155, EDE 4943, EDF 3214, EEX 4933, ENC 0015, ENC 0025, ENC 1101, ENC 1102, HUM 2216, HUM 2233, LAE 4943, MAE 4943, SCE 4943
10:00  AML 2010, CGS 1060-002 & 004, ENC 3311, MAE 4330, MUL 2010, PET 2622, SCE 4330
12:00  CHM 1045, CHM 2210, ECO 2013, ENL 2012, MAE 4310, PBO 4043, RED 3009, RED 4854, SPM 2000
2:00  ACG 2002, ASH 1044, ETS 1111, EDF 1005, LIN 3013, MAE 4815, MAS 4203, RED 4312, SPC 2608

Tuesday – December 11
8:00  ACG 2021, BSC 1005, BSC 1059, BSC 1088, BSC 2010, BSC 2011, BSC 2093, BSC 2094, MUT 1111, PET 2210
10:00  ACG 2071, CGS 1100-001, COP 1822, COP 2000, COP 2224, CTS 1163, ESC 1000, LAE 3210, MAC 1114, MGF 1107, MUT 2116, STA 2023, SYG 1000
12:00  MAC 1105, MAC 1140, MAC 1311, MAC 2233, MAC 2312, MAC 2313, MAT 0018, MAT 0028, MAT 0033, MGF 1106, SCE 4310
2:00  CGS 1060-001 & 003, ETS 1111, DEP 2004, EME 2040, LAE 3323, MHF 4404, POS 2041, THE 1020

Wednesday, December 12
8:00  AMH 2010, ECO 2023, EDF 2085, MCB 2010, RED 4519
10:00  AMH 2020, ARH 1000, CGS 1060-005 & 700, CTS 1120, MMC 1000, PHY 1053C, PHY 2048C, SSE 3113
12:00  PSY 2012, REA 0017, REA 1205, SPN 1120
2:00  DEP 2102, HSC 1100, SPN 1121, WOH 2012
4:00  MAKE-UP PERIOD (see #8 under Notes)

NOTES
1. FRIDAY CLASSES – The final examination will be given during the last class period for the semester.
2. EVENING CLASSES – The final examinations may be given during the last class period for the semester or may be scheduled during one of the evenings of the three-day examination period.
3. GRADES – Grades are due in the Admissions Office, Thursday, December 13, at 2:00 p.m.
4. MAKE-UP EXAMS – All make-up exams must be approved by the Department Dean.

For more information, see page 76 of the Student Handbook/Planner.

Free Credit seminar set at Chipola

Chipola will offer a free small business seminar “Credit Basics” on Friday, Dec. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The major determining factor on receiving any type of loan is a personal credit score and credit history. The class will cover credit basics, what makes up a credit score and how to improve the overall score. Anyone interested in opening a business can benefit from this seminar.

The seminar will meet in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building. There is no cost to attend the seminar.

Participants may register online at www.northfloridabiz.com. For information, contact Elissa Severson at Chipola at 850-718-2441 or email severson@chipola.edu

Hairspray auditions set at Chipola

Chipola theatre director Charles Sirmon announces open auditions for the hit musical “Hairspray,” Jan. 7-8 at 6 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.

“Hairspray” tells the story of Tracy Turnblad, a large girl with big hair and a kind heart, who has only one passion—to dance. She wins a spot on the local TV dance program, “The Corny Collins Show” and is quickly transformed into a teen celebrity. She then successfully sets out to vanquish the program’s reigning princess, win the heart of the super handsome Link Larkin, and racially integrate the television show.

Sirmon will cast a minimum of 18 women and 14 men in named roles. He also will cast a dancing/singing ensemble. Some roles are race and gender specific. There also are opportunities for anyone interested in working with the backstage crew.

For information, contact Sirmon at 850-718-2227 or email sirmonc@chipola.edu

Visit Chipola Theatre on Facebook or at www.chipola.edu

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, November 28. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
4-Dec  Greg Franklin
7-Dec  Robert Ivey
8-Dec  Michael Dolan
8-Dec  Dennis Adams

ATTENTION 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 at Student Services A-108, Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. – Noon and from 1-3:30 p.m. Exceptions only by appointment.

CHRISTMAS PLANS. The annual Chipola Christmas Breakfast is Thursday, Dec. 13, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. The event is hosted by Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, AFC, CFA, CCE, and CEA for all Chipola employees.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE. The Library will be hosting an Open House on Monday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. All Chipola students and employees are invited to come and enjoy some Christmas snacks.

BOOKS DUE. All library books and materials are due no later that 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5.