Late registration continues at Chipola

Chipola College Spring classes began Jan. 6; however, late registration will continue through noon on Jan. 12. The college offers three terms during the Spring semester. Term A runs Jan. 6 through May 1. Term B is Jan. 6 through Feb. 29. Term C classes are March 1 through April 30.

Applications for Admission are available in the Admissions Office located in the Student Services Building or on-line at www.chipola.edu.

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

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is designed for students who plan to complete their first two years of college work and then transfer to a four-year program at Chipola or another college or university. Credits earned are transferable and are applicable toward a bachelor’s degree. Academic advising guides that outline requirements for specific majors are available from Student Affairs and are located on the college website at www.chipola.edu.

Several Associate in Science (AS) and Workforce programs are offered which provide training for high wage jobs. Workforce programs include: Automotive Service Technology, Cross-Over Law Enforcement to Corrections, Computer Systems Technology I, Firefighter II, Computer Systems Technology II, Law Enforcement Officer, Correctional Officer, Cosmetology, Cross-Over Corrections to Law Enforcement and Patient Care Assistant.

Associate in Science (AS) programs include: Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, Computer Information Technology, Fire Science Technology, Criminal Justice Technology (Crime Scene Track), Networking Services Technology, Culinary Management, Nursing (RN and LPN) and Recreation Technology.

College Credit Certificate programs include: Child Care Center Management, Information Technology Management, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic.

For information, call 850-718-2211 or visit www.chipola.edu.
Chipola opens home conference season on Jan. 10

Chipola hosts Northwest Florida, Tuesday, Jan. 10, in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men’s game at 7:30 p.m. Chipola opens league play at Tallahassee on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Chipola’s men (15-1) are ranked second in the FCSAA poll. The Lady Indians (12-4) are ranked fourth. Both Northwest teams are undefeated and ranked first in the men’s and women’s polls.

The Indians improved to 16-1 with a 77-65 win over USC-Salkehatchie in the Gulf Coast Classic in Panama City in the final pre-conference game of the season.

Aishon White led the Indians with 18 points on five 3-pointers. Joseph Uchebo added 15 points, with Kruize Pinkins scoring 13, and Jerel Scott 12. The Indians led 35-28 at the half, but pushed the lead out to 21 in the final period.

Indians coach Jake Headrick said, “Any coach in the country would take a 16-1 record. I told the guys that they’ve done a great job through the first 17 games of playing together, being unselfish, and playing as a team. But come conference time it will be about playing to win every possession. We have to understand how hard it’s going to be to get in that top two (in the conference standings) to go to the state tournament.”

The fourth-ranked Lady Indians finished the pre-conference schedule with a 70-54 win over Daytona State on Jan. 2 to improve to 14-4 on the season. Chipola jumped out to a 16-2 lead, but Daytona fought back to take a 30-29 halftime lead. Daytona maintained a 45-40 edge midway through the second half, but Chipola responded with an 8-2 spurt to go up by one and then stretched the lead out from there. Lady Indians coach David Lane said, “It was a good win to get going in the right direction. We played really well for the first 10 minutes, and then we were just horrible for the next 20 minutes. We started playing better with about 10 minutes left in the second half. We played much better defense.”

Sara Djassi had 15 points to lead Chipola. Jelleah Sidney also added 13 points for Chipola, and Jeniece Johnson had eight.

The coach said the turnover problem is one his team will need to solve quickly if it’s going to compete for a conference title. “I think the physical and mental mistakes that we’re making are correctable. You just hope that the light clicks with some of these bad passes we’re making. If we can limit our turnovers, we’ll be really tough to play because we’re guarding well and we’re getting good looks offensively and we’ve got some kids who can score.”

For the latest scores visit www.chipola.edu or by call 718-2CJC.

Chipola Future Educators teacher workshop is Jan. 21

The Chipola College Future Educators Club will host the fifth annual Teacher Workshop, Jan. 21, 2012. Current teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend.

Future educators currently enrolled at Chipola, with the assistance of the Department of Education faculty and staff, will present hands-on activities along with samples for teachers and education majors to use in their own classrooms.

The sessions will include presentations and strategies in Math, Science, Reading, English, ESOL and ESE. Various sessions will be held for elementary, middle, and high school teachers.

Some 21 sessions are already scheduled. A few of the topics being presented are: Using Foldables and Manipulatives, Student Engagement with Social Studies, Cooking Through the Content Areas, Teaching Reading Components Using Picture Books, Using Holidays With the ESOL Student in Mind, Integrating Reading and Math, Technology in the Classroom, Discovering Pi, Classroom Management, Incorporating Drama into the Classroom, How to Build a Classroom Community, Accommodating All Students in the Mainstream Classroom, Science Activities for elementary, middle school, and high school and a General Session with Center Ideas and an on-site Usborne Book Representative.

In addition to the student-led sessions, a representative from Big Ideas Learning will conduct a session for middle school math teachers. A representative from Teacher Effectiveness also will conduct a session on Classroom Management for teachers in grades 3–6.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. in Building D on the Chipola College campus. Sessions begin at 8:15 a.m. and run through 12:30 p.m.

To ensure that sufficient materials are available, those planning to attend are asked to RSVP.

For information or to reserve a spot, contact Casey Bush at bushc@chipola.edu or 850-526-2761, Ext. 2449.
Chipola baseball alumni weekend set for Feb. 10-11

Dozens of former Chipola College baseball players—including Major League Homerun leader Jose Bautista—are expected to return to their alma mater Feb. 10-11 for the fifth annual Chipola Baseball Alumni event.

The weekend begins Friday, Feb. 10, with a game between Chipola and Walters State at 11 a.m. Chipola plays San Jacinto at 2 p.m. A Golf Outing for Chipola Baseball Alumni and friends tees off at 2 p.m. at Indian Springs Golf Course. An Alumni Social will be held at Beef O’Brady’s from 6:30 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday, Feb. 11, events begin at 11 a.m. with Chipola vs. Walter’s State. An Alumni Home Run Derby begins at 1 p.m. A $100 a plate Pro Baseball Dinner and Auction is set for 6 p.m. at the Trammell Camp in Blountstown.

The following Chipola alumni have confirmed their attendance: Jose Bautista—Toronto Blue Jays, Tyler Flowers—Chicago White Sox, Adam Loewen—New York Mets, Mat Gamel—Milwaukee Brewers and honorary Chipola alumnus Jeff Mathis—Toronto Blue Jays. Several other former players are expected to attend.

World class softball camp set at Chipola

Area softball players will have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to work with world-class softball players Charlotte Morgan and Kelsi Dunne at the Chipola College Softball field January 20-22, 2012.

Chipola head coach Belinda Hendrix says, “This is a great opportunity for local players to learn from two of the best softball players in America.”

Camp participants have several opportunities to choose from during the weekend of Jan. 20-22. Players who are interested in improving their hitting can choose to attend the Jan. 21 Hitting session only for $100. Pitchers may choose the Jan. 22 Pitching session only for $100. A homerun derby on Jan. 21 is $20 per person. A Jan. 21 Banquet with the players is $30 per person.

An all-inclusive three day camp with hitting and pitching sessions, additional instruction, Banquet, Home Run Derby, lodging and food is $350.

Charlotte Morgan is a professional softball player with the USSSA Pride based out of Kissimmee which is part of the National Pro Fastpitch League (NPF). She is an alumnus of the University of Alabama and was the first pick in the 2010 National Pro Fastpitch Senior Draft. The California native was one of the most highly decorated players in Crimson Tide softball history. In 2009 and 2010, Morgan was named the (SEC) Player of the Year. She was a USA Softball Player of the Year Top 10 finalist and ESPN Magazine’s Academic third-team All-American. She ended the 2010 season with a 7–2 pitching record, a .350 batting average and led the team with 16 home runs. She was the first player in Crimson Tide history with three 50-plus RBI seasons. She led Alabama in all three major hitting categories in her final season with a .406 batting average, 11 home runs and 59 RBI.

Kelsi Dunne is a senior at the University of Alabama where she was a teammate of Charlotte Morgan. Dunne is the second pitcher in Alabama history to be named SEC Pitcher of the Year. She was the SEC tournament MVP and was named to the all-tournament team was on the ASA/USA Player of the Year Watch List. She led the SEC during league play in wins (13), strikeouts (144) and opponent batting average (.174). She struck out at least 10 batters in seven conference games last season. She entered NCAA 2011 postseason winning her last 16 consecutive starts. She threw a career-high 17 strikeouts and notched the second most K’s in a game in Alabama history by fanning 17 in a complete game at UAB (Feb. 23). She became the first pitcher in Alabama history to start all three games at the SEC tournament and earn all three wins.

For additional information, visit www.chipolaathletics.com or contact Coach Belinda Hendrix at 718-2358 or Coach Kelly Brookins at 718-2468.
Small business seminars set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer several small business seminars this year. The first five students to sign up for any seminar will receive free admission. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-22441 or sign up in person in Building M, Office 208A.

On Friday, Jan. 13, a seminar entitled, “What You Should Know About Franchising” will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will learn about franchising, buying a business versus starting a franchise, franchise myths, financing, risks, rewards, business selection criteria and strategies. Cost is $30. On Jan. 27, a seminar entitled, “Credit Basics & Improving your Credit Score” will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is free but, registration is required.


Valerie Simmons, Certified Business Analyst, with the Small Business Development Council, leads the seminars at Chipola.

The workshops will meet in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building.

Register at http://clients.floridasbdc.org/center.aspx?center=41230&subloc=4 For information, contact Elissa Severson at 718-22441, email severson@chipola.edu or visit Building M, Office 208A.

‘Godspell’ auditions Jan. 9-10 at Chipola

Chipola College Theatre director Charles Sirmon will hold auditions for “Godspell” Jan. 9 and 10 at 6 p.m. Actors should come prepared to sing, act and dance. Audition packets are available in the lobby of the Fine Arts building.

Chipola will present the musical Feb. 29, Mar. 1-4, 2012. “Godspell,” is the beloved classic from Stephen Schwartz, the Grammy and Academy Award-winning composer of Wicked and Pippin. Audiences will enjoy all the good gifts from one of the most enduring shows of all time as it comes to Chipola in a brand new, intimately staged, one-of-a-kind production. The Tony-nominated score is filled with popular hits “Day By Day,” “Learn Your Lessons Well” and “Turn Back, O Man.”

This timeless tale of friendship, loyalty and love has touched the hearts of countless theatergoers all over the world with the greatest story ever told.

Audition packets are available in the lobby of the Fine Arts building. For more information contact Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre at sirmonc@chipola.edu or 850-718-2227.

Jewelry artist to present CRAA program

Designer jewelry artist Kristin Anderson will present the program at the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) meeting Tuesday, January 17, at Jim’s Buffet in Marianna.

The public is invited to attend the Dutch-treat buffet luncheon which begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program at noon. Kristin Anderson who is skilled in working with precious materials, says, “My works express the awareness that has come to me through study and practice. Every piece that I make is an ambassador for my belief in quality of materials, design and craftsmanship.” For more about Anderson’s work, visit www.longdreamgallery.com.

For information on the CRAA meeting, contact Daniel Powell at powelld@chipola.edu or (850) 718-2257.