Showalter and Bautista to headline Chipola baseball event

Orioles manager Buck Showalter, Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista and dozens of other former Chipola baseball players are expected to return to their alma mater Feb. 4-6 for the fourth annual Chipola Baseball Alumni event.

On Feb. 5, former players will gather for Fastest Pitch and Homerun contests. A Kid’s Baseball Camp is also slated. The jerseys of Orioles manager Buck Showalter and MLB Homerun leader Jose Bautista will be retired during a pre-game ceremony before Chipola’s Saturday afternoon game. A $100 a Ticket Pro Baseball Celebrity Dinner is slated for 6:30 p.m.

Showalter worked as an ESPN analyst on Baseball Tonight before taking over the Orioles in July of 2010. He inherited a ballclub with the worst record in the majors at 32–73. But Showalter quickly turned the program around finishing 34–23, the best record among American League East clubs during the same stretch.

Showalter has managed the Yankees, Diamondbacks and Rangers. He grew up in Century, FL, and played at Chipola in 1976. From there he moved on to baseball Mississippi State where he was an All-American who batted .459 in 1977. He was selected by the New York Yankees in the fifth round of the draft, and spent seven seasons in the Yankees’ minor league system. Showalter never played in the majors in part because he played first base, the same position as Yankee Don Mattingly.

Jose Bautista of the Toronto Blue Jays was Major League Baseball’s 2010 homerun leader. With 54 round-trippers, he became only the 26th player in history to launch at least 50 homers in one season. Bautista, who played at Chipola before being drafted by the Pirates in 2000, is quick to credit Chipola and baseball coach Jeff Johnson for contributing to his success. “Coach Johnson has and still has a great impact on my life. It began from the time I arrived in Marianna, at age 18 and continues today as I play in the Major Leagues.”

The 29 year-old has also played for the Pirates, the Orioles and the Royals. He won this year’s Silver Slugger Award, the Hank Aaron Award and finished fourth in voting for the American League MVP.


For information about the event, contact Matt Addison at 850-718-2332, or email addisonm@chipola.edu.

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

10 MONDAY
• MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY - COLLEGE CLOSED

18 TUESDAY
• Executive Council - 9 a.m., A192
• Student Ambassadors - 1 p.m., A156
• CC BASKETBALL VS. TALLAHASSEE - Women 5:30 p.m., Men 7:30 p.m., Health Center
• District Board of Trustees - 7 p.m., Bldg Y

19 WEDNESDAY
• Black Student Union - 10 a.m., C104

20 THURSDAY
• Career and Administrative Payroll Due in HR
• Fellowship of Christian Athletes - 7 p.m., Cafeteria

21 FRIDAY
• Deadline to Submit Athletic Eligibility Roster for Spring
• Planning Offices publishes annual Institutional Report Card of previous year’s results
• Academic Directors Meeting - 9 a.m., A192

23 SUNDAY
• FCA Service – 8 p.m., Chapel
Polston brothers to speak at Chipola College

Two of Chipola’s most successful alumni will return to their alma mater on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Brothers Ricky and Lamar Polston will address students in the Chipola Honors program at 1 p.m. in Jackson Lecture Hall.

Ricky Polston is a Justice on the Florida Supreme Court. Lamar Polston is a retired Insurance Executive. The community is invited to attend meeting during which the Polston brothers will discuss their careers and offer college and career advice to the Chipola students.

The Polstons are originally from Graceville where they both graduated high school and attended Chipola College and FSU.

Lamar Polston earned a Business Degree at FSU with a major in Risk Management Insurance.

Chipola to host Tallahassee Tuesday, Jan. 18

Chipola hosts Tallahassee, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 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.

The Lady Indians are 1-1 in league play after dropping a close 73-66 game to top-ranked Pensacola on Jan. 11. Jasmine Shaw led the Lady Indians with 20 points. Brieona Warner had 16 points. Carleeda Green scored 13.

The Lady Indians scored a 64-59 win over the Lady Commodores on Jan. 8 marking the first time that Chipola coach David Lane’s Lady Indians had won a game in Panama City. Green led the Lady Indians with 17 points. Jeniece Johnson scored 12. Warner had 11.

Coach Lane said, “It was just a good, hard-fought game. Chipola lead 36-26 at half. It was just a good win.”

The Lady Indians are 15-5 and 1-1 in conference play. In the FCCAA State Poll of 2011, Northwest Florida State (17-1) is first. Palm Beach State (14-2) is second. Central Florida (16-4) is third. Chipola (15-2) is fourth. Gulf Coast (12-4) is fourth. Tallahassee (11-5) is fifth.


The Indians narrowly defeated Gulf Coast, 68-64, Jan. 8. Marcos Knight lead Chipola with 22. Chipola lead 38-31 at the half, and by as many as 12 points late in the game.

The Indians opened the 2011 campaign with a 104-77 win over Covenant Christian in Marietta, GA. The Indians outlasted the Beef O’Brady’s Basketball Club 94-92 in an overtime thriller on Dec. 30.

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Scores are available at www.chipola.edu.

Firearms course set for February

Chipola will hold an 8-hour Firearms Familiarization course for women only, Saturday, Feb. 12, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Reddoch Firing Range on the Blue Springs Highway.

Although successful completion of the course may be used in applying for a Concealed Weapons Permit, women who simply want to learn to shoot are also welcome. Students may bring personal weapons, but these should be left in vehicle until requested by instructors.

Only .38, 9mm, and .40 cal ammunition will be provided. College weapons will be utilized for most of the course, but students will be allowed to shoot their own weapons at some point during the course.

Registration and payment of the $100 fee must be completed in advance. Class size is limited. Use of a weapon and ammunition are included in the cost of the course.

For information, call Doris Williams at (850) 718-2394 or e-mail williamsd@chipola.edu.
Small Business Seminars set at Chipola

Chipola will offer two small business seminars on Jan. 21 with more scheduled in February and March.

Two seminars are slated for Friday, Jan. 21. A Webinar on “Understanding Income Statements” will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A local Certified Public Accountant will help participants learn to understand income statements and discover line by line what all those numbers mean and how to analyze them efficiently.

Also on Jan. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is a seminar entitled, “Marketing Series, Part 1: Introduction to 21st Century Marketing.”

The sessions will include presentations in Math and Science, Reading, grades K-6. Sessions will include FCRR understanding Income Statements” will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A local Certified Public Accountant will help participants learn to understand income statements and discover line by line what all those numbers mean and how to analyze them efficiently.

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On Friday, Feb. 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., a Webinar on “Understanding Balance Sheets” will be offered. Participants will discover the power of having a social media strategy. Business owners also will learn to implement new marketing techniques, unlock the secrets of social media and establish an online presence.

The workshops will meet in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building. Cost of each seminar is $30.

For information about the CRAA program, contact Joan Stadsklev at stadsklevj@chipola.edu or call 850-718-2301.

Local artist to speak at CRAA

Local artist Debra Menacof will present the program at the Chipola Regional Arts Association luncheon, Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Jim’s Buffet and Grill. The Dutch-treat buffet lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the program at noon.

Menacof will lead several in attendance in creating a piece of art while others in will learn through observing. The program will provide all guests with the opportunity to be creative.

Menacof began her career as an artist but went into education to share her love and knowledge of the arts with as many as possible. Her teaching experience spans 25 years, from preschoolers to adults over 90. She is now teaching art in a less traditional manner, at many types of schools and facilities through her Outside the Lines Art Studio where she offers various classes and programs for all ages.

Menacof is an Artist in Residence for Very Special Arts of Florida, and an artist, teacher, and program developer for The Wiregrass Museum of Art in Dothan. She says, “I continue to create my own art, always looking for new ideas and mediums as a way to express myself through my art.”

Originally from Pennsylvania, Menacof has lived in Florida for most of her life. She is married to Marianna native Cody Menacof and the couple has a seven year-old son.

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**Olympic softball players coming to Chipola**

![Softball Player](image)

Area softball players will have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to work with team USA Olympic medalists at the Chipola Softball field, Jan. 22-23.

The Triple Threat team of Cat Osterman, Kelly Kretschman and Caitlin Lowe will provide a weekend of softball instruction focusing on pitching, offense and defense.

The two day Chipola camp will include six hours of instruction each day with lunch included. Registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 21. Registration fee is $200. No on-site registration will be available.

Pitcher Cat Osterman played at the University of Texas. She was an Olympic Gold Medalist and Silver Medalist, a two-time World Cup Champion and a two-time Pan American Gold Medalist. She was the two-time ESPY Award winner as the Top Collegiate Female Athlete. Cat is the assistant softball coach at DePaul University, and plays for the Rockford Thunder.

Kelly Kretschman played outfield and infield at the University of Alabama. She was an Olympic Gold Medalist and Silver Medalist. She also was a Gold medalist at the Pan American Games and a member of the World Cup Championship team. Caitlin Lowe played outfield at the University of Arizona. She was an Olympic Silver Medalist and a Gold medalist at Pan American Games. A member of the two-time World Cup Championship team, she also was a four-time NFCA First-Team All-American.

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

Contact Coach Hendrix at 718-2358 or 718-2359, or visit [www.triplethreatsoftball.com](http://www.triplethreatsoftball.com).

**Chipola student makes finals in 850 Enterpreneur contest**

Chipola College Anita Halling was among the finalists in 850 Magazine’s Collegiate Entrepreneur Invitational.

She presented her “Natural Balance Solar Energy” business plan to a panel of judges at the Destin Hilton on Jan. 7. Halling said, “The idea behind Natural Balance is to provide affordable Solar Energy to homeowners through the use of advanced technologies, utilizing engineering expertise to ensure that design and construction provide green energy tailor-made to each homeowner’s needs.”

Dr. Jim Froh, Director of the Chipola Business Department, said, “Anita did a great job. She was excited about the opportunity to showcase her business plan and fine tune her presentations skills. Though she did not win, several judges were impressed with her idea.”

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