Chipola student wins $20,000 Buick scholarship

Chipola College graduate Adriane Guettler of Chipley has been awarded a $20,000 from the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program.

Guettler plans to attend Florida State University as a Mechanical Engineering major. She hopes to pursue a doctorate in Mechanical Engineering to realize her dream of working in the automotive industry.

Guettler received the Chipola President’s Award for maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA during her two years at Chipola. She also won the Calculus I award as the top student in all classes. She was valedictorian of Chipley High School for which she received a scholarship to Chipola. She also is a Florida Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholar. During her time at Chipola Guettler served as Scholarship Officer in the Chipola chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She was vice president of the Chipola Honors Club and a Sophomore Senator in the Student Government Association. She was a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary, Chipola Student Ambassadors and the Chipola Science Club.

Guettler is a certified academic tutor and works in the Chipola Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). Bonnie Smith, Director of the ACE, says, “Adriane is a great student and a great person. In addition to maintaining a perfect academic record, she has helped many students with their studies as a tutor in the ACE.” Smith, who works closely with Chipola’s top students, says Guettler’s $20,000 scholarship may be the largest ever awarded to a Chipola student.

Guettler is one of 100 national winners of the 2012 Buick Achievers Award. The nearly $9 million scholarship program launched by Buick and the General Motors Foundation in 2011 rewards outstanding students who demonstrate excellence in the classroom and community.

Vivian Pickard, president, GM Foundation, said, “The impact the Buick Achievers Scholarship will have on these students is immeasurable. They will have the freedom to attend and excel in college without the financial pressures most students face.”

With the future of manufacturing and related industries driven by new technologies, Buick and the GM Foundation developed the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program to support students interested in science, technology, engineering, math, and other related fields of study.

Guettler’s scholarship is renewable for up to four years and one additional year for qualified five-year engineering programs.

Coles is NJCAA All American

Former Chipola College pitcher Robby Coles has been named an NJCAA All-American as a member of the Baseball All-America Third Team.

A native of Crawfordville, Florida, Coles was 9-0 on the mound this season and helped lead the Indians to a Panhandle Conference Championship.

The right-hander has signed to play next year at Florida State University. At 6 feet tall and 170 pounds, Coles amassed an 18-3 record at Chipola during two seasons and helped lead the Indians to a 2011 state title and a fifth place finish in the National Tournament.

Coles played at Wakulla High School where he led the 2010 War Eagles to the Elite 8 of the Regionals for the first time in 42 years.

Summer programs set

Chipola College will offer programs for children of all ages this summer. Swimming lessons will be offered for all ages. Lessons are based on a combination of nationally-recognized methods.

An Adult Swimming Class for ages 15 and up is scheduled for June 25–28 with classes available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., or 7 p.m. Registration deadline is June 18. Cost is $45. For information, call pool manager Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

Children’s Swimming lessons for ages four and up are scheduled: Session 2
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is July 9-19 with a registration deadline of July 2. Classes are available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Sessions include eight 45 minute classes which meet Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Cost of regular swimming lessons is $45. Pre-registration is required, with a $5 late registration fee. For information, call pool manager Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

Chipola Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer three Softball camps for all ages. A Hitting Camp will meet June 20-21. Cost is $100. A Skills Camp will meet June 25–26. Cost is $100. A Pitching Camp will meet June 27. Cost is $50. A Grand Slam Special rate for all three camps is $225. All softball camps meet from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, contact Coach Hendrix at 718-2358.

Chipola theatre students visit NY

Chipola College Theatre students recently visited New York City with Educational Travel Adventures and group leader Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre at Chipola.

Students attended Broadway shows, including Tony award-winner “Wicked” and Pulitzer prize-winner “Rent.” Students also attended the new Tony hit “Newsies” and participated in an after-performance talk back with Tony award-winning actress, Nikki James. Students also took an Audition master class and guided tours throughout the city.

Pictured from left, are: (front) Joni Barfeild, Sierra Hill; (second row) Jennifer Doherty, Dante Brown, Charles Sirmon, Leah Page, Ashleigh Stowe, Brett Floyd (back) Keith Watford, Chris Manasco, Trey McKay, Joseph Gibson and Alex Anderson.

For more information regarding Chipola Theatre, contact Charles Sirmon at sirmonc@chipola.edu

Chipola Summer II and Fall registration deadlines

Students planning to enroll in Chipola College during Summer Session II or Fall are encouraged to make application as soon as possible. Registration for Summer Session II is Thursday, June 21, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Classes begin June 25. Late registration continues until noon June 26. The schedule of classes is available online at www.chipola.edu.