Ashmore and Milton win Kirkland Award

Chipola College faculty members Joy Ree (Georgia) Ashmore and Vikki Milton have been nominated by their colleagues as co-recipients of the Kirkland Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The Kirkland Award was established by brothers, J.R. Kirkland and David Kirkland, in honor of their parents, Carolyn and the late Willis Kirkland of Marianna. The award provides $1,000 to the annual recipient.

Ashmore has served as an Assistant Professor in Mathematics since 2005. She also serves as faculty adviser to the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics honor society.

Ashmore serves on several college committees including: Learning Management Systems; Curriculum and Courses of Study; Institutional Planning and Accountability; Instructional Resources Committee and AFC Professional Development. She was selected to serve on the committee that developed curriculum for a First Year Learning Experience course for new students.

Her colleague JoAnn Everett says, “Joy Ree has a unique ability to assess the learning needs of her students. She prepares materials that make it easier for students to assimilate and retain concepts. Her student evaluations reflect the appreciation that students have for her class presentations.”

Ashmore plays a major role in the annual Mathematics Olympiad for high school students by coordinating the Algebra II ciphering competition. She serves as the liaison between the college and mathematics dual enrollment teachers. She has actively participated in the Association of Florida Colleges chapter serving as Professional Development Committee Co-Chair. In this role, she organized the Leadership 360 Seminar series for college employees. She supports the college’s Fine Arts program and is a member of the Applauding Chipola Theatre Fund. She also is a volunteer statistician for the college Brain Bowl team.

Ashmore is a previous winner of the Chipola Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional Award of the month award. She and her husband Steve have one child. The family is active in the Altha United Methodist Church.

Professor Vikki Milton has served 20 years at the college teaching various courses in the Business and Technology Department. In addition to teaching, Milton also serves as faculty adviser to the Chipola chapter of Phi Beta Lambda business association. The chapter has won numerous state and national awards. In this role, Milton also has been elected as the District I State Adviser and serves on the Florida PBL Executive Board. Milton also served for several years as sponsor of the Chipola Cheerleader squad.

Milton has served on the following college committees: Governance Council, Marketing and Recruitment, Budget Review and Development, Computing and Telecommunications, Website Development, Staff and Program Development, and Alumni/Coming. She also served on the Business/Technology Building Renovation Committee. She is an active member of both the Council of Chipola Educators and the Association of Florida Colleges.

She is chair of the college’s Learning Management System (LMS) Task Force which is evaluating currently available LMS’s to support Chipola’s transition moving toward a more integrated learning environment for students.

Milton’s colleague Nancy Burns says, “Many students who have entered careers or gone on to universities come back to tell

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Chipola athletes earn NJCAA academic honors

Three Chipola College athletes have been recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for academic achievement.

Women's basketball player Macy Miles received a Superior Academic Achievement award for earning a 3.8 GPA. Women's basketball player Kristine Brance won an Exemplary Academic Achievement award for earning a 3.75 GPA. Baseball player Jason Karl Jabour also won an Exemplary Academic Achievement award for earning a 3.78 GPA. Some 60,000 student-athletes compete in the NJCAA across 3,500 teams in 28 different sports. Since 1938 the NJCAA has been the governing body of two-year college athletics. For information visit www.njcaa.org

Chipola theatre awards

Chipola College director of theatre Charles Sirmon students recently recognized outstanding theatre students at the 14th annual banquet. Pictured from left, are: (front) Josh Emanuel-Technical Excellence, Gracie Wallace-Best Ensemble Actress, Odra Chapman-Best Actress, Trey McKay-Best Actor, Colton Day-Best Supporting Actor/Best Male Newcomer, Dylan Bass-Best Character Actor, (back) Connie Smith – Director of Technical Theatre, Aaron Black-Backstage Excellence, Nick Cessna-Best Ensemble Actor, Charles Sirmon-Director of Theatre, Patricia Clark-best Female Newcomer, Courtney Bass-Best Female Cameo, Chris Manasco-Theatre Choreographer. Not pictured are: Meredith Saunders-Best Supporting Actress, Meghan Basford-Best Character Actress, Seth Basford-Best Male Cameo and Brittney Holmes-Dance/Choreography.

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her of their success and how well Mrs. Milton prepared them.” Two members of Chipola’s Information Technology staff—Matt White and Kelly Lanier—are Milton’s former students.

Milton and her husband Johnny have two children. The family is active in the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna.

Summer children’s programs set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer programs for children of all ages this summer.

Chipola Kidz College for ages 6-12 is June 24-27. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with early drop-off available beginning at 7:30 a.m. Tuition is $75 per session and covers course materials and lunch in the Chipola cafeteria. Members of Chipola’s Future Educators Club will serve as instructors. Courses range from “All About the Ocean” and “Rocks You Can Eat” to “Writing Wizardry” and “Nifty Newspapers.” For information, contact Alicia Hatcher at 850-718-2405 or hatchera@chipola.edu

Swimming lessons for ages four and up are scheduled on the following dates: Session 3: July 15-25, with a registration deadline of July 11. Classes are available at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Sessions include eight 45 minute classes which meet Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Cost is $55. Pre-registration is required, with a $5 late registration fee. For information, call 718-2473.