Phi Beta Lambda wins state awards

The Chipola College chapter of Phi Beta Lambda celebrated a banner year capturing 10 awards at the recent PBL State Leadership Conference in Tampa.

Chipola PBL members won the following awards in business and technology competitions with students from 28 Florida colleges and universities: Edrie Kennedy Award, Highest Parliamentary Procedure Score – James Lewis; Parliamentary Procedure 1st place – James Lewis, Katrina Messer, Tracy Scott and Barbara Wynn; Ronald W. Belscher Award for Outstanding Parliamentary Procedure Team Performance - James Lewis, Katrina Messer, Tracy Scott and Barbara Wynn; Business Decision Making 2nd place – the team of Zach Gilmore and Nick Harris; Computer Applications 4th place – Zach Gilmore; Contemporary Sports Issues 5th place– James Lewis; Financial Concepts 5th place - Devon Beachum; Business Presentation 5th place – Hollie Daniels and Management Concepts 5th place – Devon Beachum. Jordan Hatcher, April Jackson and Nacole Thomas also competed for Chipola.

In addition to the student awards, Chipola PBL adviser, Vikki Milton, was named Florida Phi Beta Lambda Adviser of the Year for 2011. Milton, along with the top competitive event winners, will represent Florida PBL at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando in June.

Chipola PBL member, James Lewis, was named Florida PBL Parliamentarian. He will be responsible for the orderly conduct of all state meetings and assist all local chapters with parliamentary

Spring Frolics slated for Wednesday, April 6

Spring Frolics will be Wednesday, April 6, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Chipola Pool or Health Center, in case of rain.

Students will be excused from their classes to participate in this fun free event!

Activities for the event include soft play blow up games, music, doorprizes, and hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone! You must be present to win.

The highlight of the day will be the yearly relay competition between clubs and several universitites will be on hand with recruiting information.

The SGA Spring Elections will be held, as well as voting for Distinguished Service Awards for a faculty member and a career employee or administrator.

Students interested in running for an SGA position, should go by Student Activities, (Q-120 or 121). The deadline to apply is April 4.

Everything is FREE, so come join the fun!
For more information, call 718-2308 or come by the Student Activities Office, K-105.

Nancy Johnson, Student Activities Coordinator

21 MONDAY
• Last Day to Withdraw from a Class for Spring A
• Student Government Association - 2 p.m., Z116
• Children’s Theatre Production Auditions - 6 p.m., J
• CC Baseball vs. Northwest Florida- 5 p.m., BC

22 TUESDAY
• Executive Council - 9 a.m., A192
• Student Ambassadors - 1 p.m., A156

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

24 THURSDAY
• Last Day for Vertical Transfer for Spring C
• FCA - 7 p.m., Cafeteria

25 FRIDAY
• Academic Directors Meeting – 9 a.m., A192
• CC Baseball vs. Tallahassee- 2 p.m., BC

27 SUNDAY
• FCA Service – 8 p.m., Chapel

28-APRIL 1 MONDAY-FRIDAY
• SPRING BREAK HOLIDAYS -- College Closed

30 WEDNESDAY
• CC Baseball vs. Pensacola- 5 p.m., BC

“A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read.”— Mark Twain

Reception to honor Chipola Brain Bowl Team

The Chipola Student Government Association will host a reception for the college Brain Bowl team in honor of their achievement in winning the National Tournament Championship. The reception will be held Tuesday, April 5, at 2 p.m., in the lobby of the Student Services/Administration building. Everyone is invited to attend.

Pictured from left, are: (front) Chipola PBL adviser Vikki Milton, Hollie Daniels, Barbara Wynn, Nacole Thomas, April Jackson, Katrina Messer, (back) Jordan Hatcher, Devon Beachum, Nick Harris, Zach Gilmore, James Lewis and Tracy Scott.
Deadline for Completing Online Evaluations is March 24

For the first time at Chipola, this semester all course/faculty evaluations by students will be completed online. During March 14-24, students will have an opportunity to evaluate every class and instructor for which they are enrolled. The evaluations will be completed and submitted online anonymously.

Students, at their convenience, can evaluate all their classes in one sitting requiring only a brief investment of time. The evaluations will be used by the Administration and faculty to improve instruction. After grades are turned in at the end of the semester, the anonymous results will be sent to individual administrators and faculty. Student suggestions are used in the process of improving teaching and learning.

Instructions for online evaluations:
1. Go to www.chipola.edu
2. Click on Current Students, then Online Transactions
3. Click on Faculty Evaluations
4. Enter your Student ID and PIN
5. Enter your PIN and Click on Verify PIN
6. A list of currently enrolled courses will display at this time. Scroll to the course you want to evaluate and under the ACTION column; Click on the Drop Down menu and select EVALUATE.
7. Click on Submit at the bottom of the page.
8. Complete the Survey and type in your comments
9. Click on Submit Evaluation

At this point you will be back at your course list and you can evaluate another course. When course evaluations are completed, click on the Close Window or on Back to Student Records. Do not forget to close browser.

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As a state officer, James will also serve on the Florida PBL State Executive Council.

Business faculty member Robert Foulk and Chipola PBL adviser, Vikki Milton, accompanied the students at the conference. Students attended business and leadership workshops, participated in a business panel and met motivational speaker, Dr. Adolph Brown, author of Real Talk.

Chipola’s PBL is a local chapter of the national business organization which strives to develop competent, aggressive business leadership to help members gain a competitive edge in today’s business world.

Here, Milton (right) accepts the award from Chirag Shah, a former Chipola student and current FSU student, who is now PBL District I vice-president.

Chipola B.S. student to be selected for county leadership class

The Chipola College Business and Technology Division is providing an opportunity for a Chipola student enrolled in one of the college’s four-year degree programs to participate in the Leadership Jackson County program.

The college will pay the $500 fee for the selected student to attend this challenging and rewarding class. The purpose of Leadership Jackson County is to develop, connect and inspire leaders to strengthen the community.

Students must complete an application and essay and be willing to commit to attend the class for eight months, beginning in late March. The class meets once a month from noon to 5 p.m. Completed applications must be submitted by March 31. Applications are available from Elissa Severson in the Business and Technology Division (M-208A) or by calling 850-718-2441.

Auto students attend Gator Nationals

Students from the Chipola College Automotive Technology program attended the Gator Nationals Drag Race in Gainesville, March 11. Youth Educational Systems and the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) sponsored the students’ visit providing 25 free tickets to the event. Brenton Productions of the popular TV shows, Two Guys Garage and Truck Universe, provided VIP pit passes. Students got a firsthand lesson on horsepower and car dynamics. Here, Chipola Automotive students and instructor John Gardner are pictured with Two Guys Garage and Truck Universe producer Arthur Irwin in the pits of their Pro Modified Race car.
Chipola Baseball begins league play

The Indians jumped out to a 2-1 league mark after winning two of three games with Gulf Coast in the first round of Panhandle Conference play.

Chipola scored a 13-11 win over Gulf Coast in a March 16 slugfest. The Indians came from behind to take a 6-3 win over Gulf Coast on March 14. Travis Higgs was the winning pitcher for Chipola. Robby Coles earned the save. James Boddicker was 2-4. Michael Revell was 2-3 with an RBI. Kaleb Barlow was 2-4. Geno Escalante was 1-4, with 2 RBI.

Chipola dropped the first game of the series to Gulf Coast 7-4 on March 12. Revell was 1-2, with 2 RBI.

Chipola hosts Northwest, Friday, March 18, at 2 p.m. The Indians play at Northwest on Saturday, March 19.

Chipola hosts Northwest, Monday, March 21, at 5 p.m., and Tallahassee, Wednesday, March 23, at 5 p.m. Chipola travels to Tallahassee March 25, before returning home to host Tallahassee on Saturday, March 26 at 2 p.m.

Chipola swept Grand Rapids in a three-game series, March 7-8. Chipola blanked Grand Rapids 12-0 on March 8. On March 7, the Indians scored a 9-3 win over Grand Rapids in game one, and an 8-4 win in game two.

Airheart and Jackson Hospital teach Chipola nursing students

Jackson Hospital and AIRHeart/Air Methods recently provided a training exercise for Chipola College Nursing students.

Using a helicopter demonstration, Fundamental Nursing students learned Basic Life Support for the Healthcare provider incorporating the new American Heart Association guidelines.

Chipola Patient Simulation Coordinator Amy Sampson, said, “The students were excited to have the opportunity to learn CPR and be shown the emergency functions that these highly trained professionals provide for the community. The motivational experience was greatly appreciated by all, especially Chipola’s Nursing faculty.”

Kathryn Jordan Community/Staff Educator for Jackson Hospital coordinated the instruction for the class with the AIRHeart/Air Methods instructors.

AIRHeart pilot Mike Jimison flew the helicopter in for the demonstration. Steve Hardin, AIR Flight Nurse/Paramedic, RN, BSN, NREMT-P; Dawn Whybrew, Flight Nurse/Paramedic, RN, BSN, CFRN, NREMT-P; and Marie Patterson, Flight Paramedic, EMT-P, CCEMTP, also assisted in the training.

Chipola to host meetings on Business Admin degree

Chipola College will host an informational meeting about the new Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree, March 23, at 10 a.m., in Room M202.

Prospective students can learn how to earn a B.S. degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Management or Accounting. Both concentrations prepare students for a broad range of business opportunities or the foundation to continue in an MBA program.

To be admitted to Chipola’s Business Administration program, students must complete certain prerequisites and 60 credit hours of upper level courses. Applicants must have an Associate in Arts (AA) Degree or at least 60 semester-hours from a regionally-accredited institution and meet Chipola’s general education requirements. Pre-requisite courses required for the program, are: ECO 2013, ECO 2023, MAC 2233, STA 2023 or STA 2122 or QMB 2100, CGS 1100, ACG 2012 and ACG 2071. Students seeking admission to the Accounting Concentration must complete ACG 2021 and ACG 2071 with a grade of “B” or higher.

Dr. Jim Froh, Director of Chipola’s Business and Technology Department, says, “We focus on being the best undergraduate business program in Northwest Florida. We offer innovative, applied learning via traditional and virtual classes. The school and faculty foster academic excellence, personal integrity, real world application and personal interaction to develop the leaders of tomorrow.”

For information about Chipola’s Business Administration degree, call 850-718-2413 or email frohj@chipola.edu
Writer Mark Hinson speaks at Chipola

Mark Hinson, senior writer and columnist for the Tallahassee Democrat, recently addressed the Chipola College Honors seminar. Here, Harrison Fuqua presents Hinson a “Nerds Rock” t-shirt on behalf of the Honors program. Hinson’s column, “For Amusement Purposes Only,” is one of the most popular features in the Democrat. Hinson is a graduate of Marianna High School, Chipola, the University of Florida and Florida State University.

Twain/Hemingway Lecture Series continues March 23

The Twain/Hemingway Lecture Series continues with selected scenes from Hemingway’s “The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber” being presented by Prof. Carol Saunders’ Oral Interpretation students on Wednesday, March 23, at 10 a.m., in the Chipola Theatre. Students will offer their renditions of some Twain selections as well.

Students who plan to participate in the Hemingway/Twain impromptu writing contest should report to Z-202 at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6. Participants should read the selected works of only one author and will be allowed to bring copies of these works to the contest. There will be two essay topics for each author from which to choose.

Two winners will be announced, one for the best Hemingway essay and one for the best Twain essay. Winners will receive a cash prize.

The Hemingway selections are: “Cat in the Rain,” “A Clean Well-Lighted Place,” “The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber,” and “The Undefeated.”

The Twain selections are: “Disgraceful Persecution of a Boy,” “Fenimore Cooper’s Literary Offences,” “My First Lie and How I Got Out of It,” “Sociable Jimmy,” and “The War Prayer.”

Another contest opportunity offering a cash prize will require students to produce a documented literary analysis on one or more of the works listed above. See Prof. Pam Rentz or Prof. Amie Myers for details by Thursday, March 24.

Lady Indians begin conference play

The Chipola Lady Indians (33-8) host Gulf Coast, Saturday, March 19, at 1 and 3 p.m. Chipola travels to Tallahassee on March 24 before returning home to host Northwest on Wednesday, March 30, at 4 and 6 p.m.

The Lady Indians are ranked third in the FCCAA State Softball poll behind top-ranked Gulf Coast and number two Indian River. Tallahassee is fourth and Northwest is seventh.

Chipola swept Southeastern Iowa in a pair of March 15 games. Pitcher Elizabeth Krauser led Chipola to a 10-1 win in game one. Brittany Black pitched for the Lady Indians in their 7-4 win in game two. Brooke Rackel earned the save for Chipola.

Chipola shut out San Jacinto in both games of a March 14 double-header. Ariell van Hook and Andrea Sullivan both had homeruns in the Lady Indians’ 8-0 rout in game one. Krauser earned the win. Van Hook also homered in Chipola’s 6-0 shutout in game two. Black picked up the win. Chipola beat Middle Georgia 8-3 on March 11 with three homeruns by Sullivan, Samantha Rich and Devin Matthews. Krauser earned the win on the mound.

Brittany Black threw a no-hitter in Chipola’s 8-0 win over St. Petersburg in March 11. Black threw 10 strikeouts. Sullivan homered for Chipola. For the latest scores, visit www.chipola.edu or phone 718-2CJC.