

Chipola This Week

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A newsletter for Chipola College students, employees, and friends

Chipola Brain Bowlers win third straight state title

The Chipola Brain Bowl Team on March 20 won the FCCAA State Championship for the third year in a row.

Chipola defeated Valencia CC 730-350 in the final to claim the title. The team finished the initial round robin with a perfect 9-0 record on their way to the championship game, which pitted Chipola against Valencia in the championship for the second straight.

Three Chipola team members were among the top 10 individuals in the tourney. Dallin Kelson was fifth overall with 750 points. Cody Pickens was sixth with 495 points. Ethan Hewett scored 440 points to take tenth place overall. Nathan Hooppell and Drew Padgett also scored among the top 40 players in the tournament.

Chipola head coach Stan Young, said, "Assistant coach Robert Dunkle and I thank everyone for the support we have received this year. We all should be proud."

The championship and other tournament games can be viewed at: <http://www.pslive.com/>.

The Chipola Brain Bowl A Team also tied for fourth in the Community College National Championship held at Chipola Feb. 26-27. The Chipola B Team tied for tenth.



Chipola A will finish the season with an appearance at the Division II National Championship in Chicago on April 10.

Chipola Brain Bowl coaches are Stan Young and Dr. Robert Dunkle.

Business group wins state awards



Pictured from left, are: Jordan Hatcher, Tracy Scott, Paige White, Michael Ingram and Devon Beechum.

Chipola College Phi Beta Lambda members took top honors at the recent Florida PBL State Leadership Conference in Tampa.

Chipola students competed against 380 students from colleges and universities throughout the state in performance events and exams. Four Chipola students placed among the top five in the following contests: Jordan Hatcher – 3rd place in Justice Administration; Tracy Scott – 4th place in Accounting Principles; Paige White – 5th place in Client Service; and Michael Ingram – 5th place Financial Analysis and Decision Making.

Qualifying students will advance to the National PBL Leadership Conference set for July in Nashville. The Chipola students will also participate in numerous leadership and career development workshops to acquire cutting-edge skills for today's competitive business environment.

PBL is the college level division of FBLA-PBL, the largest business career student organization in the world. Chipola Associate Professor, Vikki Milton, serves as the PBL adviser, and as the Florida District I PBL State Adviser.

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

MARCH 29 - APRIL 2

SPRING BREAK - College Closed

29 MONDAY

♦ CC Baseball vs. NWFSC— 5 p.m., BC

APRIL

2 FRIDAY

♦ CC Baseball vs. NWFSC— 2 p.m., BC

3 SATURDAY

♦ CC Baseball vs. PJC— 1 p.m., BC

5 MONDAY

♦ Student Government Association — 2 p.m., Z116

6 TUESDAY

♦ Last Day to Resign From All Classes For Spring Term A
♦ Executive Council — 9 a.m., A192
♦ Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., A156

7 WEDNESDAY

♦ SPRING FROLICS — Classes Dismissed 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pool
♦ Faculty Meeting — 3 p.m., Z116
♦ CC vs. PJC— Softball 4/6 p.m./Baseball 5 p.m.

8 THURSDAY

♦ FCA Huddle—7 p.m.

9 FRIDAY

♦ Academic Directors — 9 a.m., A192

10 SATURDAY

♦ ACT Test
♦ CC vs. TCC— Softball 1/3 p.m./Baseball 1 p.m.

ACE is the place for Chipola students



Here, ACE coordinator Bonnie Smith (left) works out a math problem with Stephanie Calix of Chipley.

Chipola College students are providing feedback about the Academic Center of Excellence (ACE) and its positive impact on learning at the college.

The ACE provides free peer tutoring, scheduled reviews for specific courses, access to computers for class assignments, supplemental instruction for high risk courses, and academic advising.

“We’ve tried to create an academically rigorous environment where students can work on a variety of courses, ranging from Earth Science to Differential Equations and from Developmental Reading to Humanities,” said ACE Coordinator Bonnie Smith. “Of course, we support formation of study groups for any class at Chipola, but most of our requests for assistance still come from math and science students.”

Attendance was up to more than 200 student visits per day during Fall 2009 compared to only 25 a day when the center opened in Spring 2007. Nearly 900 different students made some 8,000 visits to the ACE during the Fall 2009 semester. “Student enthusiasm for the ACE continues to be greater than we expected,” said Smith. “In fact, one student logged in 94 times last semester,” said Smith, “and dozens made 75 or more visits.”

Student tutors are among the most important components of the ACE program. The ACE has 19 students employed this semester. To be considered for a tutor position, a student must have a GPA of 3.0, have received an A or B in the course(s) for which they wish to tutor, or be in a more advanced course in the same academic discipline. They must also receive an excellent recommendation by a college faculty member. Tutors must re-apply each semester and only those with satisfactory evaluations are re-hired.

“I think we all expected the ACE to help students who used the services to be more successful in their classes, but we didn’t realize how much difference it would make for the tutors themselves.” She said several of our best tutors have decided to become teachers as a result of their work in the ACE. “I’ve also noticed that many have given up their off-campus jobs so they can work more

hours helping other students learn.” According to Smith, having the right tutors has been the most important element in the success of the ACE.

The ACE also offers Chipola Supplemental Instruction (CSI) sessions for students in high risk math and science courses which have traditionally had a high rate of D’s, F’s, or W’s. CSI is Chipola’s version of Supplemental Instruction on the model developed by the University of Missouri—Kansas City. “I think we can safely say we have increased the number of students participating, the number of times students attend, and improved the grades of those who participate,” said Smith.

Since the ACE assumed CSI, Smith said she’s learned to modify CSI and tutoring sessions to accommodate the 4-Day/1-Day class schedule, the shortened Terms B and C (8-week terms), the scheduling of rigorous academic classes like Chemistry only at night in 3-hour time blocks, and the totally and partially on-line courses “We’ve tried to respond to all these schedule changes and new course formats so we can provide assistance when students need it most,” said Smith.

The ACE is part of a \$1.85 million Title III—Strengthening Institutions Program project which is in its fourth year of implementation. ACE opened in March 2007 as the first Title III component.

Chipola’s interim president Dr. Sarah Clemmons said, “The ACE has brought a learning renaissance across campus as students and faculty benefit from the investment of federal funds in the institution.” She said Title III grants are approved only if they show a plan to help an institution become stronger as it develops more capacity to fulfill its mission. “Chipola has certainly increased its capacity during the last four years. With the investment of federal funds into campus facilities, students, personnel, technology, and learning resources, the college is becoming stronger and more able to serve students,” said Clemmons.

New Building and Improved Technology

The ACE originally occupied four classrooms in an existing building. After its remarkable success, the college received over \$1.5 million in state funds to renovate and expand the building to include two additional classrooms, a spacious foyer, restrooms, and a staff kitchen. The center has state-of-the-art instructional technology. In addition to the 13 computers, two multi-media presentation systems, a flat-screen TV, and a “Smart Board” which have been part of the ACE from the beginning, the ACE is now wireless-enabled and has log-in stations with tracking software. Smith said these new additions have probably doubled the capacity of the center. Since February 2008, student use of the ACE has been monitored by Accutrack, a student tracking system which allows students to log in at the door. Daily, weekly, term, and annual reports can be produced. “We now have more accurate attendance data for assessment and planning,” said Smith.

Plans for the Future of the ACE

The Title III Team and ACE staff are considering several possibilities for the future of the ACE, the first of which is to increase the number of instructors who spend time helping students in the ACE. “We’ve had great faculty participation, especially this semester,” said Smith, “but I hope to involve instructors even more.”

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Lady Indians softball leads Panhandle Conference

The Chipola Lady Indians softball team plays at Northwest on March 30, and at Gulf Coast on April 1.

The Lady Indians finish up the conference season with three home doubleheaders: Pensacola on April 7 at 4 p.m.; TCC on April 10 at 1 p.m. and Northwest on April 16 at 4 p.m.

Chipola leads the Panhandle Conference with a 5-1 record. Northwest is 3-1. Pensacola is 3-3. Gulf Coast is 1-3 and TCC is 0-4.

Chipola is third in the FCCAA poll behind top-ranked Miami Dade and second place Santa Fe. Northwest is fourth. TCC is seventh and Gulf Coast is ninth.

Chipola (31-10) swept a pair of games from number seven Tallahassee, winning 4-0 and 7-4 on March 23 in Tallahassee.

Brittany Black tossed a four-hit shutout in the opener to the Indians (33-10, 5-1 PC) to the 4-0 victory.

Chipola logged only four hits off TCC's Sara Scott and Paige Martin but the Indians took advantage of a pair of TCC errors to plate their four runs.

Chipola got on the board with an unearned run in the first. A fifth-inning error by the Eagles started what would become a three-

run inning for Chipola. With one run already in, Ariell van Hook singled up the middle to score two more runs and give the Indians a 4-0 advantage.

In the second game, Chipola forced eight errors in a 7-4 win against the Lady Eagles. Chipola took advantage of the Eagles' miscues to build a 5-0 lead entering the bottom of the fourth.

Chelsea Good put TCC on the board with a two-run homer to cut the deficit to 5-2. Chipola scored two runs in its half of the fifth to regain a five-run lead, 7-2. Jennifer Elmore hit a solo home run in the sixth to bring the Eagles within four, 7-3.

In their final at-bat, the Lady Eagles brought the winning run to the plate against Chipola starter Emma Stevenson. Good drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk to score Scott, but Rochelle Mills grounded out to second base to end the game.

Stevenson picked up the win for Chipola while Morgan Grove was tagged with the loss for TCC. Chipola's van Hook went 2-for-7 with a home run and four RBI's in the doubleheader to lead Chipola.

The FCCAA state softball tournament is set for April 30 in Auburndale.

Chipola Pitcher Stevenson is NJCAA Pitcher of the Week

Chipola College softball player Emma Stevenson has been named the NJCAA Softball Pitcher of the Week for Division I community colleges.

Stevenson picked up three more wins for Chipola in the last week of play. On March 15, in a 9-1 win over Middle Georgia, Stevenson gave up one run on three hits with two walks and seven strikeouts through seven innings.

On March 17, in a 3-1 win over Gulf Coast, the 5'3" freshman, again, gave up just one run on five hits with two walks and eight strikeouts through seven innings of work.

On March 20, against Pensacola, Stevenson threw seven innings giving up one unearned run on five hits with two walks and eight strikeouts.

For the week, she threw 21 innings giving up 13 hits, three runs, five walks, and had 23 strikeouts. Stevenson currently holds a .67 ERA.

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Emma Stevenson

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Smith also hopes to develop periodic seminars on critical thinking, leadership, basic skills, and other topics. "I also envision the creation of mini-seminars on some topics which will help students make better decisions, study harder, and remain in college until they graduate. "And, of course, I always want more computers." added Smith. "The possibilities are endless."

Anonymous student comments about ACE are nearly all positive. One student said, "I love the ACE lab! It is a great source for students to seek additional help outside the classroom. The ACE Lab is literally the Key to success in college." Another said, "The staff and the tutors are extremely helpful. The ACE program is incredible and sets Chipola apart from all other colleges in Florida."

To learn more about ACE, contact Bonnie Smith at 850-526-2761, Ext. 3247.

Foundation scholarship list available

The Chipola College Foundation has updated and published the scholarship lists for the 2010-2011 school year. The lists and the applications are available in the Chipola Foundation office and on Chipola's website, Chipola.edu.

The McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship applications are also available in the foundation office and on the website. This scholarship is awarded by the semester and is based on both financial need as well as merit.

The McLendon Educational Trust Extended Scholarship application is available for graduating sophomore students. This scholarship is awarded to an applicant that has previously been a McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship recipient at Chipola. The scholarship is funding toward the recipient's Junior and Senior years of college and is judged on outstanding merit, community and campus activities. This scholarship is to reward a McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship recipient that has excelled while at Chipola.



Early registration for Fall begins April 19

Chipola will offer two weeks of early registration in April for the Fall 2010 term.

Early registration dates for current students are based on the number of hours completed. The following dates are scheduled: April 19, students with 45 or more hours; April 20, students with 15 or more hours; April 21-22 and April 26-30, students with at least one hour.

All current students with one or more hours also will be eligible to register for Fall classes June 14-17.

For information, visit www.chipola.edu, or call the Registration Office at 718-2311.

Music, Art and Theatre auditions set

Scholarship Audition dates for Music and Theatre scholarships at Chipola College for 2010-11 have been set for April 15. Show Choir auditions are set for April 19.

Students majoring in art should submit their application, letters of recommendation, and portfolio no later than April 22 to the Office of Fine and Performing Arts.

Applications in all areas may be obtained by phoning Chipola College's Fine and Performing Arts Department, 718-2277 or 718-2301, or they may be obtained from the college's web site: www.chipola.edu clicking on Fine Arts and then scholarships.

High School graduates with acceptable academic records and music, theatre, and art aptitude who plan to pursue studies as music, theatre or art majors are eligible to apply. Show Choir auditions are open to all students in all majors. Rock and Jazz scholarships tuition scholarships are available upon audition for instrumentalists who are non- music majors.

Scholarships in various amounts, up to full tuition and fees, are awarded on the basis of talent and academic record. Students with financial need may seek additional assistance through the Office of Financial Aid and through the Chipola Foundation.

For information, contact Joan Stadskev, Director of the Fine and Performing Arts, at 718-2301 or stadskev@chipola.edu

Chipola baseball hosts Northwest

The Chipola Indians baseball team hosts Northwest College Monday, March 29, at 5 p.m. and again Friday, April 2, at 2 p.m. Chipola plays at Northwest on March 31.

Chipola hosts Pensacola Saturday, April 3, at 1 p.m. and again Wednesday, April 7, at 5 p.m. The Indians play at PJC on April 5.

Chipola hosts Tallahassee Saturday, April 10, at 1 p.m.

With 13 games remaining in the Panhandle Conference race, the Indians are 3-6 in league play. Gulf Coast (5-1) leads the league. TCC is 5-4. PJC is 3-3. Northwest is 2-6.

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

SPRING FROLICS. Spring Frolics will be Wednesday, April 7 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 universities 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 5.

\$\$\$\$. The Panhandle Gator Club will award several \$1000 scholarships to students who live in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, or Washington County. The Scholarship is available to students who have been accepted to the University of Florida and will attend for the first time during summer 2010 or fall 2010. Applications can be obtained by contacting Stacey Hinson, Student Affairs Office, located in the Student Services Building. Deadline to apply is May 3. For more information please contact Terry Dye of the Panhandle Gator Club at 850-832-2453.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 12-13 Early Reg Summer I & II
- 15 Last Day to Withdraw from a Class: Spring C
- 15 Music and Theatre Scholarship Auditions for 2010-11
- 15 Night Students Social
- 17 FTCE Exam
- 20 District Board of Trustees
- 22 Last Day to Resign All Classes: C
- 22 AWARDS CEREMONY
- 23 College Appl. Deadline—SSI
- 23 Early Summer I Reg Payment Due
- 29 Last Class Day: Spring A
- 30 Last Class Day: Spring C
- 30 FINAL EXAMS: SPRING A

MAY

- 3-4 FINAL EXAMS: SPRING A
- 5 Grades Due: Spring Terms A & C
- 6 Last Faculty Work Day
- 6 GRADUATION
- 10 College Begins 4-Day Work Week

THIS WEEK

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Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., **Wednesday, April 7.** Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 30-Mar Kathy Rehberg
- 31-Mar Laurie Berry
- 3-Apr Dale O'Daniel
- 4-Apr Jake Headrick
- 5-Apr Gail Hartzog
- 7-Apr Angela Dawkins
- 10-Apr Steve Givens

UWF @ CHIPOLA. The University of West Florida offers several graduate programs on Chipola's campus and online.

Registration begins March 29 for currently enrolled UWF students and April 19 for new students. Summer Classes begin May 10.

Call 718-2295.

LOCATOR

A- Student Services/ Administration	I- Arts Center	Q- Health Science
B- Library	J- Theater	R- Johnson Health Center
C- Social Science	K- Cafeteria, Bookstore	S- Continuing Ed/Conf Ctr
D- Fink Natural Science	L- ACE Lab	T- Pool
E- Physical Plant Office	M- Business/Cosmetology	U- Foundation
F- Residence Hall	N- Workforce Devel Labs	Y- Public Service
G- Teacher Education	O- Workforce Devel / Electronics	Z- Literature/Language
H- McLendon Fine Arts	P- Automotive Tech	BC/SC - Baseball/Softball Complex