Chipola ranked in top 10 percent of U. S. community colleges

In its first step to identify the nation’s best community colleges and award $1 million in prize money, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program on April 25 ranked Chipola College as one of the nation’s 120 best community colleges.

Chipola is eligible to compete for the Prize funds (to be announced in December) by insisting on high standards for learning, college completion without delay, and serving as a training ground for jobs that pay competitive wages. The full list of eligible institutions can be found at www.AspenCCPrize.org.

Citing the urgent need to focus on the value and potential of community colleges, Aspen Institute College Excellence Program Executive Director Josh Wyner said, “We must set the bar much higher than we have in the past. To achieve excellent student outcomes, we need to highlight our country’s success stories and learn from them so that we can keep reaching higher. Recognizing community colleges like Chipola sends a message to others that aspire to excellence, while encouraging Chipola to apply for the nation’s top community college prize. As a country, now more than ever, we need all community colleges to graduate more students with the knowledge and degrees they need to be successful in the workforce.”

Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden and Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, attended the Aspen Institute’s announcement event on April 25. The Aspen Prize was announced at the White House Community College Summit hosted by President Obama and Dr. Biden in October. At that time, the President noted how critical community colleges are to the millions of youth and adult learners – who enroll in America’s nearly 1,200 community colleges every year.

Dr. Biden, a lifelong educator who continues to teach English at Northern Virginia Community College, noted that “The country is becoming increasingly aware of the importance of community colleges in educating our way to a stronger America. I am inspired by all of today’s community college students—the workers who have returned to school to improve their job prospects, the mothers who juggle jobs and childcare while preparing for new careers, and those who work diligently while at community college, preparing to transfer to a four-year institution.”

Florida College System Chancellor Dr. Will Holcombe announced that 14 Florida colleges have been deemed eligible for The Aspen Prize: Brevard Community College, Broward College, Central Florida Community College, Chipola College, Daytona State College, Lake City Community College, Lake-Sumter Community College, Miami-Dade College, Northwest Florida State College, Santa Fe College, St. John’s River Community College, South Florida Community College, Tallahassee Community College and Valencia Community College. The Sunshine State leads the nation in the number of colleges qualified to compete for part of $1 million to reward excellence in community colleges. “Colleges in our system are selected for national recognition and grants on a regular basis. We are thrilled that half of our colleges, the most of any state, have been chosen for this prestigious honor,” said Dr. Holcombe. “This competition will bring further recognition of the vital role our colleges play in Florida’s economy and people’s lives.”

Chipola and 119 other community colleges will be winnowed to eight-to-ten finalists in September based on how much students learn, how many complete their programs on time, and how well students do in the job market after graduating. Eight to 10 finalists

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New scholarship established at Chipola College

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc., from the Edward K. Roberts Fund established a new scholarship at Chipola for the upcoming summer and fall 2011 semesters.

The scholarship fund was created with a $50,000 donation from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County with funds from the estate of the late Edward K. Roberts.

The intent of the gift was to distribute funds to underfunded community colleges and to other charitable and emerging needs that Mr. Roberts felt strongly and passionately about. It is intended that the scholarship fund help the Chipola College Foundation provide scholarships with a preference given to part-time students who may not qualify for other financial aid.

The scholarship will be available for the Summer II Session at Chipola and the application deadline is Wednesday, May 18. The application deadline for the Fall semester is Thursday, June 9.

A description of the scholarship and application are available online at www.chipola.edu/foundation

To contact the Chipola Foundation, call 850-718-2445.

Small Business Seminars set for May 6 at Chipola

Chipola will offer two small business seminars on May 6.

The first five students to sign up for any seminar will receive free admission. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 or sign up in person in Building M, Office 208A.

On Friday, May 6, a seminar entitled, “Marketing Series, Part 1: Introduction to 21st Century Marketing” will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Also on May 6, a seminar entitled, “Marketing Series, Part 2: Marketing on the Internet and Using Social Media” will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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


For information, contact Dr. Jim Froh at 718-2413 or email: frohj@chipola.edu

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will be named in September 2011, with the final prize winner and up to three runners-up announced in December. The winner will receive approximately $700,000, with the runners-up sharing the remaining money.

Chipola is now eligible to submit an application containing detailed data on these criteria and must demonstrate that it delivers exceptional student results, uses data to drive decisions, and uses that information to continually improve over time.

Speaking for the jury that will select winners and finalists, former Governor of Michigan John Engler – president of the Business Roundtable and former president of the National Association of Manufacturers – emphasized the tremendous importance of community colleges in preparing the high-tech workforce American companies need.

Aspen will conduct site visits to each of the ten finalists in the fall. The Prize Jury will select a grand prize winner and two to three runners-up, to be announced in December.

The Aspen College Excellence Program aims to identify and replicate campus-wide practices that significantly improve college student outcomes. Through the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, projects targeting a new generation of college leaders, and other initiatives, the College Excellence Program works to improve colleges’ understanding and capacity to teach and graduate students, especially the growing population of low-income and minority students on American campuses. For more information, visit www.AspenCCPrize.org.

The Aspen Prize is financially supported by the Joyce Foundation, the Lumina Foundation for Education, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, and the JPMorgan Chase Foundation.

More information on the Aspen Institute and a full list of the 120 community colleges eligible to apply is available at http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/aspen-prize.
Children’s show slated for May 12

The Chipola College Theater will present the children’s play, “Aesop’s (Oh-So-Slightly Updated) Fables,” Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m. Pictured from left, are: (front) Chris Holloway, Lizzie Mathis, Alex Parish, Sierra Hill, Megan Gilliland, Steve Ozbun, Tabitha Shumaker, Josh Tetlow, Joy Wallace (middle) Trey Mckay, Dianna Glaze, Piper Williams, Deanna Harrison, Kayla Todd, Kelli Todd, Matthew Van Buren, Griffin Smith (back) Alex Anderson, Ashleigh Stowe, Blake Collins, D.R. Forrester, and Austin Pettis. General admission tickets—$5—go on sale April 28 in the college Business office. For ticket information, call 718-2220.

Chipola oral interp students perform

The Chipola College oral interp students performed recently for third graders at Kate Smith Elementary School in Chipley. Pictured from left, are: (front) D. R. Forrester (middle) Ashleigh Stowe, Zoniece Alexander, Blake Collins, Whitney Stafford, Troy McKay, Joy Wallace, Lindsay West (back) John David Brown, Daniel Leonard, Brittany Akrige, Andrea Nunn, and Matthew Van Buren. The oral interp class is taught by Chipola faculty member Carol Saunders.

Volunteers help Chipola

Local volunteers recently donated their time to a beautification project at Chipola College. Volunteers created beds and planted roses around the Chapel at Chipola which was donated by C.C. and Marianne Harrison. Here, college president Dr. Gene Prough is pictured with volunteers: (front) Mark Hebb, Ruth Kinsolving of the Marianna Garden Club, (back) Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, Larry Kinsolving and Juanita Sanson of the Marianna Garden Club. Not pictured is Bill Kleinhans of the Marianna Tree Board.

ACE til 8

ACE is extending hours and offering individual tutoring, review sessions, and group study sessions to help students prepare for those last tests and final examinations. The sessions will be led by Chipola faculty and ACE staff. ACE will open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 29 and 8 a.m. til 8 p.m., Monday, May 2. Visit ACE to pick up a schedule of study sessions for final examinations.
Chipola Lady Indians in state softball tournament

The Lady Indians face Hillsborough, Friday, April 29, at noon (CST) in a first round game of the FCSAA/NJCAA District Softball Tournament.

Chipola will play again at 5 p.m. Friday and will face either Gulf Coast or State College of Florida.

Bush is top employee

Casey Bush has been selected the Chipola College Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional Award of the month for April. Bush has served as an instructor in Chipola’s Teacher Education program since 2010. Here, Bush (right) is congratulated by Dr. Lou Cleveland, Director of Teacher Education.

Indians are Panhandle Conference Co-Champions

The Chipola College baseball finished the regular season as Co-Champions of the Panhandle Conference.

Chipola will share the title with Northwest Florida State; however earned the top seed in the upcoming FSCAA State Tournament, May 7-11, at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland.

Chipola (16-8) in Conference play and 33-19 overall is ranked sixth in the FCSAA State Poll.

Chipola to host High School Baseball Showcase

Chipola’s annual High School Baseball Showcase, is set for Saturday, May 14, at the Chipola field.

The event is open to all high school sophomores, juniors or seniors who are current members of a varsity baseball team.

Head coach Jeff Johnson says, “This is a great opportunity for players to showcase their skills and to gain national exposure while being evaluated by JUCO and Division I coaches, as well as professional scouts.” Johnson says he is expecting from 50 to 100 pro and college scouts to attend.

Check-ins opens at 8 a.m. on May 14. The event will continue rain or shine with indoor facilities available. Skill evaluation for running, hitting and fielding begins at 9 a.m. Skill evaluation for hitting, pitching and catching begins at 12:30 p.m. Players should wear baseball pants and bring their own bats, spikes, gloves, hats and protective cups.

Registration deadline is Friday, May 7. Participants must provide proof of insurance and sign a waiver of liability. Cost is $100.

For information, call assistant coach Matt Addison at 850-718-2332, or visit www.chipola.edu.

Chipola Bookstore: Cash for Books is back!

Selling unwanted textbooks back through the Chipola Bookstore Cash for Books program is a great way to solve cash-flow problems.

Prices paid for books vary depending on whether an instructor is using the same textbook next term, up to 50% until they obtain the needed inventory.

To find out if your textbook is being used next term, visit the Chipola Bookstore website or www.mybookvalue.com.

Additionally, selling books back helps support a worthy cause. Barnes & Noble College has entered into a partnership with Musician On Call, a non-profit organization that delivers live, in-room performances by local musicians to patients at area hospitals.

For more information, call 850-718-2258
**Judge Bill Wright to speak at Chipola commencement**

The Honorable Judge William L. Bill Wright will deliver the commencement address at Chipola College’s graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 5.

The ceremony begins at 7 p.m., in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony.

Judge Wright is a native of Marianna who graduated from Chipola in 1974. He has served as judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit since his election in 1997. Wright served as Chief Judge of the 14th Circuit from 2005 to 2007.

Wright’s association with Chipola began in 1973 as a senior at Marianna High School when he earned 36 hours of college credit on College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Upon his graduation from Chipola, he was awarded a Presidential Scholarship to attend Florida State University where he earned a bachelor’s degree. He graduated from the FSU College of Law in 1979 and was admitted to the Florida Bar.

He served as Assistant State Attorney in Bay County from 1979 to 1983 and was Chief Assistant State Attorney in Jackson County from 1983 to 1996. He was the first attorney in the 14th Circuit to become Board Certified in Criminal Trial Law. From 1984 to 1997, he also served as an adjunct instructor at Chipola, teaching courses in the Criminal Justice area.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, says, “Judge Wright is a great friend to Chipola. He supports all college programs and is generous with his time and resources.”

Judge Wright and his wife, Tina, have two children, Carter and Nikki.

More than 500 graduates make up the Chipola class of 2011, including 60 graduates who are earning bachelor’s degrees. They will join the ranks of more than 12,000 Chipola alumni. Counted as members of the class are all who completed their degrees or certificates from December of 2010 to May of 2011 or who will complete work during the Summer 2011 terms.

**Summer children’s programs set at Chipola**

Chipola will offer summer programs for children of all ages. A Parent/Infant swimming class (ages 3 and under) is scheduled for May 23-26 with classes available at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Registration deadline is May 16. Cost is $30.

Swimming lessons will also be offered for ages four and up. Lessons are based on a combination of nationally-recognized methods. The following sessions are scheduled: Session 1: June 6-16 with registration deadline May 31; Session 2: June 20-June 30 with registration deadline June 13; Session 3: July 11-21 with registration deadline July 5; and Session 4: Aug. 8-18 with registration deadline August 1. Classes are available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Sessions are Monday through Thursday for two weeks of 45-minute lessons. Cost is $45 for each session. Pre-registration is required with a $5 late registration fee. For information, call pool manager Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

Chipola Baseball Coach Jeff Johnson will offer three camps. A Pitching Camp for ages 7-18 will meet June 13-14. Cost is $100. A Hitting Camp for ages 7-18 will meet June 15-16. Cost is $100. A Skills Camp for ages 7-8 will meet June 20-21. Cost is $100. All baseball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, contact Assistant Coach Matt Addison 718-2243.

Chipola Softball Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer two Softball camps. A Fielding, Hitting, and Hustling Camp for all ages will meet June 20-21, from 1-4 p.m. Cost is $50. A Pitching Camp for all ages will meet June 22, from 1–4 p.m. Cost is $50. For information, contact Coach Hendrix at 718-2358.
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FOOD DRIVE

*It’s great that we can have lunch together. Let’s help those who cannot.*

Please bring items from the list to the
Retirement Luncheon on
Wednesday, May 4th

Proceeds to go to
Chipola Family Ministries’ Food Bank

Sugar (2 lb. bags)
Flour (2 lb. bags)
Peanut butter
Jelly
Cold cereal
Spaghetti noodles (regular size pkg.)
Spaghetti sauce
Dried beans
Rice
2010-11 FCSAA/NJCAA GULF DISTRICT 8b SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
Exchange Park - Pensacola, Florida
April 29 – May 1

PC #1 Chipola
Fri Noon. F-1

SUN #1 Polk
Fri Noon F-3

PC #3 Gulf Coast

SUN #2 State College
Fri Noon F-2

PC #2 Northwest Florida
Fri Noon F-4

SUN #3 St. Petersburg

FCSAA State Championship Game
Between Atlantic Champion and
Gulf Champion At The Conclusion
of District Tournaments

Winner G-1
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Winner G-2
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Winner G-4
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Sun-Noon If needed F-1
Sun-10:00 A.M. F-1

Fri 5:00 P.M. F-1

Fri 5:00 P.M. F-2

Fri 5:00 P.M. F-4

Sat 2:00 P.M. F-4

Sat 10:00 A.M. F-3

Sat 4:00 P.M. F-2

Sat 10:00 A.M. F-4

Fri 5:00 P.M. F-3

Fri 5:00 P.M. F-4

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