Shook is Chipola Faculty of the Year and Kirkland Award Winner

Business professor Lee Shook was recently named Chipola College Faculty member of the year and was chosen by his peers as the recipient of the 2010 Kirkland Award for Excellence in Teaching at Chipola College.

Since 1993 Shook has taught business courses at Chipola. He teaches both AA and BS level courses, including accounting, intermediate accounting, tax and general business. He was also instrumental in developing new courses in the start-up of Chipola’s Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management.

In addition to teaching, Shook is a coordinator for the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. He also trains Chipola students to prepare and file tax returns at no charge to local residents. With the help of these student volunteers, Shook and his students filed 320 tax returns this year alone. Over the last five years, they have filed more than 1,000 returns.

Shook helped establish the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) by serving on the ACE Faculty Advisory Committee. He also participated in the pilot of the First-Year Learning Experience (FYLE) component of the college’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) serving as a mentor for 30 students. His fellow mentor Geraldine DeFelix said, “Lee was remarkable in how he related to students. He met weekly with other mentors during the pilot.”

Shook earned a B.S. from University of Virginia and an M.P.A from University of Southern Mississippi.

Chipola finishes fifth in softball nationals

The Chipola Lady Indians finished fifth in the NJCAA National Softball Tournament on May 21.

Chipola mounted a late rally before falling to Seminole State College, 9-6, in an elimination game. Chipola entered the tournament as the No. 3 team in the NJCAA.

Chipola lost a 16-7 battle to in-state rival Miami-Dade in the semi-finals of the national tournament on May 21. The game was a rematch of the state championship which Chipola won 14-0 on May 2.

Timely hits led the Chipola Lady Indians to defeat Chattanooga 10-4 on the opening day of the tournament. In the top of the first, Trish Bliss connected with a two-run homerun to give the Indians an early 2-0 lead.

Chipola beat Georgia Perimeter 7-4 in the opening-round of the tournament on May 20.

The Lady Indians finished the season as the Panhandle Conference Champions and the FCCAA State Champions with a record of 49-13.
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Shook is a long time supporter of the Chipola Theatre. He has appeared in numerous productions and is a key supporter of the Chipola (ACT) Applauding Chipola Theater fund. In 2005, Shook established a scholarship for Chipola Theatre Majors. He plans to continue his contributions by donating the $1,000 from the Kirkland Award to the Chipola Theatre.

Previous winners of the Kirkland Award include faculty emeriti Dr. Stephen Shimmel, Dr. Bill Brievogel, Kathryn Roberts, Brenda Alford, Donald Holley, Paul Huang, Don Adams, Peggy Register, Charlene Lord and Lonnie Keene, former instructor Jean Taylor and current instructors Dr. Robert Dunkle, JoAnn Everrett, Mary McClendon, Nancy Burns, Dr. Lou Cleveland, Rose Cavin, Dr. David Hilton, John Gardner, Stan Young, Geraldine DeFelix and Dr. Cherry Ward.

Rehberg top employee

Kathy Rehberg is Chipola’s Career Employee for June. Rehberg serves as the college Registrar and has worked at the college since 1977. Here, Rehberg (center) is congratulated by Dr. Jayne Roberts, Vice President of Student Affairs, (left) and Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.

Chipola to offer small business seminars

Chipola College will offer four small business seminars.

The seminars are listed below: “Minimizing Income Taxes While Limiting Record Keeping,” will meet June 21 from 9 a.m. to noon; “Steps to Starting a Small Business,” will meet June 21 from 1 to 4 p.m.; “Turning Passions Into Profits” will meet July 19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon; “Steps to Starting a Small Business” will meet July 19 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Seminars will meet in the Chipola College Business Building (M108).

The small business development seminars are a collaborative effort among Chipola College, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Council, and the Jackson County Development Council.

To register for a seminar, visit www.gulfcoast.edu/ContinuingEd/registration. Participants must register two days prior to the seminar date. Cost is $20 per seminar. The SBDC is Florida’s Principal Provider of Small Business Assistance, a statewide service network funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Summer programs set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer programs for all ages this summer.

Swimming lessons will be offered for ages four and up. Session 1 is scheduled for June 7-17, registration deadline is June 1. Classes are available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Cost is $45 and pre-registration is required. For information, call pool manager Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

Chipola Baseball Coach Jeff Johnson will offer two camps. A Pitching Camp for ages 7-18 will meet June 14-15. Cost is $100. A Hitting Camp for ages 7-18 will meet June 16-17. Cost is $100. All baseball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, contact Assistant Coach Brent Shelton 718-2332.

Chipola Softball Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer two Softball camps. A Fielding, Hitting, and Hustling Camp for all ages will meet June 21-22, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cost is $50. A Pitching Camp for all ages will meet June 23, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Cost is $50. For information, contact Coach Hendrix at 718-2358.