Chipola responds to Governor’s $10,000 challenge

Chipola College has taken the first step in offering a $10,000 bachelor’s degree in response to a challenge put forth by Florida Governor Rick Scott.

Gov. Scott issued the challenge in November of 2012. “Since then, all 28 colleges in the Florida College System were asked to identify programs — existing or new — that foster job creation and are directly tied to the workforce needs of the local communities,” said Randy Hanna, chancellor of the Florida College System.

Chipola College has identified the Exceptional Student Education degree as its first $10,000 tuition program. Chipola’s current tuition rate of roughly $100 an hour would put the total cost of a bachelor’s degree program at around $13,000. To help Exceptional Student Education candidates reduce that cost to $10,000, the Chipola Foundation has agreed to fund the last $3,000 of tuition for each of ten Chipola students who do not have financial aid to fund this cost.

This new initiative for Exceptional Education candidates is just one of Chipola’s efforts to keep the cost of higher education affordable for students. State records show that community college students, on average received $4,753 in grants and scholarships during the 2010-11 school year. This suggests community-college students pay an out-of-pocket cost of less than $10,000 for four years of classes. In the previous school year, 1,600 Chipola students received $7 million in state and federal financial aid. The Chipola Foundation awarded $600,000 to 1,000 students last year. Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, said, “Chipola is committed providing access to affordable and high-quality educational opportunities for our students.”

In August, Washington Monthly ranked Chipola number 14 among American community colleges in its ninth annual college rankings survey. Colleges were rated in the areas of: collaborative learning, student effort, academic rigor, student-faculty interaction, support for learning, retention and graduation rates. Prough said, “We try to keep our programs affordable while maintaining high quality. We were proud to be recognized for our efforts.”

For information about Chipola’s Exceptional Student Education degree, contact Dr. Lou Cleveland at 850-718-2416.
Regional Arts Association helps promote the arts

The Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) recently donated $5,000 to Chipola College in support of the college’s outstanding Artist Series.

CRAA is a volunteer arts group with members from Jackson, Holmes, Calhoun, Liberty, and Washington counties that promotes the arts within the five-county district.

In February, CRAA will begin their annual fund-raising campaign for the 2013-14 academic year. CRAA projects include mini-grants to area school teachers in the arts, arts scholarships to Chipola students, children’s arts programming in district schools, a complimentary arts calendar of district arts events, and monthly arts-related programming to which the public is invited.

For information about CRAA, contact Anita Price at pricea@chipola.edu or phone 850-718-2277.

CRAA meeting to feature Campbellton studio owner

Doris Claybrone of The Gallery of Arts and Culture Center in Campbellton will be the guest speaker at the Oct. 15 meeting of the Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA).

Gallery founder Lilly Clark will join Claybrone in offering a unique look at the center. Without any financial assistance and with the help of their community, Claybrone and Clark put their talent to use creating the work displayed in the gallery today. During the summer months, the gallery offers many structured activities for local students designed to build character and to provide hands-on experience in a make believe workplace. Time sheets are kept by the students, paychecks are issued, purchases are made in the company store, and weekly movies are available for those who have not spent all their play money in the country store.

“What we hope to accomplish is unity in the community. We have done all of this art work so that the individuals in not only Campbellton, but in areas like Marianna, Malone, Greenwood and Bascom can have a place to come and just enjoy what they see,” said founder, Lillie Clark.

The CRAA meeting will provide an opportunity to talk to these artists and look at the behind-the-scenes of this increasingly successful endeavor.

CRAA meets at Jim’s Buffet, with a Dutch-treat luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and program beginning at noon.

All in attendance at the meeting will be entered into a drawing for Artist Series tickets for Harpist Anna Maria Mendieta scheduled for Jan. 16. For information about CRAA, contact Anita Price at pricea@chipola.edu or (850) 718-2277.
Four Lady Indians named in top 35

Coming off an NJCAA Elite Eight appearance in his first year at Chipola, Coach Greg Franklin has reloaded with a recruiting class that is garnering national attention.

The Collegiate Girls Basketball Report has released its preseason NJCAA player rankings and Chipola sophomores Khadijah Ellison, Ebony Wells, Rahni Bell, and Treyvonna Brooks are ranked in the top 35 of junior college players. The list is coordinated by analyst and former college coach Dan Olson.

Ellison, a sophomore transfer who sat out last year at Chipola, is ranked as the number one point guard in the country and the number three player overall.

Wells, a 6'2 transfer from Florida State, is ranked as the number four center and 22nd player overall.

Bell, who last year averaged 7.9 points per game for the Indians, is ranked as the number four shooting forward and 30th overall.

Brooks, providing 5.6 points and 5.5 rebounds per game, is ranked as the number nine power forward and 33rd overall.

“The individual ratings are a testament to the work ethic they have demonstrated throughout the summer and preseason workouts”, said Coach Greg Franklin. “The key will be for us to continue to improve as a collective unit.”

Chipola will open the 2013-14 season Nov. 7 when they host the annual Collegiate Girls Basketball Report Classic.

Chipola great Russell Martin leads Pirates in post-season run

Former Chipola player Russell Martin hit a pair of solo home runs to lead his Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds in a season-ending wild card game on Oct. 1.

With the win the Pirates clinched their first post-season appearance in 21 years. The Pirates will play St. Louis in the National League Division Series beginning Thursday, Oct. 3.

Martin, a native of Ontario, Canada, led Chipola College to a second place finish in the Florida College System State tournament in 2002.

He was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 17th round of the 2002 draft and made his major league debut on May 5, 2006, at age 23. The three-time MLB All Star has won the Gold Glove and Silver Slugger Awards. He spent five years in LA, before moving on to the Yankees where he was starting catcher in 2011-2012. In November, 2012, the Pirates signed Martin for two years and $17 million.

Miller sets new cross country record

Chipola’s Natalya Miller finished third overall in the Darton State Mid-Season Run in Albany, Georgia, Sept. 28. Miller ran a time of 19:52 in the 5K race to break her own school record of 20:16 set in 2012.


Chipola’s next event is the Disney Cross Country Classic, Oct. 12.
TERM ‘C’ REGISTRATION IS OCT. 10

Registration for Chipola College Fall Term C is Thursday, Oct. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classes begin Oct. 11.

Term C courses are offered in a condensed format of approximately seven weeks compared to the traditional 15-week semester. Late registration is Friday, October 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Term C is open to current students and to new students who have never enrolled at Chipola. Current students may add Term C courses to their existing schedules.

Term C courses include: (ENC 1133) Research Writing (online); (HUM 2233) Humanities w/Writing II (online); (NUR 2960) Nursing Review I (online); (PSY 2012) General Psychology (online); (PSY 2012) General Psychology, 5:30-8:30, TR; (SLS 1101) Orientation (online) and (SYG 1000) Introduction Sociology, 5:30-8:30, MW.

Chipola’s open-door policy guarantees acceptance to any student with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent. Prospective students should complete a college application, available in the Office of Admissions, or online at www.chipola.edu. Students must provide an official high school or college transcript. Students should visit an academic advisor in the Student Services building to register.

For information about enrolling at Chipola, call the Admissions Office at 850-718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu.

Market research seminar set

Chipola will offer a small business seminar “Market Research and Feasibility Analysis” on Oct. 18. Participants will learn to research the feasibility of starting a business, adding products and services to an existing business, and expanding into new market segments.

The seminar meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building.

“Restaurant Fundamentals” will meet Nov. 15. Cost of each seminar is $15. The first six Chipola students to sign up receive free admission. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 or sign up in person in Building M, Office 108. Participants may register online at www.northfloridabiz.com.

CRAA to sponsor Sunday Afternoon with the Arts

The Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) has partnered with the Artists Guild of Northwest Florida (TAG) to sponsor the Sunday Afternoon with the Arts, since its inception in 2005. Here, CRAA president Joan Stadsklev (right), presents a check to TAG president Larry Conley. The event this year is scheduled for Nov. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Chipola College Cultural Center, formerly known as the Arts Center.

BIRTHDAYS

7 Oct.  Stacey Hinson
8 Oct.  Ionia L. Barnes
9 Oct.  Meri Mock
10 Oct.  Jane Stephens
11 Oct. Donna Chandler

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER
23 Senior Day
26 Showchoir Showcase

RECRUITERS on Campus
FSU PC: Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria
FSU PC: Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria
Troy Univ Dothan: Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria
Univ. of West Florida: Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Cafeteria

FIELDS OF FAITH

Get in the Game, Get in the Book.

Fields of Faith is a peer-to-peer movement where thousands of students from across the nation gather on their school’s athletic field to share personal stories and challenge each other to apply the Bible as their “game of life.”

LIBRARY HOURS
Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
TECH CENTER
Monday – Thursday
7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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