Chipola enrollment up this Fall

Chipola College officials are celebrating a 2.5 percent enrollment increase this Fall. While the numbers are still being collected from on-campus programs and high school dual enrollment classes, college officials estimate that more than 2,000 students are enrolled.

“We are pleased with the continued growth, which points to the ongoing demand for higher education opportunities in our area,” said Dr. Jayne Roberts, Chipola Vice President of Student Affairs. “It’s clear that the current economic climate is driving more students to campuses across the nation, and Chipola is no exception,” said Roberts.

Roberts also points to growth in the college’s Bachelor’s degree programs as an important factor in the overall increase. Enrollment in B.S. programs grew over 85% last year and is up six percent this year with 169 students enrolled in four-year programs.

Roberts says, “The Bachelor’s degree programs have drawn great interest and enrollment demands at the associate’s level as well as the bachelor’s level.”

Chipola offers eight bachelor’s degree programs including math or science education for middle and high school, elementary education, exceptional student education, business and nursing.

Former Dep Secretary address Chipola Honors group

Michael W. Sole, former Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, recently addressed students in the Chipola College Honors seminar. Sole led the state’s efforts in protecting Florida from the environmental disaster caused by the Deepwater Horizon Incident. Pictured from left, are Charity Newsom, Joy Belser, Michael Sole, Caitlyn Prichard, Megan Dady and Mary Beth Alderman.

This Week at Chipola

27 MONDAY
• Student Government Association - 2 p.m., Z116

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

29 WEDNESDAY
• FALL FESTIVAL - Classes Dismissed from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Health Center

30 THURSDAY
• Last Day to Withdraw from a Class for Fall Term B
• Fellowship of Christian Athletes - 7 p.m., Cafeteria

OCTOBER
3 SUNDAY
• FCA Service – 8 p.m., Chapel

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registration on Oct. 14. Financial aid application deadline for Term
C is Oct. 1.

Chipola’s most popular program continues to be the Associate
in Arts (AA) degree which provides the first two years of college
for students planning to transfer to a university at the junior level
or into one of Chipola’s Bachelor’s degree programs. Academic
guides that outline requirements for specific majors are available
on the college website at www.chipola.edu.

Several Associate in Science (AS) and Workforce programs
are offered which provide training for high wage jobs. Workforce
programs include: Automotive Technology, Corrections, Computer
Systems Technology, Cosmetology and Law Enforcement. Associ-
ate in Science (AS) programs include: Business Administration
and Management, Computer Information Administration, Criminal
Justice Technology, Culinary Management, Early Childhood
Education, Fire Science, Network Administration and Recreation
Technology.

The Health Science Division offers training programs for a
number of health-related careers. The Associate Degree Nursing
(ADN) program is a 1+1 LPN to RN curriculum. Students are eli-
gible to take the LPN exam after the first year, and the RN exam
after the second year. The college also offers an Emergency Medical
Technician (EMT) program and a Paramedic program. Certified
Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes are offered throughout the year.

Chipola’s open-door policy allows any student with a high
school diploma to enroll after completing an application and pro-
viding high school or college transcripts.

For information, call the Admission and Records office at
850-718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu.

Chipola seeking donors for First Generation Scholarship

The Chipola College Foundation is seeking donations for
the First Generation College Scholarship for the 2010 Spring
Semester.

The Florida Legislature created the scholarship program and
appropriated funds for each community college to match dollar for
dollar with private contributions. These new scholarships, which
will be funded for the upcoming Spring 2010 semester if the local
matching dollars are raised, will be awarded to students whose
parents did not complete a bachelor’s degree.

Foundation Director Julie Fuqua, says, “Chipola serves many
first generation college students and the potential impact this schol-
arship program can have on their lives, as well as their families, is
tremendous. Last year through the generosity of donors and state
matching funds, Chipola was able to award eight students with
First Generation scholarships.”

Chipola is eligible to receive up to $8,030 in First Generation
in College Scholarship state matching funds this year. Donations
will be matched dollar for dollar to enable Chipola to award over
$16,000 to first generation in college students during this school
year.

First Generation in College Scholarship donations must be
received by Nov. 12 to qualify for the dollar for dollar match.
Donations may be mailed to: Chipola College Foundation, 3094
Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446.

For information, call the Foundation Office at 718-2478.

Olympic softball players coming to
Chipola College

Area softball players will have the once-in-a-lifetime chance
to work with three team USA Olympic medalists at the Chipola
College Softball field, Jan. 22-23, 2011.

The Triple Threat team of Cat Osterman, Kelly Kretschman
and Caitlin Lowe will provide a weekend of softball instruction
focusing on pitching, offense and defense.

Pitcher Cat Osterman played at the University of Texas. She
was an Olympic Gold Medalist and Silver Medalist, a two-time
World Cup Champion and a two-time Pan American Gold Medalist.
Osterman was a three-time USA Collegiate Player of the Year and a
three-time NFCA First-Team All-American. She was the two-time
ESPY Award winner as the Top Collegiate Female Athlete. Cat is
the assistant softball coach at DePaul University in Chicago, and
plays professionally for the Rockford Thunder.

Kelly Kretschman played outfield and infield at the University
of Alabama. She was an Olympic Gold Medalist and Silver Medal-
ist. She also was a Gold medalist at the Pan American Games and
a member of the World Cup Championship team. The four-time
NFCA All-American lives in Southern California and plays for the
USSSA Pride.

Caitlin Lowe played outfield at the University of Arizona. She
was an Olympic Silver Medalist and a Gold medalist at Pan Ameri-
can Games. A member of the two-time World Cup Championship
team, she also was a four-time NFCA First-Team All-American.
Caitlin now resides in Texas where she gives specialized lessons in
out-fielding and slapping.

Chipola head coach Belinda Hendrix says, “This is a great
opportunity for local players to learn from some of the best softball
players in America.”

The two day Chipola camp will include six hours of instruc-
tion each day with lunch included. Registration fee is $200 by Dec.
18 and $250 after Dec. 18.

For additional information, call 718-2358 or 718-2359, or
visit www.triplethreatsoftball.com.
Register now for Term C at Chipola

Registration for Spring Term ‘C’ classes at Chipola College is Thursday, Oct.14, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Term C classes meet Oct.15 through Dec. 16. Late registration is Friday, Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1, is the Financial Aid application deadline for the term.

Term C courses include: (AMH 2010) American History to 1865 (online); (BSC 1005) Introduction to Biological Sciences, 2:00-4:50, MW; (CJC 1000) Introduction to Corrections, 2:00-4:50, MW; (ENC 1102) Communication Skills II (online); (GEB 3213) Advanced Business Communication (online); (HUM 2216) Humanities w/Writing (online); (MAC 1105M) College Algebra (modified online); (MAN 4162M) Customer Relations for Managers (modified online); (MAT 1033) Intermediate Algebra, 2:00-3:50, MTR; (NUR 2960M) Nursing Review I (modified online); (REA 1205) Advanced Reading, 1:00-5:00, T; (SLS 1101) Orientation (online).

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 which is available in the Office of Admissions and Records, or online at www.chipola.edu. Students also must provide an official high school and college transcript.

Students should visit an academic advisor in the Student Services building to register.

Chipola has expanded its offerings to include more than 40 individual programs, including BS, AA, AS, AAS, Workforce Certificates and Continuing Education programs. The college offers eight Bachelor of Science (BS) degree programs, including: Business Management, Elementary Education, Mathematics Education (5-9 or 6-12), Science Education (5-9 or 6-12), Exceptional Student Education and RN to BSN in Nursing. The Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) offers Teacher Certification for those with a B.S. in a non-teaching field.

The majority of Chipola students are enrolled in the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree program designed for students who plan to complete their first two years of college work at Chipola and then transfer to a four year program at Chipola or another college. Academic plans for specific majors are available on the college website at www.chipola.edu.

For information about enrolling at Chipola, call the Admission and Records office at 850-718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu

Blountstown High networking students visit Chipola

Blountstown High students who are dual enrolled in the Chipola College Networking Services Technology program, recently visited the Chipola campus for a hands-on workshop.

Students installed systems and software, and performed maintenance and troubleshooting on desktop computer systems.

Dean Giles, Chipola Computer Systems Technology instructor, said, “The great thing about this program is that the students will be able to earn the A+ Certification while still in high school. This is the industry standard minimum certification to work as a computer technician.”

Blountstown High technology instructor Debra Perdue facilitates the class at the high school.

The following students are enrolled in the course: Cody Baldwin, DeeAnna Grimes, Blake McGraw, Harlea Perdue, Jake Brown, Harrison Coley, Hayden Jeppson, Gordon Yoder, Travis Pittman, Stedman Dawson and Brandon Alford.

For information about Chipola’s Technology programs, call Dean Giles at 850-718-2392, or email gilesd@chipola.edu
Fall Festival activities slated for Wednesday

Chipola’s annual Fall Festival will be Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Health Center. Students will be excused from classes to participate in this fun event!

SGA has some great activities lined up including soft play blow up games. There will also be music, door prizes, and hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone. Several universities will have recruiting tables for interested students.

There will be relay and tug of war competitions between campus clubs to see which club rules the campus.

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

Small business seminars set at Chipola

Chipola will offer two small business seminars in October with more to come in the near future.

“Choosing Your First Business” is set for Friday, October 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. The seminar will help answer the questions: When can you quit your day job to focus entirely on your passion? When can a dream become a profitable moonlighting business? The seminar is designed to help individuals begin the process of converting a part-time business into a full-time business.

“Steps to Starting a Small Business” will meet Friday, October 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. Topics include discussion on organizational requirements and licensing for a small business in Florida, personal financial assessments, credit checks, defining your customers, location considerations, and employee requirements. Valerie Simmons, a Certified Business Analyst with the Small Business Development Center, will lead the seminar.

The Small Business Development Center is based in Lynn Haven and utilizes experienced business owners to present hands-on instruction from the business world. The workshops will meet in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building. Cost of each seminar is $20.

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

Chandler is top employee

Donna Chandler is Chipola’s Career Employee for October. Chandler serves as a Departmental Staff Assistant in Baccalaureate Program Development and has worked at the college since 2008. Here, Chandler is congratulated by Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.

Organizations selling MOD cards

Chipola Organizations will be selling March of Dimes March for Babies cards. For a donation of $1 your name will be placed on the card and displayed at CC. Funds raised from this sale will provide public education materials for schools and clinics, or can help researchers find the causes of birth defects.

Cards for organizations are available in Student Activities (K-105) and all money must be turned in by Tuesday, Sept. 28.