

## SACS approves Chipola's four-year programs

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has approved Chipola College's accreditation as a SACS Level II baccalaureate degree-granting institution.

A SACS Substantive Change Review Committee was on the Chipola campus April 5-7 to review the college's new Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Degree (BSSE). The seven team members came from four-year colleges and universities in Virginia, Texas, South Carolina, and Georgia.

During the Exit Report the committee commended the rich and successful tradition of the college as a degree and certificate-granting institution. They also praised the curriculum, the logical sequence of the course work, and the potential of the program to produce qualified mathematics and science teachers for middle and high schools.

The committee further commended the strong academic credentials and teaching skills of the faculty. Committee members praised college administrators for their leadership and their comprehensive presentation of the documents prepared for the SACS review. During the Exit Report, team chair Dr. Phillip Hall, President

of Virginia's Mary Washington College, stated, "You have some great students in the Secondary Education Program. They're going to be outstanding teachers."

Wednesday's brief report gave college administrators a broad idea of the committee's findings. The official written report will be sent to the college within a few weeks.

The college will then submit a follow-up report in five months outlining its progress in the following areas: (1) library staffing and collection acquisitions; (2) mission statement revision to include the college's movement into four-year programs; (3) identification of college-level competencies and overall learning outcomes in general studies of the Associate in Arts degree; and (4) funding plans, including recurring state allocation for the new program, grants, and itemized program costs.

The committee acknowledged Chipola as a pioneer in the state in transitioning from a community college to a baccalaureate institution. They suggested that Chipola officials study colleges in other states that have gone through similar substantive changes.

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## PBL takes state awards

Several Chipola College students won awards at the recent Phi Beta Lambda State Conference in Orlando. The team of Tiffany Anderson and LaNeise Lesley won first place in Desktop Publishing. Matt Thompson won first place in Telecommunications. Matt White won second in Information Management. Kaleb Mercer won first in Networking Concepts. Rebekah Gilmore won third in Website Development. Josh Lawrence won fourth in Visual Basic Programming and fifth in Programming. Robert Speights won fifth in Programming Visual Basic. Shannon Wooden won third in Salesmanship.

Former Chipola Students also performed well in the competition. Amanda Barber of FAMU placed first in Public Speaking and received the \$1500 Rob Kelleher Scholarship awarded to Florida's most outstanding member. Amanda is completing an internship in occupational therapy and will graduate this summer. Amanda served

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## Orlando Opera Company on stage

The Orlando Opera Company will present "Romance, Rage & Revelry," Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. in the Chipola Theater.

Patrons will experience the best music has to offer in this exciting program, highlighting great classics from Opera, Operetta, and Broadway. Orlando Opera brings the drama and excitement of live opera to communities throughout Florida with performances by talented young professionals who star in the Orlando Opera program.

The performance is the final offering of the Chipola Artist Series which is funded through Chipola's Performing Arts Fund, and with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Southern Arts Federation, the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, the Chipola Regional Arts Association and corporate donors.

A limited number of tickets—\$12 for adults and \$8 for ages 18 and under—are available at the Chipola Business Office.

For tickets, call 850-718-2220.

### *this week at Chipola*

#### 12 MONDAY

- ◆ Early Summer Registration For Currently Enrolled Students With 30+Hrs. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- ◆ Student Government — 2 p.m., Z112
- ◆ Artist Series Event: Orlando Opera Company residency & performance — 7 p.m., J

#### 13 TUESDAY

- ◆ Orlando Opera Company residency, J
- ◆ Early Summer Registration For Currently Enrolled Students 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- ◆ Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., Z112

- ◆ Fellowship of Christian Athletes—7:30 p.m., K

#### 14 WEDNESDAY

- ◆ Chipola Baseball vs North Florida—5 p.m., BB
- ◆ Orlando Opera Company residency, J
- ◆ SGA Blood Drive — 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., I
- ◆ Black Student Union — 10 a.m., C104
- ◆ Baptist Campus Ministry—10 a.m., H108

#### 15 THURSDAY

- ◆ Music and Theatre Scholarship Auditions and Art Portfolio deadline for 2004-05
- ◆ Night Students Social — 7 p.m., Bldg. Z

#### 17 SATURDAY

- ◆ Chipola Baseball vs TCC—1 p.m., BB

#### 18 SUNDAY

- ◆ Chipola Baseball vs TCC—1 p.m., BB

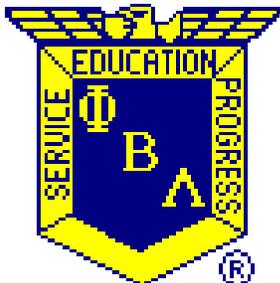
## Chipola Alumnus elected PBL State President

Chipola College alumnus Seabron Chad Fears was elected state president of the Florida Phi Beta Lambda Business fraternity at the recent state convention in Orlando.

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is the college component of Future Business Leaders of America.

As PBL state president, Fears will serve as chair of the State Executive Council, preside over council and business meetings of PBL, appoint committees, serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, serve as student representative on the board, oversee preparation of the Fall Leadership and Officers' Training Conference, and perform other duties for promotion and development of local, state and national PBL.

Fears also was named Who's Who in



Florida PBL and won the first place award in the Future Business Executive competition. He will represent Florida at the National PBL Leadership Conference in Denver in July.

While at Chipola, Fears served as Student Government president and as a Student Ambassador. He is a 2001 Marianna High graduate and a 2003 Chipola graduate. Fears is a junior at the University of Florida majoring in Business Administration and Political Science.

He is the son of Mary and Elwin Fears of Marianna, and the grandson of Lovie and the late Jim Daniels and the late James and Gladys Fears.

For information about PBL, contact Fears at 850-209-7747.

## University of Florida to begin AG program at Chipola

The University of Florida will offer courses leading to a bachelor's degree in Agriculture on the campus of Chipola College beginning in August of 2004.

Strategic Selling (AEB 3341) will be offered via interactive video in the Fall semester. Fundamentals of Plant Pathology (PLP 3002C) will be offered via video tape delivery. Pre-requisites of BOT 2010C or BSC 2010 are required.

In Spring 2005, Introduction to Animal Science (ANS 3006C) will be offered on the Chipola campus. This lecture and laboratory will be taught on-site by faculty from

the North Florida Research and Education Center, as well as Animal Sciences faculty from Gainesville. The course has a biological science pre-requisite of APB 2150 or higher.

Introduction to Soils in the Environment (SOS 3022) will be offered by interactive distance education during the Spring 2005 term. Students should have at least one general chemistry course before taking SOS 3022.

For information concerning the UF Agriculture program at Chipola, contact Dr. Kitty Myers at 850-718-2260.

## Corrections course set

Application deadline for the evening course in Basic Corrections is April 12.

The class will begin April 14, and will meet weekdays from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

A daytime class is scheduled to begin May 4. Application deadline is April 29.

Applicants must be at least 19 years of age, be of good moral character, possess a valid driver's license, earn a passing score on the Florida Basic Abilities Test (FBAT) and meet FDLE requirements. Students are encouraged to apply early due the extensive application process.

For information, call (850) 718-2394.

## SGA election results

The results of the Spring 2004 SGA election are as follows: **SGA President:** Andrea Spataro, Marianna; **Sophomore Class President:** Amanda Whitfield, Marianna; **Chief Justice:** Jessica Crutchfield, Graceville; **Sophomore Senators:** Larea Boone, Altha; David Brown, Sneads; Lauren Eade, Cottdonale; Derrick Henderson, Cottdonale; Pamela (Dani) Miner, Chipley; Stephen (Lance) Mitchell, Sneads; and Jonathan (Tyler) Poole, Sneads. Congratulations to all of these students!

## Short Course Offerings

**CPR**  
May 4 & 6 5 - 9 p.m. \$42

**First Aid**  
June 15 & 17 5 - 9:30 p.m. \$41

**IV Therapy for the LPN and RN**  
Mon., Tues., Thurs.  
Apr. 5-20 5 - 9 p.m. \$121

**10 Hour Behavior Observation**  
May 15 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. \$38

EducationToGo offers online programs in a number of areas, including: Internet, Computers, Certification Prep, Writing, Personal Enrichment, Test Prep, Business, Legal, Nursing, Large Business/Management, and Design and Media Certification Programs. Visit [www.ed2go.com/chipola](http://www.ed2go.com/chipola). Online courses on a variety of subjects also are available at [www.elementk.com](http://www.elementk.com).

For information about any of these non-credit courses, call the Office of Continuing Education at 718-2395.

## Firearms course to be held April 19

The Chipola College Public Service Department will hold a Firearms Familiarization course on April 19 - 22, at the W.B. "Bill" Reddoch Annex on Blue Springs Highway from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion that can be used toward obtaining a concealed weapons permit.

For more information, call 718-2394. Deadline for application is April 14. Weapons and ammunition will be provided.

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as District I Vice President of PBL. Chad Fears, a junior at the University of Florida, was elected State President of PBL. Chad also placed first in Future Business Executive competition. Chad is a junior at The University of Florida. He was last year's Chipola SGA President, and is the current PBL District II Vice President.

First and second place finishers qualify to compete at the National PBL Competition in Denver, July 9-12.

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The committee also predicted extensive changes in the culture of the institution as it prepares to add new programs in response to community workforce needs and expressed confidence in Chipola's ability to meet these future challenges.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough said, "We are very pleased with the outcome of the SACS review. Many current and future students will benefit from the work that has been done to bring these programs to our area. I am very proud of the many college employees who have invested so much to provide these opportunities for our students."

The SACS visit was the most important event in a three-year chronology of decisions which have led to Chipola offering four-year degrees. In January, Chipola College's first-ever Bachelor's degree students began classes leading to four-year degrees in Secondary Education with majors in Mathematics and Science.

In 2001, the Florida Legislature passed a bill allowing community colleges to apply to offer baccalaureate degrees. Chipola applied in Fall 2001, and in June 2002 the Florida Board of Education granted Chipola authority to deliver a Bachelor in Science Secondary Education degree with majors in Secondary Math and Secondary Biology. Florida's Commissioner of Education, Jim Horne, said he adopted Chipola's proposal in the interest of local students and in response to the critical shortage of math and science teachers in Florida and in the nation. "The Chipola approach was constructed to provide greater program delivery flexibility for community members," Horne said.

In June of 2003, accreditation was granted by SACS for Chipola to offer the four-year degrees, contingent on the successful outcome of this week's visit. In August of 2003, the Chipola District Board of Trustees voted to change the name of the 57-year-old institution to Chipola College in preparation for the B.S. programs.

Dr. Kitty Myers, Associate Vice President of Instruction and Baccalaureate Degree Programs, said, "We are very excited about the results of the SACS visit. This is the culmination of three years of hard work by everyone at the college." Myers reported that the recent accreditation is the first step in adding other bachelor's degree programs

to the Chipola curriculum.

Gail Hartzog, Associate Dean of Institutional Development and Planning, oversaw the SACS application process. She said, "I have nothing but praise for Chipola's faculty and staff who have worked behind the scenes in support of the math, science, and education teachers. As usual, everyone worked together for the good of our students."

To help Chipola start up the new programs, the college received \$631,000 from the state in 2003-04. The state of Florida is committed to continuing support of these programs each year.

According to Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, Dr. Myers and Dr. Lou Cleveland, Director of Teacher Education-Math/Science, have overseen the development of curriculum, syllabi, and course sequence for the new program. The work began with a documentation of the need. According to Clemmons, the demand for more BSSE graduates in the workforce prompted the Legislature to allow community colleges to initiate degrees in critical shortage areas. For several years, national and state media have reported the critical shortage of teachers, especially in mathematics and science at the middle and high school levels.

"A major reason Chipola gained permission to initiate the new program was the documented workforce need in district schools," said Clemmons. "Many teachers are teaching out of field in Florida's schools. In fact, for the fourth consecutive year, nearly 20 percent of the newly-hired teachers were not certified in the fields in which they were going to teach." She said all five county superintendents in the college district wrote letters of support for the new BSSE program, and principals are enthusiastic about Chipola's efforts to address this important issue. Counties project more than 30 job openings per year in the college district alone.

Public school personnel have already participated in planning for field experiences and student teaching opportunities for Chipola's students. They will also serve on the BSSE Advisory Committee and consult in support of student learning and the development of good teachers. Clemmons concluded, "Most of all, school administrators are eager to hire our graduates."

Requirements for admission to the program are stringent. In addition to an Associate in Arts (AA) degree, students must have completed lower division state mandated prerequisites, including EDF 1005, EDG 2701 and EME 2040. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.5 in lower division coursework and satisfactory completion of all parts of the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST).

Applicants must also submit a letter that includes factors influencing their decision to teach, their philosophy of education, and previous experiences which demonstrate potential as an educator. In addition to satisfactory background checks, applicants must have three letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with academic work, personal character, and/or ability to work with youth.

A grade of "C" or higher is required on all program courses with a minimum 2.0 GPA on attempted coursework which demonstrates Florida Educator Accomplished Practices. Secondary Mathematics and Secondary Biology majors must complete 120 semester hours in the program.

All Chipola students have benefited from additional library resources recently acquired to support the Math, Science, and Education areas. The library has purchased 1500 new print books, 928 new electronic books, 57 new print periodical subscriptions to magazines/journals and 36 new electronic databases. In all, Chipola library holdings include 3,688 print books, 2,717 electronic books, 80 print periodical subscriptions to magazines/journals, 549 electronic periodical titles and 82 electronic databases.

Some didn't believe the Chipola College ads that ran in September promising free tuition to the first 20 students admitted into the college's new Bachelor's degree programs. The college made believers of the 16 students enrolled in the program who have yet to spend any of their own money for tuition. The Beall Endowment in the Chipola Foundation covered the tuition for four students who do not receive financial aid from other sources and the offer is still open to future students.

Persons interested in a teaching career in middle or high school with a strong background in math or science, should contact Dr. Kitty Myers at 850-718-2276, or Dr. Lou Cleveland at 850-718-2416.



**SCHOLARSHIPS.** Minority Transfer Scholarship applications to Florida Atlantic University are available in the Student Services Office (Bldg G).



**CONDOLENCES.** The college family is saddened by the loss of Sidney Earl Edenfield, father of Ricky Edenfield, Chipola Physical Plant. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.



**EUROPE BOUND.** Chipola History Instructor Robert Ivey is planning a trip to Europe in Summer of 2005, June 23.

The 12-day trip to the Mediterranean coast, will include stops in Barcelona, Spain, Provence in southern France, with its wine producing region and ancient Roman ruins. Also, the French coast with stays in Nice and a visit to Monaco.

For information, call Ivey at 526-2761, Ext. 3240.



**ENGLISH FINALS.** ENC 1101 and 1102 students must have a Chipola College photo ID in order to take the final exam. Students who do not have a Chipola ID may have one made at Student Services on Tuesdays from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Exceptions will be by appointment only.

**Yearbooks are on sale now for \$7.**

Students may order their yearbook online at [www.chipola.edu/yearbook](http://www.chipola.edu/yearbook) or in the Public Relations Office located in the back of the library. Yearbooks will be on sale through graduation, May 4. For more information, call Evelyn Ward at 718-2265.



**SHOW CHOIR AUDITIONS.** The Chipola Show Choir will be holding auditions on April 22 in the Arts Center. The Show Choir is open to all full-time Chipola students. Interested incoming freshmen and current Chipola students are encouraged to audition.

For further information call 718-2227 or Dr. Lyon at 718-2221.



**SCIENCE SEMINAR.** The Science Club will host a seminar on robotics, Friday, April 16, at 10 a.m., in M-108. Dr. Geoffrey Brooks from the FSU/PC Electrical and Computer Engineering Department is the guest speaker.



**UWF REGISTRATION AT CHIPOLA.** University of West FL at Chipola College special/ elem. ed. will hold registration for the 2004 summer semester, April 14-15 and April 21-22. For an appointment contact Patricia Davis at 526-2761 x3255 or Martha Burke at 718-2361.



**CCE FISH FRY.** The CCE End of Year Retirement Luncheon is Monday, May 3 in the Arts Center. This year's honorees are Dot Bell, Carol Hardin, Loletia Henson, Bud Riviere and Sonny Wise.

Dr. and Mrs. Gene Prough will host a reception at 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon at noon.

CCE invites all employees and retirees to join in the "Fishing for Adventures" theme by wearing angling attire.

The menu will feature: Fresh River Fish, Cheese Grits, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies and Key Lime Pie

Tickets are \$7 per person. Reservation deadline is noon, Tuesday, April 27, in the Business Office.



**IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFO.** Pell students that were not enrolled full time for the fall and spring semesters need to come by the Financial Aid Office and complete a summer application if they plan to enroll in either summer session.

Students who were enrolled full time both semesters will not have any Pell eligibility left and will need to seek other sources for their financial obligations such as the McClendon scholarship. **The deadline for the McClendon for summer II is June 1.**

There will no work study money for the summer, so please try to plan ahead.



**SUCCESS CENTER HOURS:**

*Monday-Friday*  
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

*Tuesday and Thursday*  
6 - 8:30 p.m.

**Testing Hours** are 8 a.m. - noon, Mon. - Thurs. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information concerning specific tests available, call 718-2284.

Instruction in basic skills and GED preparation is offered.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**APRIL**

- 22 Show Choir Auditions
- 22 Awards Ceremony
- 26 College Appl Deadline - SSI
- 26-30 Book Buyback
- 29-30 Final Exams

**MAY**

- 1 Final Exams
- 3-6 Book Buyback
- 4 Graduation

**THIS WEEK**

"Chipola This Week" is a weekly publication of the Chipola PR Office.

Deadline for the next issue is noon, **Wednesday, April 14.** Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).



**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.**

- 4/12 Chris Jans
- 4/17 Sharon Coleman



**BLOOD DRIVE.** SGA will sponsor a blood drive on **Wednesday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The **South-eastern Community Blood Mobile will be parked next to the Arts Center.** All of the blood donated will stay in this region. Please donate.

**Baseball and Softball at Home**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>		<i>Time</i>	<i>Baseball/Softball</i>
Apr. 14	NORTH FLORIDA		5:00	B
Apr. 17	TALLAHASSEE		1:00	B
Apr. 18	TALLAHASSEE		1:00	B
Apr. 21	PENSACOLA		5:00	B
Apr. 23	TALLAHASSEE		4:00/6:00	S
Apr. 23	OKALOOSA-WALTON		5:00	B

**LOCATOR**

A- Administration	I- Arts Center	Q- Health Science
B- Library	J- Theater	R- Johnson Health Center
C- Social Science	K- Cafeteria, Bookstore	S- Continuing Ed/Conference Ctr
D- Fink Natural Science	L- University Center	T- Pool
E- Physical Plant Office	M- Business	U- Foundation House
F- Residence Hall	N- Workforce Devel Labs	Y- Public Service
G- Student Services	O- Success Center, Electronics	Z- Literature/Language
H- McClendon Fine Arts	P- Automotive Tech	