

# Chipola This Week

April 18 - 24, 2005

A newsletter for Chipola College students, employees, and friends

## Press Conference slated for Tuesday

Chipola College students—Lauren Eade and Paige Rentz—will be recognized at a press conference, Tuesday, April 19, at 2:30 p.m. in Jackson Hall of the Literature/Language Building.

The students are members of the *USA Today* Academic All-Americans. They were recently featured in *USA Today*. This honor ranks the Chipola students in the top 60 among the more than 11 million community college students in the country.

The Chipola sophomores also were named to the All-Florida Academic Team.



**CHIPOLA STUDENTS VISIT FSU**—A group of communications majors from Chipola College recently visited the Florida State University College of Communication. Pictured from left, are: Rachel Brooks of Sneads, Frank Stackowicz of Marianna, Sean Crutchfield of Graceville, Elisa Williams of Bristol, Diana Tatem of Graceville and Bethany Gwaltney of Marianna.

## Chipola tied for second in baseball league race

The Chipola Indians are tied for second place in the Panhandle Conference baseball race with Tallahassee. Chipola and TCC are knotted at 12-6, both a half-game behind first place Pensacola at 12-5.

The Indians have three home games remaining in the regular baseball season. The Indians host Tallahassee, Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m.; Pensacola, Tuesday, April 19 at 5 p.m. and Okaloosa-Walton, Saturday, April 23 at 1 p.m. **Chipola travels to TCC on April 15 and April 17, to Pensacola on April 20 and to OW on April 22.**

Chipola beat North Florida 4-3 on April 13. Clay Long relieved David Mixon who pitched the first eight innings.

Chipola whipped North Florida 13-2 in 5 innings on April 12. Pitcher Daniel Roberts earned the win. He allowed two runs in 5 innings. Matt Gamel hit a game-ending three-run homer in the fifth.

The Indians swept three important conference games from Gulf Coast, April 8-10. The Indians swamped Gulf Coast, 7-1, on April 8. Winning pitcher was Clay Long. On April 9, Chipola beat Gulf Coast, 15-6, behind the pitching of Steven Brock.

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### this week at Chipola

#### 18 MONDAY

- ◆ Student Government Association — 2 p.m., Z
- ◆ CEA Meeting — 2:30 p.m., D

#### 19 TUESDAY

- ◆ Touring Production: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM for district schools
- ◆ Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., Z

- ◆ District Board of Trustees — 7 p.m., Bldg. Y
- ◆ CC Baseball vs Pensacola — 5 p.m. BB

#### 20 WEDNESDAY

- ◆ Touring Production: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM for district schools
- ◆ Phi Beta Lambda — 10 a.m., M
- ◆ Black Student Union — 10 a.m., C

#### 21 THURSDAY

- ◆ Show Choir Annual Awards Banquet — 5 p.m.
- ◆ Awards Ceremony — 7 p.m., I

#### 22 FRIDAY

- ◆ College Application Deadline—Summer I

#### 23 SATURDAY

- ◆ CC Baseball vs Okaloosa Walton — 1 p.m. BB

## Chipola student invited to study in Spain this summer

Chipola College foreign language professor Dr. Mark Ebel invites current and future Chipola students to study Spanish this summer in the country of Spain.

Dr. Ebel will lead an Intercultural Connections tour which will include stops in Madrid, Granada and Malaga. The group also will visit the Prado Museum (Madrid), Picasso Museum (Malaga), Alhambra (Granada), Plaza Mayor and Puerta del Sol de Madrid, Albaicin and Bibrambla (Granada), and Cathedrals in Granada and Malaga. Students may also choose to attend a Flamenco Show and Bullfight preceded by cultural talks about these two Spanish cultural phenomena.

A group of six Chipola students already have registered the four-hour course, "Spanish Language and Culture Study Abroad" (SPN 2957), which Dr. Ebel will teach during the program. Ebel reported that most of the students have never traveled outside of the U.S. and that they chose Spain for the architecture and the rich culture. The group will stay in Costa Del

Sol, which, according to Ebel, "Is one of the most desirable locations in Europe with the best beaches on the Mediterranean."

The excited students cited varied rea-

sons for making the trip. "I'm a Spanish major, and I just can't wait to be introduced to a new culture," said Jenny Barfield of Chipley. Marianna's Cody Long said, "I look forward to seeing the architecture, history and beautiful sites." Julie Chance of Bonifay, the mother of three small children, admitted, "I've never had the opportunity to travel. This is the chance of a lifetime to immerse myself in another culture. I hope my kids will one day have the same opportunity." Spanish major Rona Van Lierop of Blountstown, said, "This will be a great learning opportunity for me to speak the native language with the people of Spain." Amanda Neal of Blountstown said, "I decided to make the trip to learn about the different cultures and traditions of the Spanish people." Tiffany Burdeshaw of Sneads said, "I've never been away; I think it will be a great experience. I can't wait to see the Flamenco dancers."

The trip runs May 28 through June 25. The cost of \$2,820 includes roundtrip airfare from Tallahassee to Madrid. Room in hotels and homestays and two meals per day are also included.

For information, call 850-718-2282.



*Chipola College foreign language professor Dr. Mark Ebel invites current and future Chipola students to study Spanish this summer in the country of Spain. Pictured are, from left: (front) Dr. Mark Ebel, Amanda Neal of Blountstown, Rona Van Lierop of Blountstown, Jenny Barfield of Chipley, Julie Chance of Bonifay, (back) Cody Long of Marianna and Tiffany Burdeshaw of Sneads. For information, call Dr. Ebel at 850-718-2282.*

## Baseball, *continued from page 1*

Chipola whipped Gulf Coast 10-3 on April 10, with a huge offensive performance from Travis Anderson who went 5 for 5 on the day. Anderson was 9 for 10 in Chipola's last games with Gulf Coast. Darren Ford's two-run homer sparked the Indians who were down 3-0 in the fifth. Winning pitcher was Liam Shannan. He pitched 6 and 2/3 innings and was relieved by Daniel Roberts who struck out both batters he faced. David Mixon threw one inning and Josh Ward finished in the ninth.

The league standings as of April 14 are: PJC (12-5); Chipola (12-6); TCC (12-6); OW (11-7); NFL (3-14) and GCC (3-15). The



top two teams in the Panhandle Conference earn a berth in the state tournament.

For information about athletics, visit [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu), or call 718-2252.

## Baseball/Softball This Week

Apr. 19	PENSACOLA	5 p.m.	Baseball
Apr. 23	OKALOOSA WALTON	1 p.m.	Baseball

## Chipola graduation ceremony is May 5

Chipola College will hold graduation ceremonies for the class of 2005 on Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m. in the Milton Johnson Health Center.

Some 350 students have completed the requirements for degrees or certificates signifying the completion of programs of study at the college. They will join the ranks of approximately 9,600 other graduates of Chipola.

Included among the Class of 2005 are Chipola's first bachelor's degree graduates who earned degrees in Secondary Education. A group of several dozen paraprofessionals from local public schools also are graduating.

Parents, relatives and friends are invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony.

## Chipola to offer Paramedic training

Chipola College was recently approved to offer a new Paramedic Training Program.

Kathy Wheeler, Chipola Director of Health Science programs, said, “We are thrilled to announce that the Florida Bureau of Emergency Management Services has awarded full approval for our Paramedic Training Program. This approval comes at a time of dire need for trained paramedics in our district as well as surrounding districts.”

James McMillan, a paramedic with 11 years experience, will serve as lead instructor in the new program. Wheeler said, “James is to be commended for his professional direction and composition of an excellent Paramedic Program Curriculum.”

Application deadline for the new program is April 22. Only certified Emergency Medical Technicians are eligible to enroll. Classes will meet from 1 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays - Thursdays, beginning May 10.

Interested persons should contact the Health Science Division at 718-2316.

## Lifeguard course set

Chipola College will offer an American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course, beginning May 3 at the Chipola Pool.

Participants must be 15 years of age on or before the first day of class. The course requires a minimum of 29 hours of training which will include water rescue, CPR, and First Aid. The course will meet evenings from 4 to 8 p.m., May 3-5 and May 9-13.

Pre-registration is required in the Chipola Continuing Education Office on College Street. Cost is \$172.

For information, call 850-718-2473

## Yearbooks are on sale now for \$10

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 June 1, 2005. For more information, call Evelyn Ward at 718-2265.

## Chipola announces Fine and Performing Arts Scholarship Dates

Chipola College will offer scholarship in music, art, and theatre scholarships during the 2005-2006 school year.

Visual Art application and portfolio deadline is April 28. Auditions for Music and Theater scholarships are set for April 28 and again on May 12.

Applications are available on the web at: [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu). Click departments and select “Fine and Performing Arts.”

High School graduates with acceptable academic records and music, theatre, and art aptitude who plan to pursue stud-

ies as music, theatre or art majors are eligible to apply.

Scholarships in various amounts, up to full tuition and fees, are awarded on the basis of talent and academic record. Students with financial need may seek additional assistance through the college’s Office of Financial Aid and the Chipola Foundation.

For more information, call Joan Stadskev, Chipola Director of Fine and Performing Arts, at 850-718-2301.

## Theatre receives top honors

The Chipola College theater production of “Run for Your Wife” earned a Superior Rating from the Florida Community College Activities Association. Here, Chipola Theater Director Charles Sirmon is congratulated by Joan Stadskev, Chipola’s Director of Fine and Performing Arts.



## Chipola students perform for Chipley library group

Chipola College students from Carol Saunders’ Oral Interpretation class recently performed at the Chipley Friends of the Library monthly meeting. Pictured from left, are: Melissa Delgado, Jennifer Dowdy, Elisa Williams, Ryan Barber, Ashley Brogdon, Anne Gilmartin, Demeetris Beachum, Heather Potter and instructor Carol Saunders.

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**FIN AID APPL.** Summer applications are now available in the Financial Aid Office. If you are planning to enroll this summer session and you have not used all your Pell eligibility for the fall and spring, you need to complete a summer application. If you were not full time in Fall 2004 and Spring 2005, there is a possibility you have available Pell money left.

These applications must be completed in the Financial Aid Office (Building L).



**LIBRARY HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday  
7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday  
2 - 6 p.m.

**TECH CENTER HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday  
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday  
2 p.m. - 6 p.m.



**ENGLISH FINALS.** ENC 1101 and 1102 students must have a Chipola photo ID in order to take the final exam. Students who do not have a Chipola ID may have one made at Student Services April 18-19 and 25-26 from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Exceptions will be by appointment only.



**REP ON CAMPUS.** A representative from FSU Panama City Campus will be available on May 17 from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Social Science Building (C).



**NEW BOOKSTORE HOURS:**

Mon-Thurs 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Friday 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.



**UWF REGISTRATION.** The University of West Florida will hold Summer registration for Special/Elementary Education students, April 21 and 22.

Registration will be held in the University Center at Chipola Office on Fifth Avenue in Marianna. For information, call Martha Burke at 718-2361.



**SUCCESS CENTER HOURS:**

Monday-Friday  
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday  
6 - 8:30 p.m.

**TESTING CENTER HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday  
6 - 8:30 p.m.

The Success Center has compiled a TABE study guide that can be picked up in the Success Center, the Registrar's Office and the Workforce Development Office.

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



**CAP AND GOWNS ARE IN.**

Cap and Gowns are ready to be picked up in the bookstore. Graduates must bring their receipt.

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**BOOK BUY BACK.** The Chipola Bookstore will be buying back textbooks, April 25-28 and May 2-5 and . Hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



**YEARBOOK PICS.** Students who do not wish to be included in the 2005 Yearbook, should complete a "Request to Withhold Directory/Photo Information" form in the Registrar's Office located in Building L. Any faculty or staff member not wishing to be included should email Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).



**FREE FOOD.** The SGA will serve FREE refreshments during final exams. They will be in front of the Arts Center on Friday, April 29 from 7:30-8 a.m. and in the lobby of Building D from 8-11 a.m. on Monday, May 2. They will be located in the lobby of Building C from 8-11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3.

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**SCHOLARSHIP.** Florida State University is now accepting applications for the Louis W. Bender Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship is an academic assistantship awarded to a new doctoral student in higher education. Applicants must have a minimum of two years of successful work experience in a two-year, degree-granting postsecondary institution. Applicants must have an aspiration to continue as an education leader in such an institution. The award, a minimum of \$15,000, is for the 2005-2006 academic year. Information is available in Student Services.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- APRIL**  
21 Awards Ceremony  
22 College Appl Deadline for Summer I  
28 Last Class Day - Spring  
29 FINALEXAMS

- MAY**  
2-3 FINALEXAMS  
5 Grades Due 8 a.m.  
5 Last Faculty Work Day  
5 GRADUATION  
6 Clast Reg Deadline  
9 College Begins Four-Day Work Week  
9 Faculty Returns - SSI  
9 New & Returning Student Reg/Drop/Add

**THIS WEEK**

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

Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, April 20. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).



**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.**

- 4/22 Barbara Taylor  
4/23 Santine Cuccio

**WIDNER RETIRES—**

Annette Widner, Chipola College Director of Admissions and Registration, recently retired after 39 years of service. She is pictured here, (center) at a recent reception in her honor with colleagues, Kathy Anderson (left) and Kim Collins.

**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- BusinessA	U- Foundation House
F- Residence Hall	N- Workforce Devel Labs	Y- Public Service
G- Student Services	O- Success Center, Electronics	Z- Literature/Language
H- McLendon Fine Arts	P- Automotive Tech	

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## SUPPLEMENTAL

### Chipola addresses four year funding issues

Since successfully implementing its four-year teacher education programs, Chipola College has faced accreditation issues with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), but the college recently passed with flying colors a rigorous review by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE).

Chipola College president Dr. Gene Prough stated, "The process of developing and implementing Chipola's innovative Bachelor's programs in Math and Biology Education has been rigorous and not without obstacles. In order to provide additional opportunities to local students, Chipola has become one of the first community colleges in the nation to offer four-year degrees. While Chipola has maintained continuous SACS accreditation since 1957, we have recently been officially notified that SACS has questions concerning the availability and reporting of the state funds necessary to operate our innovative bachelor's degree programs."

The problem stems from difficulty in reporting precisely how the state will fund this new category of higher education. Chipola faced two complicated political issues from the outset. First, the idea of community colleges offering four-year degrees was new and controversial. And, this resistance created legislative difficulties for Chipola and other community colleges authorized to offer four-year degrees. The Florida Legislature was left with the task of funding the new category of post-secondary education. Second, the Florida legislature was still in session when college officials were preparing the initial SACS application in Spring of 2003. The college relied on the best information available regarding funding.

Because these programs are new and innovative, the state legislature is still working to develop a funding formula. While the state is committed to funding Chipola's baccalaureate programs, the inability to specify an exact funding formula has caused SACS to question the College's reporting of actual "funding in hand" for the new programs. As a result of these questions, Chipola College was placed on one-year probation at the December 2004 meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Chipola and four other baccalaureate-degree-granting community colleges in the state are facing similar funding issues. Prough said, "Florida's Community College Chancellor, David Armstrong, and Secretary of Education, John Winn, have pledged their support in helping Chipola to address and resolve this issue."

Chipola remains accredited, and the probation does not affect academics, financial aid or the transferability of credits. Since the SACS action, Chipola's Teacher Education Program has been recommended for full state approval following a site visit by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) in March. FDOE evalu-

ated every aspect of the campus and interviewed many faculty, administrators, and students. According to Dr. Kitty Myers, Associate Vice President for Baccalaureate Programs, "Team members were very complimentary of the program, personnel, and the campus. Chipola's teacher education program successfully met all 19 rigorous standards to earn FDOE approval. The FDOE team highlighted our well-designed curriculum, field experiences, clinical, and internship structure, and students' knowledge of subject matter. This is a significant event in the history of Chipola because this program will benefit our local schools, our community, and our students."

Ten current Chipola students are expected to complete Bachelor's degrees by August of this year. All graduates are certified to teach in Florida.

College officials received written notification of the SACS action in early January. College representatives met with SACS officials to clarify the issues. Following the meeting, the college implemented an action plan to: 1.) ensure accuracy and integrity in reporting funding; 2.) document recurring state funding; 3.) improve library resources and services; 4.) establish and assess student learning outcomes; and 5.) establish faculty responsibility for curriculum, academic performance standards and professional performance review.

SACS approved Chipola's accreditation as a Level II baccalaureate degree-granting institution in June of 2003. A SACS Substantive Change Review Committee reviewed the college's new Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Degree (BSSE). Team members came from four-year colleges and universities in Virginia, Texas, South Carolina, and Georgia.

The visiting SACS 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.

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.

In 2001, the Florida Legislature passed a bill allowing community colleges to apply to offer baccalaureate degrees. In June 2002 the Florida Board of Education granted Chipola authority to deliver Bachelor's degrees in Secondary Education. Florida's then Commissioner of Education, Jim Horne, 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. In June of 2003 approval was granted by SACS for Chipola to offer the four-year degrees. In May of 2002 the Florida Board of Education gave Chipola the authority to offer four-year degrees in response to a critical shortage of math and science teachers in secondary schools.

In 2001, the Florida Legislature earmarked \$3 million in startup funds for community colleges to offer four-year programs. St. Petersburg Community College was the first community college to be granted permission to offer bachelor's degrees in 2001.

The Florida Board of Education in May 2002 adopted a plan to offer four-year degrees in selected disciplines on the campuses of Chipola and Miami-Dade Community Colleges. Chipola and Florida State University were directed to negotiate which school would provide students in the Chipola district access to baccalaureate degrees in Business Administration, Nursing and Secondary Education. In June 2002, Education Secretary Jim Horne granted

Chipola the authority to offer a bachelor's degree in Secondary Math and Science Education. 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. In August of 2003, the Chipola District Board of Trustees voted to change the name of the 57-year-old institution to Chipola College. To help Chipola start up the new programs, the college received \$631 was allocated \$333,000 from the 2003-04 state in 2003-04. In January 2004 Chipola's first-ever Bachelor's degree students began classes. Ten of those students are expected to graduate by August as certified teachers in Florida.

For information about Chipola's Bachelor's Degree programs, contact Dr. Kitty Myers at 850-718-2276.