

## Chipola's Mitchell named Coca-Cola Scholar

Chipola College student Cassie Mitchell of Sneads has been awarded a scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

The award—based on outstanding academic and service learning achievements—places Mitchell among the top community college students in the nation.

In addition to many service activities, Mitchell is a member of the Honors Program, Show Choir and the New Friends Program. She was instrumental in establishing an ACT workshop for area high school students and

numerous other Phi Theta Kappa projects.

Mitchell was a leader in Phi Theta Kappa's Project Prom for hurricane Katrina victims at Bay St. Louis High School in Mississippi. She participated with a team of Chipola students who collected prom gowns and put on a prom for students at the hurricane-ravaged school.

According to Chipola English professor Pam Rentz, "Cassie is big energy disguised in a tiny package. She brings enthusiasm to every project. Her compassion for others, along with her deep desire to serve,

makes her an asset to both our campus and community."

Mitchell was crowned Miss Jackson County and Miss Sneads and finished among the top ten in the 2007 Miss National Peanut Festival.

Mitchell is the daughter of Lonnie and Joyce Mitchell of Sneads. She plans to transfer to Florida State University to major in Public Relations.

The Coca-Cola Scholars program is made possible with funding from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation. The late Joseph B. Whitehead was one of the original bottlers of Coca-Cola. The



Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation was created in 1986 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Coca-Cola and to establish a legacy for the education of tomorrow's leaders.

## Chipola's ACE tutors earn national certification



Student tutors in Chipola College's Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) have been certified by the College Reading and Learning Association.

CRLA is an association of over 1,200 postsecondary learning assistance colleagues. These include: tutor trainers; faculty; learning center administrators; developmental educators; and other academic support professionals. CRLA offers International Tutor Program Certification (ITPC) and International Mentor Program Certification

(IMPC) which provide resources and support for tutor trainers and mentor trainers.

Chipola's (ACE) is a full-service lab designed to help students succeed in their college courses. ACE offers individual tutoring, test-prep sessions for specific courses, study group organization, study skills development and high-speed computers with course software.

ACE now provides Chipola Supplemental Instruction (CSI) for students in high risk courses. These regularly scheduled sessions offer clarification of concepts and assist students in developing the proper skills for success in class. Test reviews also are part of the services provided.

Chipola faculty members, Bonnie Smith, Academic Center for Excellence Coordinator/Honors Advisor and reading instructor Angie Tyler coordinate the ACE lab.

ACE employs a staff of 16-20 students in the Fall and Spring semesters. Tutors are paid through a federal Title III grant. Tutors complete a training session prior to beginning work in the lab and participate in ongoing training sessions during the year. After all CRLA criteria are met, students receive level I CRLA certification.

Marshall Hilton, a student tutor, says, "It's an easy-going place to work. You get to help a lot of people and learn a lot. If

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### THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

#### 4 MONDAY

- ◆ Last Class Day - Summer II
- ◆ Early Fall Registration Payment Deadline — 3 p.m.

#### 5 TUESDAY

- ◆ Last Faculty Day for Summer II ends at 2 p.m.
- ◆ Grades Due — Noon
- ◆ Executive Council — 9 a.m., A 192

#### 6 WEDNESDAY

- ◆ College Application Deadline - Fall Term AA, AS, AAS

#### 8 FRIDAY

- ◆ College Closed for Four Day Work Week

*Please Note: The Tech Center will be closed August 5-20.*

## Former coach to speak at Endless Summer

Bobby Pierce, head coach of the Troy University Baseball team, is the special guest for Chipola's Endless Summer Dinner/Dance set for Aug. 23 at the National Guard Armory.

The Marianna native is no stranger to Chipola. He was a star athlete at Marianna High in the late 70's. Following his graduation as a star outfielder at the University of Alabama in 1982, the then 23-year-old became the youngest head coach in Florida junior college history when he accepted the Chipola position.

In his first season, Chipola finished 41-15 and won the Florida state championship. Chipola won four Panhandle Conference championships, earned five state tournament berths, with one title, and won 40 or more games four times under Pierce. His squads at Chipola posted a 259-95 overall record.

After the 1989 season, Pierce returned to his alma mater as Alabama's top assistant coach. After five seasons as an assistant coach, Pierce was named the first head baseball coach in history at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Pierce posted a 276-108 record in seven seasons.

Pierce has served as head coach of the successful Troy program since 2003. He led the Trojans to the 2006 Sunbelt championship and an NCAA Regional Runner-up finish.

He has compiled a .702 winning percentage in 18 seasons.

Pierce is married to the former Kay Walls of Chipley. The couple has three children - Lance (21), a junior at Troy, Lauren (20), a sophomore at Troy, and Logan (17), a junior in high school.

The Endless Summer event will reunite Chipola friends and alumni for a relaxing evening to benefit the college's athletic programs.

The Ivey Brothers band will provide the perfect musical backdrop for the occasion. They will be joined by The Villagers, another popular Chipola band from the 1960's.

Tickets are \$50 per person with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. Tables of eight are available for \$400. Local favorite Bobby Sims will prepare his famous, mouth-watering barbecue for the dinner.

For ticket information, call Lillie Hamil at 850-718-2375.

## ACE tutors, *continued from page 1*

you can explain something to someone else, you really learn it."

Returning student Maryann Alexander, says, "I wouldn't be passing math without ACE. I haven't had a math course since 1986. These guys have been wonderful. I've gone from thinking I was going to fail to an "A" in algebra."

Tutors also work closely with Chipola faculty to ensure proper communication of course content. Several of Chipola's faculty members also meet some of their regularly scheduled office hours in the ACE. Chipola Honors Program students and Phi Theta Kappa members also volunteer in the ACE.

A total of 658 students visited ACE during the 2007-08 school year. In the fall, the ACE averaged almost 300 visits per week and up to 450 visits during final exam week.

The ACE is located in Literature/Language (Z) during renovation of Building L. Fall and Spring semester hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



### THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., **Wednesday, August 6**. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### AUGUST

- 11 Return to Regular Work Week
- 14 Faculty Returns - Fall Term
- 18 New Student Testing
- 18 Returning Student Regist - Fall
- 19-20 New & Returning Regist - Fall
- 21 Classes Begin
- 21-22 Late Registration - Fall
- 25-28 Late Registration - Fall

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 2-Aug Mary Bruce Hamilton (Belated Wishes)
- 6-Aug Shanda Bruner
- 6-Aug Irma Cruz-White
- 7-Aug Sarah Clemmons
- 8-Aug Patricia Barfield
- 9-Aug David Lane

## Chipola employees eligible for free tuition

Full-time employees who have worked at Chipola for one year are eligible for free tuition for one course per term on a space-available basis. The employee is responsible for any special fees associated with the class which may include lab, applied music, DIS, distance learning, and supply fees. All credit hour classes qualify except for those specific to limited access programs (i.e. Nursing). Vocational clock-hour and Continuing Education courses are not eligible. Employees must gain supervisor approval, complete a college application and register through Enrollment Services. Chipola employee fee waiver forms are available in the Business Office.

## Chipola offers free tuition for state employees

State of Florida employees are encouraged to take advantage of free tuition available at Chipola College.

Through the State Employee Fee Waiver Program, full-time state employees are eligible for up to six (6) credit hours per semester on a space-available basis. Certain fees may not be covered by the program. Late registration fees will not be assessed for state employees utilizing the fee waiver.

Registration for state employees using the fee waiver begins Thursday, Aug. 21—the first day of Fall classes—and continues through the end of late registration on Aug. 28.

Some courses do not qualify for the waiver, including: on-line, directed individual study, non-college credit, workforce development clockhour, continuing education, and limited access programs such as Nursing and Fire Science Technology.

To enroll, complete an Application for Admission by Aug. 6 and provide high school or college transcripts. Request a State Employee Tuition Waiver Form from the Registrar's Office or print one at [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu). Complete the form and obtain the signature from the state employer's human resources department. Submit the completed form to the Chipola Business Office in lieu of payment of tuition after registering for classes.

Details of Chipola's State Employee Tuition Waiver program are available at [www.chipola.edu/fiscal/waiver.htm](http://www.chipola.edu/fiscal/waiver.htm), or by calling 850-718-2203.