Chipola Spring Registration is January 5-6

Registration for Spring classes at Chipola College is set for Jan. 5-6. Returning student registration and new student testing is Jan. 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration for new and returning students continues on Jan. 6, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Classes begin Jan. 7.

Chipola’s open-door policy guarantees acceptance to any student with a standard high school diploma. 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 or college transcript.

Chipola offers day and evening courses, as well as independent study and online courses in more than 40 individual programs.

Auto Tech program wins Exemplary Award

Automotive professor John Gardner was recently presented the Occupational and Workforce Education Commission’s Exemplary Practice Award at the 59th Annual FACC Convention.

Chipola’s automotive program provides a platform for employment in a rewarding high-wage career. Students learn on computer stations which can be accessed by the instructor through a network of wireless laptops via a central file server. The program is open-entry/open-exit system. Both entry-level and experienced technicians can access any area of the curriculum at any time.

Gardner says, “Partnerships with local dealerships, shops, and a strong advisory committee afford students opportunities such as industry based curriculum, industry tools, and training in all fields of the automotive industry. This powerful partnership has resulted in increased enrollment and retention as well as an increase in employment potential and program completers.”

These partnerships also helped the Chipola program earn master National Automotive Training Education Foundation (NATEF) certification. The college has corporate sponsorships with General Motors, Nissan, Chrysler, Ford, Snap-On Tools, Car Quest, Auto Value, and others.

The automotive program has grown from only 12 students in 2000 to 30 students and a waiting list in 2008. This year nine students completed the program with a 100 percent placement rate. Continued on page 2
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including BS, AA, AS, AAS, Workforce Certificates and Continuing Education.

The college is offering a compressed schedule this Spring with most classes scheduled Monday through Thursday. The four-day schedule is designed to help students save on fuel costs and allow students to work on Fridays. Several Friday-only courses are also offered. These courses meet only once per week for one to four hours depending on the course.

The majority of Chipola students are enrolled in the Associate in Arts (AA) degree program. AA students complete the first two years of college at Chipola and transfer to a four year program at Chipola or another college or university. Curriculum guides outlining requirements for specific majors are available from Student Services and on the college website at www.chipola.edu.

Chipola offers eight Bachelor of Science (BS) degree programs, including: Business Management, Elementary Education, Mathematics Education (5-9 or 6-12), BSN in Nursing, Science Education (5-9 or 6-12) and Exceptional Student Education. The Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) offers Teacher Certification for those with a B.S. in a non-teaching field.

Workforce Development Certificate programs, include: Automotive Service Technology, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Computer Systems Technology, Correctional Officer, Cosmetology, Cross-Over Corrections to Law Enforcement, Cross-Over Law Enforcement to Corrections, Electronic Technology, Firefighter II, Law Enforcement Officer, Masonry Apprentice Training, Surveying and Mapping Technology and Telecommunications. Some workforce programs feature open enrollment which allows students to enroll whenever the college is in session.

Chipola offers more than a dozen Associate in Science (AS) degrees which provide professional training associated with specific careers. These include: Business Administration, Computer Engineering Technology, Computer Electronics, Network Support, Computer Programming, Computer Information Technology, Criminal Justice Technology, Culinary Management, Early Childhood Education, Electronics Engineering Technology, Fire Science Technology, Network Services Technology, Nursing (RN and LPN), Recreation Technology and Telecommunications Engineering Technology.

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) programs are available in Electronic Engineering Technology and Telecommunications Engineering Technology.

Three College Credit Certificate programs are available in Child Care Center Management, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic.

A variety of continuing education programs are offered on campus in areas ranging from Child Care to Real Estate. Through partnerships with www.ed2go.com and www.gatlineducation.com, the college offers open enrollment, online courses in courses like health care, internet graphics/web design, business, law and travel.

For information about college programs, call 526-2761, or visit www.chipola.edu

Chipola Paramedic grads

Thirteen students recently graduated from Chipola College’s Paramedic program.

Dr. Richard Brunner, a graduate of the Chipola Paramedic program in the 1970’s, delivered the keynote address at the ceremony. He is the father of one of the graduates, Charlie Brunner. Dr. Brunner encouraged the graduates to take care of each emergency call, and to continue learning throughout their careers.

Keith D. Maddox AS, EMT-P, Paramedic Program Supervisor said the graduates are now eligible to take the state certification examination.

The graduates are: Drew Williams of Crestview, Derek Smith of Marianna, Charlie Brunner of Marianna, Mandi Edwards of Grand Ridge, Brandi Hollis of Marianna, Candy Gehron of Marianna, Kyle Pikula of Tallahassee, Marcus Bellamy of Cottondale, Chris Murray of Chipley, Dusty Williams of Marianna, Josh Houston of Havana, Kenny Deese of Marianna and Jonathan Kimbrel of Blountstown.

Chipola’s EMT and Paramedic programs are currently accepting applications for upcoming courses beginning Jan. 12. Classes meet weekdays. Acceptance is limited in both programs.

Prerequisites for the EMT Program include: high school diploma or GED and AHA healthcare provider CPR, FDLE background check and satisfactory score on the college placement test. EMT prepares students for employment as ambulance drivers/ambulance attendants, or emergency medical technicians and to treat various medical/trauma conditions.

Both EMT and Paramedic programs are intensive courses designed to prepare the student to function in both rural and urban environments. Both courses require high standards to prepare the student to function successfully in the diverse field of emergency medical services.

For information, contact Keith D. Maddox at (850) 718-2403.

Langston high school hoops classic begins Thursday at Chipola

The Norris D. Langston Youth Scholarship Foundation will hold its annual basketball classic Dec. 18 - 20 in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center on the campus of Chipola College.

The annual Basketball Classic is strictly a prep affair, with the focus on high school basketball teams from around the region. For the Fourth-straight year, the tournament will be held at Chipola as the foundation continues its goal of exposing youngsters to the college environment as a way of expanding horizons beyond high school.

The tournament is sponsored this year by the Florida Department of Lottery. Tickets are $6 per day.

Following is the slate of games. All times are Central Standard.

Thursday, Dec. 18, games include: 4:00 p.m., Bainbridge vs. Bay (girls); 5:30 p.m., Liberty Co. vs. Chipley (boys); 7:00 p.m., Malone vs. PSJ (girls); and 8:30 p.m., Bainbridge vs. Blountstown (boys).

Friday, Dec. 19, games are: 2:00 p.m., Marianna vs. Sneads (girls); 3:30 p.m., PSJ vs. Malone (boys); 5:00 p.m., Cottondale vs. E. Gadsden (girls); 6:30 p.m., Godby vs. Franklin Co. (boys); 8:00 p.m., W. Gadsden vs. Cottondale (boys); and 9:00 p.m., E. Gadsden vs. Marianna (boys).

Saturday, Dec. 20, games are: 10:00 a.m., Godby vs. Marianna (girls); 11:30 a.m., Blountstown vs. Bonifay (boys); 1:00 p.m., Cottondale vs. Sneads (girls); 2:30 p.m., W. Gadsden vs. Chipley (boys); 4:00 p.m., PSJ vs. E. Gadsden (girls); 5:30 p.m., Cottondale vs. Franklin Co. (boys); 7:00 p.m., E. Gadsden vs. Malone (boys); and 8:30 p.m., Marianna vs. PSJ (boys).

The Norris D. Langston Youth Foundation is dedicated to broadening horizons of young people in a six-county swath of Northwest Florida. The organization provides tutoring, mentoring and inspirational programs throughout the region.

Proceeds from the classic benefit the Langston Endowment in the Chipola Foundation. The group has awarded more than 300 scholarships in 9 years with a fourth of those students attending Chipola.

Chipola to offer Nursing Assistant class

Application deadline for Chipola College’s Certified Nursing Assistant program is Dec. 15.

Applicants must submit an application, questionnaire and TABE test scores by this date. This CNA program is designed to prepare Certified Nursing Assistant students for employment as nursing assistants, or to provide supplemental training for persons previously or currently employed in these occupations.

Upon completion, the graduate will be prepared to care for patients in the hospital or nursing home.

The 120-hour program begins Jan. 12. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classroom meetings will take place on the college campus, with clinical experiences in Marianna health facilities.

The class will be limited to 24 students. Upon completion of the course, students will be eligible to take the NACE (Nursing Assistant Certification Exam), written and clinical, for a fee of $93.

Financial Aid may be available through One-Stop, Chipola Foundation or Workforce Development.

For information, call Stacey Sapp at 850-718-2316.

Turkey Bowling

Braytez Barnes rolls a frozen turkey in Chipola College’s recent Turkey Bowling Competition. Bowlers use a real frozen turkey to knock down actual bowling pins. Winners vie for a coveted Chipola Intramurals T-shirt.

Chipola Oral Interp performs

Chipola College recently presented its annual Hour of Oral Interpretation. Pictured from left, are: (front) Heather Alspach, Jillian Stephens, Mandy Wiggins, Shada Mathis (back) Jantzen Bailey, Chris Smith, Quinton Young, professor Carol Saunders, Zack Thomas, Kelli Slater, Kayla Albritton, Cherish Basford, Jessica Lawson, India Hatcher and Christy Uzzell.
MERRY CHRISTMAS. Dr. Gene Prough with FACC, CEA, CCE, and CFA will host the yearly Christmas Breakfast on Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the lobby of Building A from 8-10 a.m. All faculty and staff are invited to attend.

$$$$$$$$$. The John Hudson Memorial Scholarship will be offered for Spring 2009. A $1,000 scholarship toward tuition and/or books will be available.

Applicants must be Marianna High graduates who were involved in an athletic program. A 2.0 high school GPA is required. For applicants in college, a 2.0 cumulative and semester GPA is required.

Application deadline is Dec. 16 at 4 p.m.

For information, call (850) 718-2478.

JAZZMATAZZ 2009. Tickets for the Show Choir’s annual Jazzmatazz are on sale in the Fine Arts Department. Tickets also are available from Show Choir members. Jazzmatazz runs for four nights, Jan. 7-10, 2009.

For ticket information, call 850-718-2277.

FILL YOUR STOCKINGS WITH CASH. It’s time for the Chipola Bookstore Book Buy Back. Because of rough economic times it is our goal to buy back $200,000 worth of student textbooks. We have raised our quantities of needed books and broken up package requirements to give more money back to students. This will also provide more used books for the Spring semester. Our Book Buy Back runs Dec. 10-11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Dec. 15-17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students must have a current student ID to sell books.