Chipola shines at FACC Convention

Chipola College was one of the most talked-about colleges at the 2005 Florida Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention in Tampa.

Chipola garnered numerous honors, including two membership awards and a Distinguished Service Member Award. The Chipola chapter accepted awards for: 50% or Better Membership and Greatest Percentage of Employees as Members (over 180 members).

Chipola Counselor Lindsay Roach was honored with the Distinguished Service Member Award. This award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves by outstanding accomplishment and/or contribution to local, regional, and state FACC endeavors and goals. Roach has been a member of Chipola’s FACC since 1991. He currently serves as chair of the Scholarship Committee which was twice named best scholarship program in the state in the last four years. Under Roach’s leadership the Chipola FACC foundation endowment has grown to over $100,000 with the chapter awarding more than $50,000 in scholarships. Roach also

Chipola Counselor Lindsay Roach was honored for his contributions to the local, regional and state organizations with the Distinguished Service Member Award. Pictured is FACC Chief Operating Officer Mike Comins (right) presenting the award to Roach.

Chipola board evaluates president and approves employee raises

The Chipola College District Board of Trustees evaluated college president Dr. Gene Prough and approved a salary increase for college employees during the board’s regular monthly meeting, Nov. 22.

All nine board members rated the president’s performance as excellent, the highest rating available on the evaluation. In a summary of the trustees’ comments, board attorney Gerald Holley stated, “Dr. Prough received an excellent evaluation and is to be commended for a job well done.”

Seven trustees listed Prough’s strengths as: “love and concern for people,” “having a vision for the future of the college,” “having the ability to employ the right people,” “having a good relationship with legislators,” and “making the campus student-friendly.” In the general comments section, one trustee noted, “the president not only loves the college and its people, but also looks to the future and the legacy of Chipola College.”

Following the meeting, Prough said, “It is a privilege to serve as president of Chipola College. I believe this is one of the finest colleges in the country. I look forward to working many more years to provide opportunities for our students.”
serves FACC at the state level as an executive board member of the Student Development Commission and as the Region 1 Representative on the Awards Committee.

Lou Kind, Learning Resources Technology Coordinator and Current FACC Chapter President, was honored as the Chipola College Unsung Hero for her outstanding work in the chapter. Lillie Hamil, Public Relations Secretary, was honored with the Region 1 Unsung Hero for her outstanding contributions to the region. Alice Pendergrass, Foundation Treasurer; Margie Williams, Director of Continuing Education; Sandra Harrell, Assistant Athletic Director; Rachel West, English Instructor; and Joyce Traynom, Executive Assistant to the President were awarded LifeSaver Awards for their help in regional activities.

Alice Pendergrass, 2004-05 Chipola Chapter President, accepted the Region 1 Chapter of the Year Award. Evelyn Ward, Publications Coordinator and Region 1 Director accepted the award for Region of the Year.

Sandra Harrell took the oath of office as the State FACC President. Harrell will serve as president of the state-wide organization in 2006-2007. Several individuals will serve on the Student Development Commission Executive Board: Mandy Suggs, Educational Talent Search Staff Assistant, will serve as the Public Relations Chair; Christen Bennett, Workforce Development Staff Assistant, will serve as the Region One Representative; and Lindsay Roach will serve as the Corresponding Secretary/Membership Chair.

Also attending the convention from Chipola, were: Bud Riviere, Judy Riviere, Gary Cook, Janet Wise, Rebecca Davis, Dr. Gene Prough, Chipola trustees Brenda Taylor, Gina Stuart, Jennie Goodman and Danny Ryals and retired instructor Ruth Davis.

FACC is a statewide organization open to all employees, retirees and trustees of Florida’s 28 public community colleges. FACC provides professional development opportunities for its members, and represents the interests of community colleges before the Florida Legislature.

International pianist to play Chipola theatre

The Chipola Artist Series presents Pianist Nadejda Vlaeva Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, in the Chipola College Theater.

Vlaeva was born in Sofia, Bulgaria, and began playing piano at age five. She has performed in concerts internationally, giving solo recitals in Bulgaria, Russia, Slovakia, Hungary, The Netherlands, Spain, England, Canada, Barbados and in the U.S.

She also has appeared as a soloist with the Budapest Symphony, the Calgary Philharmonic, The Capella Istroptilana in Slovakia, the Edinburgh Symphony and with various orchestras in Bulgaria and Holland. Included among her major awards are the First Prize and Gold Medal at the Liszt competition in Lucca, Italy; and the Yamaha Award for the best interpretation of Brahms, in Weimar. Vlaeva gave her New York debut in the Carnegie Weill Recital Hall in the year 2000.

Tickets—$12 for adults and $8 for ages 18 and under—go on sale Jan. 3 in the Chipola Business Office.

The Core Ensemble will present “Tres Vidas” April 3 in the final offering of the 2005-06 Artist Series.

The series is funded through Chipola’s Performing Arts Fund, 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.

For ticket information, call the Business Office at 718-2220.

Chipola Bookstore fall buyback through Dec. 15

The Chipola Bookstore Fall Buyback will continued through 15. The Bookstore will buyback most nursing titles. Below are buyback prices for the most popular books:

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Continuing Education courses set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer a variety of short courses in the coming weeks. A 10-Hour Childcare Training (special needs) course will meet Dec. 10 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $38. An Internship course will meet Thursdays, Jan. 5 through April 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is $171. A Curriculum For Young Children course will meet Mondays, Jan. 9 through April 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is $171. An Early Care & Education Administrative Overview course will meet Tuesdays, Jan. 10 through April 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is $171. A 20 Hour Childcare Training course will meet Jan. 14 and 21 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $76. A 10 Hour Childcare Training (behavioral observation & screening) course will meet Feb. 4 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $38. A 10-Hour Childcare Training (developmentally appropriate practices, 3-5 year olds) course will meet May 6 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $38.

A Cake Decorating I class will meet Thursdays, Feb. 2 through 23 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $41. A Cake Decorating II class will meet Thursdays, March 2 through 30 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $41. An Advanced Level Cake Decorating III class will meet Thursdays, April 6 through 27 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $41.

A Real Estate Sales course will meet Saturdays, Feb. 4 through March 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $240.

The Continuing Education Department also offers custom motivational workshops for businesses and organizations.

Gatlin Education Services (GES) offers, open enrollment, online courses in: health care, internet graphics/web design, business, law and travel. Register online at www.gatlineducation.com/chipola.

Education To Go offers online programs in: computers, photography, languages, writing, entertainment industry, grant writing, business, sales, accounting, test prep, finance, health, child care, parenting, art, history, psychology, literature, statistics, philosophy, engineering, law and nursing. For dates and course outlines, visit www.ed2go.com/chipola.

For information about any of these non-credit courses, call 850-718-2395.

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Prough became Chipola’s ninth president in October of 2002. He served as executive vice president of the college from 1997 to 2002. Prough first came to Chipola as Director of Vocational Education in 1994.

During the past decade Prough has provided leadership that enabled the college to obtain more than $17 million in building projects and more than $12 million in federal and state grants.

Under his leadership, the Foundation has grown from $2 million to more than $11 million. Endowments and scholarships in the Foundation provide some $600,000 annually in direct aid to students.

Prough, a 1968 graduate of Chipola, also has worked to expand the academic programs of the college which now include bachelor’s degrees in Secondary Science Education and Secondary Mathematics Education.

Prough was granted a five-year rolling contract in November of 2004, and given approval to enter the state Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP). Last year’s action extended Prough’s contract through November of 2010. Terms of the president’s contract will be addressed at the January board meeting.

In other business, the board approved a two percent salary increase for all career, professional and administrative employees filling positions on the table of personnel, during a Nov. 22 board meeting. The raise is effective July 1, 2005.

The board also agreed to cover increases in employee retirement contributions and individual health insurance premiums.

The board authorized college president, Dr. Gene Prough, to give an overall two-percent increase (including an annual step) to faculty employees subject to collective bargaining. The Chipola Faculty Association, the bargaining unit which represents the college faculty, is currently negotiating the annual faculty contract.

Chipola Show Choir Jazzmatazz is Jan. 12-14

Chipola’s award-winning Show Choir will present Jazzmatazz 2006: Design of the Decades in the Chipola Theatre, Jan. 12, 13, and 14, 2006, at 7 p.m. nightly.

The high energy show will feature musical highlights from the 50’s to the present.

Show Choir members are, from left: (front) Shannon Grice of Altha, Parisia Wesley of Graceville, Felicia Gibson of Marianna, Courtney Haile of Marianna (second row) Kendra Mayfield of Chipley, Sarah Cartwright of Marianna, Tara Padgett of Marianna, Janna Ellis of Marianna, Mary Kathryn Tanner of Marianna, (third row) Scott Boyle of Marianna, Mike Milton of Marianna, Bradley Wells of Dothan, AL, Josh Barber of Cottondale, (back row) Nick Melvin of Grand Ridge, Jonathan Dowling of Eufaula, AL, Seth Basford of Grand Ridge, Brad Bunce of Iron City, GA, and Chris Black of Marianna.

Tickets for this annual show are available from Show Choir members beginning Dec. 1. Jazzmatazz tickets make great stocking stuffers if you hurry. Tickets also are available at 718-2277 or 718-2301.
NEW ID CARDS. Beginning Spring Semester 2006, students must acquire new Chipola ID cards. The ID card has been redesigned to eliminate the bar code and the use of the social security number. The new card is already being used; after December, the old card will no longer be valid. In the future, new ID cards will be required each academic year.

To reduce long lines in January, student ID’s will be made in the Student Services Building in Room 107 from Nov. 28 – Dec. 8 during the following times:

- **Monday**: 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday:
- 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wednesday:
- 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday:
- 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Friday:
- 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Students must provide a copy of their paid fee receipt as proof they are currently enrolled. Duplicate receipts may be obtained from the cashier.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER
12 - 13: Final Exams
15: Last Faculty Work Day — Fall
16 - 31: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

JANUARY
1 - 2: NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS
3: Faculty Returns - Spring Term
3: Return Student Reg/Drop/Add
4: New and Return Student Reg
5: Classes Begin
5: Distance Learning Orientation
5 - 6: Late Registration/Drop/Add

THE WEEK

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Deadline for the next issue is noon, **Wednesday, Dec. 7**

Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

DATES TO REMEMBER

Finals December 9 – 13
Fall Grades Available on www.facts.org by Noon, December 15
End of Term Transcript Request needs to be submitted by December 13. Transcripts will be mailed December 15.

REP ON CAMPUS
Jennifer Henry, Chief Recruiter for the College of Pharmacy at the University of Florida, will be on campus on Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the Lobby of Building D from 9 AM until Noon. She will be available to provide an overview of the PharmD Program at UF and its admission requirements and procedures. Interested students should not miss this opportunity.

REGISTRATION FEE:
$25 per session /$45 both sessions
($45 fee for both sessions includes lunch.)