

Chipola This Week

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A newsletter for Chipola College students, employees, and friends

Enrollment up at Chipola College

Chipola College has more students this semester and those students are taking more classes.

Total headcount is up 10.5 percent with 2,160 students compared to 1,954 enrolled in the Spring of 2008. Full Time Equivalency (FTE), an average calculation of the number of hours students take, is up 13 percent to 695 compared to 614 last Spring.

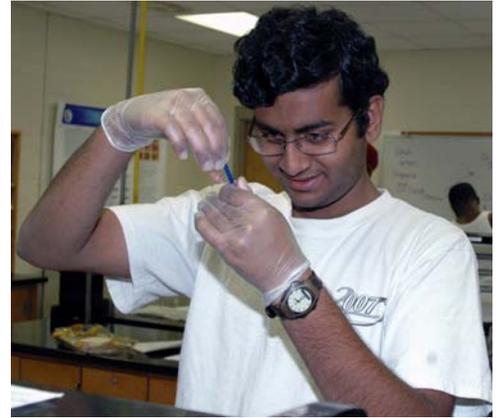
According to Dr. Jayne Roberts, Dean of Enrollment Services, Fall and Spring enrollment has hovered around the 2,000 student-mark since 2002. Roberts reports that the addition of bachelor's degrees to the Chipola curriculum have contributed to the positive enrollment trend as well as the fact that many students choose to attend a college close to home that also offers reasonable tuition.

Chipola vice-president Dr. Kitty Myers reports enrollment of 154 students in the college eight bachelor's degree programs for the 2008-09 year. Since the RN to BSN, and BS in Elementary Education and Exceptional Student Education were initiated in August of 2008, only juniors in these programs are included in the 154 total. The group also includes seniors in the BAS in Business Management, who will graduate in August of 2009.

Dr. Myers, said, "Our graduation, certification, and placement rates are great and we are proud to be instrumental in producing a new generation of educators, business leaders, and health professionals for our district. As a new State College, we will be in the position to offer additional bachelor's degree programs to expand educational access to our students."

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough said, "We are pleased that so many students are taking advantage of the opportunities available at Chipola. It is our goal to make college more accessible to the citizens of our district."

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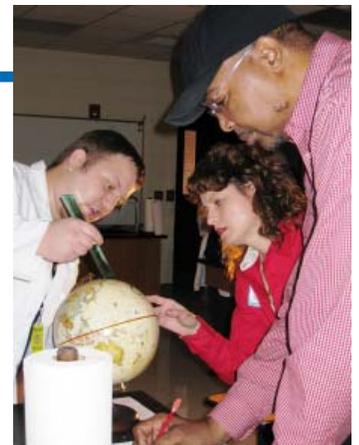
Chipola Future Educators host teacher workshop

Some 43 area teachers attend the Chipola Future Educators Club second Annual Future Educators Workshop on Jan. 24.

Dr. Cherry Ward, a professor in the Chipola education program, said, "The FEC Workshop was a huge success! Teachers were able to learn and practice new strategies that will enhance their classroom instruction. Many workshop participants commented that they were shown techniques that would make them more informed, proficient educators. This was also a wonderful opportunity for networking and the sharing of ideas."

The Future Educators Club is group of Chipola students who are pursuing a teaching career. The 17 members who participated in the event conducted workshops, modeled lesson techniques and shared resources. Panhandle Area Educational Consortium offered in-service points for the workshop.

Several area businesses donated goods and funds for the event, including: Donut Land Express, Pizza Hut, Wal-Mart, Hungry Howie's, Domino's, Skins and Bubbas BBQ, Blockbuster, The Chocolate Gallery, Bailey's Surf and Turf, Sassy Sizzors, Orange Hill Express, KFC, Arby's, Po-Folks, Chipola Area Groundwater Outreach Program, Chipola Bookstore, Ruby Tuesday, Sweet Stuff Bakery, Marianna Office Supply, Grocery Outlet and Outback Steakhouse.



Pictured from left, are: Chipola FEC member Danny Rutherford, Tanya Wiggins of Golson Elementary and Wayne Tanner of Marianna Middle.

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

2 MONDAY

- ◆ SGA — 2 p.m., Q111

3 TUESDAY

- ◆ BCM Prayer Meeting — 8:15 a.m., Dorm
- ◆ Executive Council — 9 a.m., A 192
- ◆ Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., A156

4 WEDNESDAY

- ◆ Blood Drive — 9 a.m. — 2 p.m., Z
- ◆ BCM Bible Study — 10 a.m., A156
- ◆ Faculty Meeting — 3 p.m., Z116

5 THURSDAY

- ◆ FCA Huddle — 7 p.m., H108

6 FRIDAY

- ◆ Academic Directors — 9 a.m., A192
- ◆ Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic—10/12:30/3/5:30 p.m., BC
- ◆ CC Baseball vs. Walters State—10 a.m., BC
- ◆ CC Baseball vs. San Jacinto—12:30 p.m., BC

7 SATURDAY

- ◆ ACT Test
- ◆ CC Basketball vs. TCC — Women 5:30/Men 7:30 p.m., R
- ◆ Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic—9:30/3/5:30 p.m., BC
- ◆ CJC Alumni Game/Home Run Derby—Noon, BC
- ◆ CC Baseball vs. College of Southern Nevada—3 p.m., BC

8 SUNDAY

- ◆ Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic—10/12:30 p.m., BC
- ◆ CC Baseball vs. St. Petersburg—12:30 p.m., BC

Chipola hosts Northwest Florida for Homecoming

Chipola hosts Northwest State (formerly OW), Saturday, Jan. 31, for Homecoming. The women's game tips off at 5:30 p.m.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough and his wife Priscilla will host a reception for alumni and friends beginning at 6 p.m. The 2009 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned during halftime of the men's game which begins at 7:30 p.m.

The **Chipola Lady Indians** (5-1) moved into first place in the conference race with a convincing 68-42 win over arch-rival Gulf Coast (5-2) on Jan. 27. Other conference teams include PJC (4-2), NWF (2-4) and TCC (0-7).

Latoya Williams led Chipola with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Sequoyah Griffin scored 9 points and pulled in 7 rebounds. Marnesha Hall, Ashlie Billingslea and Georgian Williams scored 6 apiece.

Chipola coach David Lane was pleased with his Lady Indians' performance. "We had a pretty balanced effort. We out-rebounded them, 47-38. The big key was that we only had 13 turnovers for the whole game. Usually that is what we have during the first 10 to 20 minutes. We had 19 second chance points to their 4."



Enrollment, *continued from page 1*

Chipola offers college credit courses during the day and evening, and also online and through independent study. The college awards the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree, a two-year degree that guarantees acceptance to Florida's 11 public universities. The college also offers eight different bachelor's degrees in Business, Nursing and Secondary Education with majors in middle and high school mathematics and science. Chipola also offers Associate in Science degrees and certificates in Workforce Development programs that provide training for high wage jobs. Several Workforce programs feature open-enrollment throughout the semester.

The Continuing Education Department offers lifelong learning opportunities in a variety of areas ranging from computers to real estate. Custom courses and workshops also are available for businesses and organizations.

Chipola's University Center offers classes on the Chipola campus leading to bachelor's degrees and advanced degrees from the University of West Florida, Florida State University and Troy University.

For admission information, call 850-718-2211, or visit www.chipola.edu

Chipola lead 39-27 at the half. Gulf Coast cut the lead to 45-40 with 11 minutes to go, but Latoya Williams hit a key three to stretch the lead to 8. That shot started a 21-0 run and Gulf Coast scored only two more points in the final 10 minutes.

The Lady Indians scored a big 62-46 win over Tallahassee on Jan. 24. Latoya Williams led Chipola with 18 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks.

The top-ranked **Chipola Indians** swamped Gulf Coast 83-46 on Jan. 27. Casey Mitchell led Chipola with 19 points and 7 rebounds. Gary Flowers scored 16 points with 5 rebounds. Justin Brownlee had 13 points and 6 rebounds. Malcolm Armstead had 9 points and 4 rebounds.

The Indians needed extra time to pull off an 86-81 overtime win over Tallahassee on Jan. 24. Chipola's Malcolm Armstead hit a 3 point buzzer beater at the end of regulation to send the game into OT. The Indians knocked down key free throws for the win.

The Indians (6-0) lead the Panhandle Conference, and the state and national polls. GCCC (4-3) is second in the league TCC (3-4) is third. PJC is (2-4). NWF is (1-5).

Cheerleading Extravaganza is Feb. 8

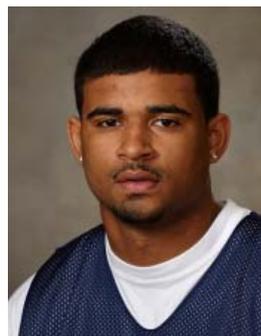
The Chipola Cheerleaders will host the annual Cheerleading Extravaganza Sunday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. at the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Squads will compete at the middle school, junior varsity, and varsity levels. Several all star squads are scheduled to perform exhibition routines. Squads will be competing from Florida, Alabama and Georgia.

General admission is \$5 for school age and up.

For more information, call 850-718-2322.

Mitchell breaks free throw record



Casey Mitchell

Chipola College men's basketball player Casey Mitchell broke the NJCAA record for most consecutive free throws in a community college basketball game when he made 25 straight in Chipola's overtime win over Tallahassee on Jan. 24.

The 6-5 sophomore from Savannah, Ga., made 25 consecutive free throws before missing his 26th and final attempt of the game. The old NJCAA record of 24 has stood since 1969.

Mitchell leads the state in free three percentage connecting on 83.8 percent. He also is the fourth leading scorer in the state among all junior college players averaging 21.6 points per game.

Mitchell's new record is one better than the NCAA record of 24 which was set in 1959. Dominique Wilkins' NBA record of 23 consecutive free throws was set in 1992.

Mitchell will be in action again Saturday, Jan. 31, when the Indians Northwest State in the Milton H. Johnson Center. The game tips off at 7:30 p.m.

Chipola baseball opens 2009 season Friday - Alumni event set for Feb. 7

The defending state champion Chipola Indians open the season at home Friday, Jan. 30, with a 1 p.m. game against Darton.

The Indians are ranked first in the state FCCAA Baseball Polls. Panhandle conference rival Pensacola is fifth in the poll. Tallahassee is ninth.

Chipola coach Jeff Johnson has invited several major league ball players to attend Chipola College's second annual Baseball Alumni Weekend, Feb. 6-7.

The weekend's events begin at 12:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6, with an Alumni Baseball Golf Outing at Indian Springs Golf Course.

The alumni events are scheduled in conjunction with the Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic. Chipola, the 2007 JUCO National Champion, will play host to three of the top JUCO teams



in America, including Walters State, 2006 JUCO National Champion; the College of Southern Nevada, 2003 National Champion; San Jacinto, five time JUCO National Champion and St. Petersburg College, 2006 JUCO National Runner-Up.

The Rahal-Miller Classic begins Friday, Feb. 6, at 12:30 p.m., with Chipola vs. Walters State. Chipola plays San Jacinto at 3 p.m.

The action heats up Saturday, Feb. 7, with a 3 p.m. game featuring Chipola and the College of Southern Nevada.

Several big name major league baseball players are scheduled to provide instruction at a Chipola Baseball Alumni Youth Camp on Saturday, Feb. 7. Ages 6 to 12 are invited to register the morning of the camp which is set for 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$50. There is no pre-registration. An Alumni Game and Home Run Derby is set for noon Saturday at the Chipola field.

The final event of the weekend is a game between Florida powers Chipola and St. Petersburg, Sunday, Feb. 8, at 12:30 p.m.

Current major leaguers expected to participate in the clinic and home run derby, include: Russell Martin, Adam Loewen, Jose Bautista, Matt Gamel and Jeff Mathis. Mathis was drafted out of Marianna High, but he has many friends from Chipola, including his brother Jake Mathis who played for Chipola.

Minor league players scheduled to appear include Cole Armstrong, Tyler Flowers, Steve Clevenger, Rene Tosoni, Alan Horne and Jaye Chapman. Former Chipola stars Charlie Dees, Blake Balkcom, Jake Mathis, Jonathan Swearingen and many others are expected to attend the event.

For information, contact Brent Shelton at 850-718-2332, or email sheltonb@chipola.edu.

Chipola Brain Bowl teams finish first and second in sectional

The Chipola Gold and Blue Teams finished first and second in the NAQT (National Academic Quiz Tournament) North Florida Sectional held Jan. 24 at Tallahassee Community College.



Anthony Garrett

The Chipola Gold sophomore team went undefeated (12-0) to claim their fourth tournament win this year. Chipola Gold has won four of five junior college tournaments during the 2008-09 season. The Gold Team averaged 325 points per game, the highest average for any team in the nation.

The Chipola Blue freshmen team (11-1) finished the tournament with one loss, losing to Chipola Gold in the rare Chipola vs. Chipola championship round.

All nine Chipola players finished in the top 25 in individual scoring: Anthony Garrett (6th), Ryan Wells (7th), Brad Wells (10th), Nathan Hooppell (11th), Ethan Hewett (13th), Drew Padgett (15th), Cody Pickens (17th), Jordan Belser (18th) and Anthony Berkeley (22nd).

The Tallahassee tournament was one of seven sectionals played throughout the United States this past weekend. The winner in each sectional receives an automatic berth into Intercollegiate Championship in Orlando on Feb. 27-28. Both Chipola teams

have qualified for the Intercollegiate Championship in Orlando on Feb. 27-28. Defending national champion Valencia is the only other college with two teams in the national championship.

The 2009 season will mark the first time that NAQT has held a separate community college national championship. NAQT has named a community college national champion since 2002, but that determination has been made part of its overall Division II competition. A total of 16 teams will qualify for the chance to claim the national title. Chipola was the runner-up team in the 2008 national tournament, losing in the final to Valencia Community College.

Chipola Gold team members are: Jordan Belser, Anthony Garrett, Brad Wells, and Ryan Wells.

Chipola Blue team members are: Nathan Hooppell, Ethan Hewett, Drew Padgett, Cody Pickens, and Anthony Berkeley.

Brain Bowl coach Stan Young said, "I want to personally thank our faculty for the dedication they show in the classroom every day. Our students are really showing their merit and we all should be proud. I also want to thank our administration and the physical plant for their support. Other schools do not seem to have the overwhelming support we receive here at Chipola and it really makes a difference. A special thanks goes to Joy Ree Ashmore for volunteering to keep the statistics for the tournaments and to Brain Bowl assistant coach Robert Dunkle for the countless hours he dedicates in helping me prepare our team."

Wear Red for Women, Feb. 6

All students and college employees are encouraged to wear red on Friday, Feb. 6 in recognition of “Go RED for Women” Love Your Heart national campaign.

The American Heart Association promotes the campaign to increase awareness, especially among women, and offer important guidelines for lifestyle changes that will help them “live longer and stronger.”

Heart Disease is the leading cause of death for American women claiming nearly 500,000 lives each year. One in three women will die of heart disease or stroke, compared to one in 30 from breast cancer.

Various community partners along with the Jackson County Health Department, are participating in the “Go RED for Women” Love Your Heart national campaign. The Health Department will offer a variety of free screenings including blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), blood glucose and weight screenings. For information, call 526-2412 ext. 157.

Throssell Literature/Language Festival set at Chipola

Chipola College will host the Nineteenth Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival on Friday, Feb. 13.

Currently enrolled juniors or seniors from high schools in the Chipola District will compete in writing, speech, oral interpretation, humanities, grammar/mechanics/usage, literature, reading and Spanish competitions. Recognition will be given to first, second, and third places and two honorable mentions in each competition. A monetary award will be given to the first place winner of the President’s Reading contest.

The festival will begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude with the awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Lunch, compliments of the college, will be provided to the contestants and their sponsors. Participants also will see a preview of the upcoming Chipola musical, “Back to the 80’s . . . The Totally Awesome Musical.”

Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, said, “We are looking forward to hosting our nineteenth festival. It is always a pleasure to have area high school students on our campus for a day of rigorous, academic competition.”

Firearms course set at Chipola

Chipola College will hold a 16-hour Firearms Familiarization course March 23-26 at the Reddoch Firing Range on the Blue Springs Highway.

Successful completion of the course may be used in applying for a Concealed Weapons Permit.

The 16-hour course will meet from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Registration and payment of the \$60 fee can be paid on the first night of class. Please call to reserve a place. Class size is limited.

For information, call Doris Williams at (850) 718-2394 or e-mail williamsd@chipola.edu.

GATOR AID. The University of Florida’s Financial Aid Application Guide has arrived and is now available in Student Services. This Guide is for students planning to attend UF beginning in either the Fall of 2009, the Spring of 2010, or the Summer of 2010.

Students should complete the financial aid application process as soon as possible. For the 2009-2010 award year, the University of Florida has established an “on-time” application deadline of March 15. This means students who wish to have aid available for fall term expenses will need to file their FAFSA in time for the results from their need analysis to reach UF by March 15.

HONORS SPEAKERS. Chipola Honors alumnus T.J. Walker will address the Honors program, Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. in Jackson Hall. T.J. was a Guistewite Scholar and a member of the All USA Academic Team. He will speak on his experiences in China and the joy and difficulty in learning the language for his International Business degree.

Joan Elmore, from Jackson County Extension Office, is scheduled for Feb 18. She will discuss financial issues including credit cards, student loans and credit ratings.

RECRUITER ON CAMPUS. A.U.S. Army recruiter will be available in the hallway of the Social Science Building (C) on Tuesday, February 3, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Expected Disbursement date for Financial Aid Checks (Pell, Bright Futures, etc.) is Feb. 14.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEBRUARY**
- 13 CAAP Reg Deadline for Mar Test
 - 13 Literature/Language Festival
 - 17 District Board of Trustees
 - 19 FCC Membership Mtg
 - 20 Last day to Vertically Transfer
 - 21 CLAST Exam
 - 24 Night Students Social
 - 26 Deadline to Apply for BS Grad
 - 26 Music/Theatre Scholar Auditions
 - 27 FTCE Reg Deadline for Apr Test
 - 28 FTCE Exam

THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., **Wednesday, February 4.** Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 6-Feb Mark Ebel
- 8-Feb Bill Ingram

STUDENT IDS. Student ID’s will be made on Tuesdays from 8-11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m. in Building A. All students must obtain a student ID. Replacements are \$10. Bring the white copy of your Fall fee receipt to get your ID.

ATTENTION! Students are cautioned to not leave books and valuables unattended.

BCM INVITES. Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) will sponsor a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in A-156.

They will hold a Prayer Meeting on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. in the Dorm Lobby.

Everyone is invited.

LOCATOR

A- Student Services/ Administration	I- Arts Center J- Theater	Q- Health Science R- Johnson Health Center
B- Library	K- Cafeteria, Bookstore	S- Continuing Ed/Conf Ctr
C- Social Science	L- ACE Lab	T- Pool
D- Fink Natural Science	M- Business/Cosmetology	U- Foundation
E- Physical Plant Office	N- Workforce Devel Labs	Y- Public Service
F- Residence Hall	O- Workforce Devel / Electronics	Z- Literature/Language
G- Math Annex	P- Automotive Tech	BC/SC - Baseball/Softball Complex
H- McLendon Fine Arts		