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Chipola students named to All Florida Academic Team

Chipola Junior College students Stephanie Crisp of Graceville and Kegera Matthews-Lawrence of Grand Ridge are among 125 community college and private college students named to the 2002 All-Florida Academic Team.

The Florida Community College System (FCCS) recently published the elite list that recognizes students not only for honors and awards, but also for sharing of academic attainments, skills and cultural enrichment in their communities.

Students were nominated by their colleges for the USA Today/Phi Theta Kappa-sponsored All-USA Academic Team. By virtue of their standing in that national competition, the All-Florida Academic Team was chosen. Team members may receive university scholarships as well as scholarships from the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF).

Stephanie Crisp is a Microbiology and Cell Science major with a 3.91 GPA. She plans to transfer to the University of Florida to pursue a career in dentistry. Valuedictorian of Graceville High in 2000, she is attending Chipola on a Valedictorian Scholarship and as a Florida Scholar. She is also a recipient of the National Scholar/Athlete Award from the United States Army Reserve.

Kegera Matthews-Lawrence is an English major with a 3.96 GPA. She works as a Health Information Specialist Supervisor in the Mentally Retarded Defendant Program. She is planning a career as a professor of English and writer. She plans to transfer to Smith College in Northampton, MA to pursue a degree in English and Literature Studies. She was salutatorian of Grand Ridge School in 1987. She currently is a student affiliate in the American Association of University Women, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Officer, Florida Literacy Coalition tutor for Jackson County Public Library, CJC English tutor, Literacy Volunteer for Hope School and a Member of Altrusa. She has worked as a HOSTS Program Mentor at Chattahoochee Elementary School, Gadsden County Meals on Wheels Program and coordinator of the Florida
Chipola gearing up to host State Basketball tournament

Sixteen of Florida’s hottest junior college basketball teams will fight it out on the hardwood in the Men’s and Women’s JUCO Basketball State Tournament, March 6-9 in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

“I am very excited about the upcoming state tournament,” CJC president Dr. Dale O’Daniel said. “The tournament not only brings a sense of excitement to Marianna and the rest of Chipola’s district, but also brings in finances that boost our economic vitality. I look forward to seeing everyone enjoying some great division one men’s and women’s JUCO basketball.”

More than 2,000 people are expected to come to Marianna for the tournament, and it is estimated that these visitors will inject $250,000 into the local economy from food, lodging and recreational expenses. Karan Davis, who coordinates lodging for the participants, reports that 176 hotel rooms have been reserved for team members and game officials. This number does not include rooms that will be occupied by fans and coaches coming to scout players.

Alice Pendergrass, tournament coordinator, estimates that 200 volunteers assist with the tournament. There are 21 committees of volunteers ranging from concession stand workers to team hosts. Team hosts serve as a friendly local face to welcome the visiting teams and to assist them during their stay. Hosts provide spirit bags for players and attend their games. A Kickoff Dinner for players, coaches and tournament volunteers is set for Tuesday, March 5 in the CJC Arts Center.

Chipola hosted the first state tournament in 1961 and 35 years later, the men’s tournament returned to CJC. Chipola hosted the first-ever combined men’s and women’s tournament in 1997 and has continued to be the site of the annual competition.

The Chipola Appreciation Club puts up more than $19,000 in a bid to the FCCAA to host the tournament here and is contracted to host the event through 2006.

Waste Management, Inc. is the corporate sponsor for the event. District manager Len Necaise recently donated $10,000 to the CJC Appreciation Club to help fund the tourney. Chipola also received a $10,000 grant from the Jackson County Tourist Development Council to help cover promotional expenses for the tournament.

Men’s first-round action is Wednesday, March 6. Women’s first-round games are Thursday, March 7. Game times are 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m. Men’s and women’s semi-final games are Friday, March 8 with the men’s teams playing at 1 and 6 p.m. and the women playing at 3 and 8 p.m. The men’s championship is Saturday, March 9 at 5 p.m. followed by the women’s title game at 7:30 p.m.

Advance tickets are on sale now. Tournament passes are $25 for adults and $15 for students. Session (two games) tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for students. The college is also selling official tournament T-shirts, commemorative shirts and official tournament programs.

To order tickets or souvenirs or for more information about the tournament, call Alice Pendergrass at (850) 718-2370, or visit the official tourney website at www.chipola.cc.fl.us.

Chipola baseball/softball doing well

The Chipola men’s baseball team improved to 14-2 with a 10-1 win over Lake City Community College on Feb. 19.

Chipola had 10 runs, 16 hits and no errors. Lake City had 1 run on 2 hits and committed 2 errors.

Leading hitters for CJC were Ivan Naccarata, 3 for 4; Randy Roth, 2 for 4; Blake Balkcom, 3 for 4; Scott Warene, 2 for 5; and Victor Alvarez, 2 for 3.

Starting pitcher Johnny Lynch (2-1) picked up the win. He went 5 innings, allowed 2 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, walked 2 and struck out 5. Chad Farr, Chad Coffee and Kellen Ludwig also saw action on the mound. The trio of relievers did not allow a hit and combined to strike out 5.

Head Coach Jeff Johnson said, “We were very impressed with our pitching staff. They came in and threw strikes and only walked two batters.”

The Indians host Darton Monday, Feb. 25 at noon. The Indians play 11 games on the road from Feb. 23 through March 3. The Indians begin their defense of the Panhandle Conference title on March 15 when they host Tallahassee at 5 p.m.

The Lady Indians softball team improved to 8-2 after sweeping a double-header from Andrew College (GA). Pitcher Stevie Gray (5-0) pitched a shutout to lead CJC to a 12-0 win in game one. Grey had 9 strikeouts and gave up only 1 hit.

Chipola crushed Andrew 27-2 in game two behind the pitching of Amanda Edwards. Edwards threw 11 strike outs and allowed only 4 hits in her first win of the season. The Lady Indians travel to Meridian, MS to compete in the Rush Classic Tournament Feb. 22 and 23.

The Lady Indians are on the road until March 4 when they host Wabash CC at 4 p.m.

For the latest scores, call the CJC Hotline at 718-2CJC, or visit the CJC web site at www.chipola.cc.fl.us.
Chipola Board welcomes new member

Danny Ryals of Altha served his first official meeting as a member of the Chipola Junior College District Board of Trustees on Tuesday.

Ryals was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to represent Calhoun County on the nine-member board. He replaces Manuel Gatlin whose term expired in 2001. Ryals’ term runs through May 2005.

Ryal’s said, “I’m looking forward to the position. I hope I can be of service to the college and to the people of Calhoun County.”

Ryals is owner of Danny Ryals Real Estate and R and R Warehouses in Blountstown. He is a graduate of Altha High. He also attended Chipola Junior College. He is a member of the Chipola Area Board of Realtors, the Florida Association of Realtors, The Blountstown Rotary, the Calhoun Chamber of Commerce and is on the board of directors of the Calhoun County Senior Citizens Association.

Ryals is the son of Gene and Louise Ryals. He and his wife, Lynn, have a four-year old daughter, Audrey Lynn, and a three-year old son, Daniel.

Trustees approved a number of building-related items, including acceptance of bids for remodeling of the college Library. Associated Contractors was the low bidder at $235,309, which included the base bid with selected alternates.

Board members approved phase III documents for two remodeling projects: the college residence hall and the building that formerly housed English, nursing and cosmetology.

The board also approved change orders to the Physical Education Complex (baseball/softball). Substantial completion is expected in mid April. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for April 10.

The board also heard a progress report on the new Health Science building, which is on schedule with substantial completion expected in August.

Also approved by the board:
* The 2002-03 College Calendar with Spring Break set for March 24-28.
* A personnel agenda which included the resignations of Melissa Cauley, social science instructor; Roberta Filkins, custodian and Kay Stripling, social science instructor.

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State Employees Charitable Campaign. Kegera has been awarded the 2002 Florida All-State Team Member, 2001-2002 Reid and Tina Powell Scholarship (Chipola Foundation) and a member of the 2001 National Dean’s List and 2002 Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team.

Kegera says, “My community college experience has provided much more than an academic degree. It has allowed me an avenue for developing and demonstrating leadership, making contacts in the community and being a voice in the college. By taking advantage of the programs and organizations Chipola has to offer, I have found a way not only to help myself, but also to help many others.”

Chipola to offer short courses

Chipola will offer a variety of short courses during the months of February and March.

In the field of insurance: A 40-Hour Insurance Pre-Licensing Course will be offered March 2, 3, 9 and 10 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration is $160. Life Insurance, Annuities and Disability Income will be offered March 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $32.

The following computer courses meet from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.: Access II, March 4 and 5, and PowerPoint I, March 11 and 12. Cost of each computer class is $45.

An Introduction to Photography class will meet on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m., March 4 – April 1.

Workzone Traffic Control Intermediate Training will meet 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 8 and 9. Cost is $200.

A 10-Hour Childcare Training (Behavior Observation Course) will be offered March 9 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $31.

For information about any of these non-credit courses, call the Office of Continuing Education at 718-2395.
UF WORKSHOP

Applications for the USF Frank H. Spain Community College Transfer Scholarship are now available in Student Services. Applicants must have a 3.2 GPA. Deadline for applications is April 30.

Applications for the UCF Community College Transfer Scholarships for AA graduates are now available in Student Services. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1.

IM UPDATE

The IM department reminds all students to take advantage of the Bowling League on Monday and Wednesday nights from 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Kindel Lanes. The bowling is free with a $1.75 shoe rental fee. Call 526-4492 for lane assignments.

Don’t forget Wild Wednesdays and Fast Fridays at 9:50 a.m. in front of the Library. Students have participated in a variety of contests to win a coveted Intramural T-shirt. Just show up to participate.

Chipola Regional Science and Engineering Fair awards

The Chipola Regional Science and Engineering Fair concluded Feb. 15 with an awards ceremony that distributed hundreds of certificates, prizes, trophies and cash to participants from Gulf, Jackson, and Washington Counties.

Two Graceville HS participants—Georgia Britt and Jessica Crutchfield—were selected to advance to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Louisville, KY.

Twelve student projects were selected to advance to the 47th Annual State Science Fair in Lakeland, FL. Senior Division selections included: Georgia Britt of Graceville HS, Jessica Crutchfield of Graceville HS; Junior Division selections included: Angelica Driesbach of Port St. Joe MS, Andrew Furr of Port St. Joe MS, Olivia Lamberson of Port St. Joe MS, Phillip Dorman of Wewahitchka MS, Michael Ingram of Marriana MS, Kenneth Manor of Wewahitchka Elem, Robert W. Floyd of Port St. Joe MS, Kayleigh Lewis of Port St. Joe MS, Kayla Siprell of Port St. Joe MS and James Curry of Port St. Joe MS.

Grand Prize Winners in the Senior Division are: CJC President’s Award, Georgia Britt and Jessica Crutchfield of Graceville HS.

Overall Senior Division winners are: Show Stopper Award, Kody Bidwell of Wewahitchka HS; Best Overall, Georgia Britt and Jessica Crutchfield of Graceville HS.

Overall Junior Division winners are: Best Physical, Robert W. Floyd of Port St. Joe MS; and Best Biological, James Curry of Port St. Joe MS.

Other awards in the junior and senior division are:

Junior Division winners:

Best Physical: Robert W. Floyd of Port St. Joe MS; Best Overall: Georgia Britt and Jessica Crutchfield of Graceville HS; CJC President’s Award: Georgia Britt and Jessica Crutchfield of Graceville HS.

Senior Division winners:

Best Physical: Robert W. Floyd of Port St. Joe MS; Best Overall: Georgia Britt and Jessica Crutchfield of Graceville HS; CJC President’s Award: Georgia Britt and Jessica Crutchfield of Graceville HS.

First Place Winners in the Senior Division are: EV, Jessica Ford of Port St. Joe HS; PH, Mark Juniper of Graceville HS; and Senior Team winners Georgia Britt and Jessica Crutchfield of Graceville HS.

Second Place Winners in the Senior Division are: EN, Kody Bidwell of Wewahitchka HS.

First Place Winners in the Junior Division are: BS, Clayton George of Port St. Joe MS; BI, Angelica Driesbach and James Curry of Port St. Joe MS; BO, Andrew Furr of Port St. Joe MS; CH, Michael Ingram of Marriana MS; ES, Amelia Brockman of Port St. Joe MS; EV, Kenneth Manor of Wewahitchka Elem; EF, Robert W. Floyd of Port St. Joe MS; MH, Brittany Brock of Roulhac MS; MB, Erica Sewell of Roulhac HS; PH, Kayla Siprell of Port St. Joe MS; ZO, Leigh George of Roulhac MS; and Junior Team winners Jordan Pippin and Kristen Holland of Marriana MS.

Second Place Winners in the Junior Division are: BS, Destiny Atkins of Roulhac MS; BO, Olivia Lamberson of Port St. Joe MS; CH, Phillip Dorman of Wewahitchka MS; ES, Josh Hayes of Roulhac MS; EN, Angela Wiley of Roulhac MS; EV, Meleah Lister of Wewahitchka Elem; PH, Kayleigh Lewis of Port St. Joe MS.

Third Place Winners in the Junior Division are: BS, Christina Polston of Graceville HS; BI, Lance Bush of Roulhac MS; BO, John D. Byrd of Port St. Joe MS; CH, Matthew Dodson of Port St. Joe MS; PH, Justin Cutts of Roulhac MS.

Special Awards were presented on behalf of a number of scientific organizations as follows: American Meteorological Society Certificates—Junior Division, Lonnie Washington of Vernon MS; Association for Women Geoscientists—Georgia Britt of Port St. Joe HS; Conservation International—Kody Bidwell of Wewahitchka HS; Eastman Kodak Photographic Award—Olivia Lamberson of Port St. Joe MS; Florida Association of Science Teachers-F.A.S.T.—Olivia Lamberson and Angelica Driesbach of Port St. Joe MS; Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association Award—Kenneth Manor of Wewahitchka Elem; Intel Excellence in Environmental Health & Safety Award—Jessica Ford of Port St. Joe HS; Marriana BPOE Lodge #1516—Robert W. Floyd of Port St. Joe MS; McKee Engineering—Junior Division, Kenneth Manor of Wewahitchka Elem; North Florida Research & Education Center—Junior Division, Andrew Furr of Port St. Joe MS; Senior Division, Jessica Ford of Port St. Joe HS.


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Things You Might Not Have Known

Lady Peseshet of Ancient Egypt (2600-2100 BC) is the world’s first known female physician.