Chipola adds three new bachelor’s degrees

Chipola College received approval today from the Florida State Board of Education to offer three Bachelor of Science degrees: Elementary Education, Exceptional Student Education and Nursing.

Chipola vice-president Dr. Kitty Myers, said, “This is a great day for the college, but more importantly for our students. Having these programs on campus will provide wonderful opportunities for the people that we serve.”

The three new programs will begin in August of this year. The Chipola Enrollment Services Department will accept applications from April 7 through Aug. 5.

Applicants for the BS in Elementary Education and Exceptional Education programs must have an Associate in Arts (AA) degree and have completed the three state-mandated prerequisite education courses. Applicants for the BS in Nursing must have earned the AS degree in Nursing, be licensed Registered Nurses, and have completed all required prerequisite courses.

The addition of the three new programs brings to eight the total number bachelor’s degrees offered at Chipola. The college began offering four-year education degrees in Math and Science in 2004. Several dozen Chipola B.S. graduates are now teaching math and science in area middle and high schools.

Some 50 students enrolled in classes in the Bachelor’s of Applied Science degree in Business which began in January. Three business majors are offered—Supervision and Management, Accounting, and General Management. Students must see and academic advisor to determine which major is most appropriate for them.

“There is tremendous interest in all of the four-year programs. These new degrees will help so many people who cannot commute or relocate to a university,” Dr. Myers said.

With the addition of bachelor’s level programs, Chipola also was designated as an Educator Preparation Institute. The program helps those with a bachelor’s degree in a non-teaching field take classes to earn a teaching certificate.

College president Dr. Gene Prough said, “Chipola opened its doors in the Fall of 1947 to provide opportunity for the people in this area. I am so proud that, 61 years later, we are still creating the opportunities for our students.”

For information about Chipola’s four-year programs call the New Baccalaureate Hotline (850) 718-2492 beginning Monday, February 25, or visit: www.chipola.edu

Chipola Homecoming Court

Members of the Chipola College Homecoming Court are, from left: (front) freshman: Cassie Mitchell of Sneads, Kara Jumper of Graceville; sophomores Sylvianna Garrett of Greenwood, Jessica Lawson of Malone. Ashley Duce of Two Egg; (back) freshmen: Drew Crutchfield of Graceville, Kris Sampson of Marianna; sophomores Erik Blount of Malone, Jantzen Whitehead of Cottondale, and Keith Watford of Graceville. Chipola’s 2008 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola are selected from the sophomore candidates and will be crowned during halftime of the Chipola vs. Gulf Coast men’s game on Saturday, Feb. 23.
Chipola hosts Gulf Coast for Homecoming Saturday

The Chipola College men’s and women’s teams host Gulf Coast Community College for Homecoming, Saturday, Feb. 23, in the final game of regular season. The women’s game begins at 5:30 p.m. and the men tip off at 7:30 p.m. in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

A win over Gulf Coast would give Chipola the Panhandle Conference title. A loss could make the Indians co-champions with OW. Regardless of Saturday’s outcome, Chipola has earned the favorable Panhandle seed in the state tournament due to a 2-1 head-to-head record over OW.


Chipola (11-1) leads the conference race. OW is second at (10-2). GCC is (4-7), TCC is (3-8) and PJC is (1-10).

Chipola still leads the FCCAA state poll. OW is second. TCC is eighth and Gulf Coast is tenth. Chipola is third in the NJCAA national poll. OW is seventh.

Chipola, sparked by a career high five three-point field goals from Mario Little, beat OW 90-81 in front of a sold out crowd on Feb. 16. Chipola connected on ten three-pointers while OW hit a dozen.

Little had a team high 23 points and 7 rebounds for the Indians. Flowers scored 15, pulled in 10 rebounds, and made 7 assists. Teel added 13 points and 4 rebounds. Freshman Jon Keft had 9 points.

Ivey Brothers to headline Honors Dance

The Ivey Brothers band returns to Chipola College for the third straight year to play a benefit dance for the Chipola Honors Program, Saturday, March 1.

The theme for the dance is “Winter in Paris,” and will be held in the arts center—known to locals as the old field house—the same venue where the Iveys played in 1968. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and guests can dance the night away or just reminisce with some great music.

Three brothers—Robert Ivey, Richard Ivey and Wilson Ivey—have made up the core of the group since the mid-60’s. Wilson’s son, Chase Ivey, joined the group in 2004.

The band first performed at a high school dance in 1965, and quickly progressed to college dances at Chipola, FSU, UWF and UF. Their ability to entertain with their versatile repertoire became well known in the Dothan club scene in the 70’s and 80’s. A European tour in 1977 and release of a local hit “It’s Not Worth The Pain” in 1978 made the group’s fame complete.

The Iveys have played with and backed The Pointer Sisters, The Coasters, Jeannie Pruitt, Billy ‘Crash’ Craddock,” and The Platters.

Drummer Robert Ivey is a Chipola history professor who serves as adviser to the Freshman Honors program. Math professor Bonnie Smith, who directs the program with Ivey, says, “The goal of Honors is to equip our local leaders of tomorrow with awareness and understanding which will improve the lives of our citizens. Proceeds from the dance go toward an endowment which provides resources for the many annual projects of the Honors Program. We invite all who value academics to support the program.” Some 70 of the brightest students from the five-county area are enrolled in Chipola’s Honors program which brings thought-provoking speakers to campus and allows students to visit educational sites in other cities.

Dance tickets are $10 and may be purchased from any Honors student or by phoning Smith or Ivey at 526-2761. Tax-deductible gifts for the Honors Endowment may be mailed to the Chipola College Foundation at 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446.

The Lady Indians will conclude their season against Gulf Coast on Feb. 23.

Chipola improved to 7-7 in league play and 21-8 overall with a 48-42 win over Pensacola on Feb. 20. Latoya Williams led Chipola with 16 points.


Chipola’s Latoya Williams scored a season-high 39 points in a 91-40 win over North Florida on Feb. 12. Gekela Clemmons had 16 points and Mamuki had 13 rebounds and 12 points.

The Lady Indians (7-7) are third in the conference race, but only the top two women’s teams in the league make the state tournament this year. Gulf Coast (13-1) and TCC (10-4) will play in the tournament. Chipola and OW are (7-7). Pensacola is (5-9) and North FL is 0-14.

Chipola hosts the State JUCO Tournament March 5-8 in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. The men’s tournament begins Wednesday, with the women’s set to tip off Thursday. Games times are 1, 3, 6 and 8, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Championship games are Saturday, March 8 with the men at 5 p.m., and the women at 7:30 p.m.

Tournament passes—$25 for adults and $15 for students—will get fans into all 14 tournament games. Single session tickets—are $10 each.

For ticket information, call 718-2220, or visit the official tourney web site at: www.chipola.edu

Pictured are, from left: Honors students Kara Jumper of Graceville, Cassie Mitchell of Marianna, Alicia Hatcher of Graceville and Heather Gibson of Marianna.
State JUCO tourney brings thousands$  

More than 2,000 visitors are expected to converge on Marianna for the Florida Junior College Men’s and Women’s State Basketball Tournament set for March 5-8 at Chipola College. Advance tickets are now on sale for the four-day event.

Some 400 basketball players from 16 teams, along with coaches, cheerleaders and fans will fill nearly 200 hotel rooms during the tourney. Numerous Division I College coaches and recruiters also are expected to scout the talent in the competition. Tournament officials estimate that more than $250,000 will flow into the area during the tournament from food, lodging, recreation and incidental expenses.

Tournament administrator Ronnie Myers, a former Chipola player, said, “The tournament is a huge undertaking which requires many volunteers and tremendous financial support. We could not host this event without the generous support of our fans, sponsors and advertisers.”

Waste Management is official host sponsor for the event. Other sponsors include: the Florida Lottery, Florida Credit Union League, Community South Credit Union, Envision Credit Union, Jackson County Teachers Credit Union, Tyndall Federal Credit Union and United Solutions.

The Jackson County Tourist Development Council awarded a $10,000 grant to the Chipola Appreciation Club to help promote and operate the tournament.

Robert Trammell, Chipola Appreciation Club president, said, “Chipola has one of the finest junior college athletic programs in the country and our people put on one of the best tournaments anywhere. The great traditions established here by coaching legend

Chipola baseball team at home this week  

The Chipola Indians baseball team improved to 12-4-1 with a 6-2 win over Darton College on Feb. 20.

Jason Townsend pitched four innings to earn the win for Chipola. A total of eight pitchers saw action on the mound for the Indians. Jordan Lucas led Chipola on offense with two hits and three RBI’s.

Chipola is ranked fifth in the state FCCAA poll behind Miami, St. Pete, Pensacola and Daytona Beach. The Indians are ranked third in the NJCAA pre-season poll behind Central Arizona and Grayson County.

The Indians host Lake City Community College, Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m., at the Chipola stadium.

Chipola hosts St. Petersburg, in a four-game set, beginning with a single game Friday, Feb. 29, at 6 p.m., a doubleheader, Saturday, March 1, at noon, and a single game Sunday, March 2, at noon.

The Indians’ home-stand continues Tuesday, March 4, with a 2 p.m. double-header with Grand Rapids.

Chipola hosts Meridian College in back-to-back doubleheaders, Friday, March 7, at 3 p.m., and Saturday, March 8, at noon.

The Indians’ host Wallace-Dothan at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, in the final pre-conference game before opening league play, Friday, March 14 at Tallahassee at 4 p.m.

For the latest scores, visit www.chipola.edu, or call 718-2CJC.

Coach Johnson honored at Chipola  

More than 125 of Coach Milton H. Johnson’s players, assistant coaches, managers and cheerleaders from Chipola and Campbellton High attended a reunion in the coach’s honor on Feb. 16. Johnson coached hundreds of players during his 40 year career, including at least two father-son sets. Pictured from left, are: Cody Taylor of Bonifay (1969), Zack Taylor of Panama City (1992), Coach Milton H. Johnson, Sydney Granger of Blountstown (1968) and Greg Granger of Blountstown (1992).
Chipola auto students visit Tallahassee Recycling Center

Chipola’s Automotive Technology students recently visited Pick-n-Pull recycling center in Tallahassee. Pick-n-Pull was established in Stockton California in 1985, and provides a cost effective resource for original equipment recycled auto parts. The students got a behind the scenes look at the recycling operation from vehicle purchases through their complete journey to scrap metal. Students pulled $1,200 worth of parts for Chipola program vehicles which were donated by Pick-n-Pull.

Language Foundation helps Chipola

The Norris D. Langston Youth Foundation recently donated $18,000 to the Chipola College Foundation.

The Langston Youth Foundation serves students in ten after-school programs in seven counties—Bonifay Elementary, Gretta Elementary, Havana Elementary, Hosford School, Port St. Joe Elementary and Middle/High School, St. John Elementary, Vernon Elementary and High School, and W.R. Tolar School.

CEO Dr. David Langston says, “I would like to personally thank the Chipola family, our staff in the schools, and the superintendents, principals, teachers, and everyone that plays a role in the success of these programs.”

The Norris D. Langston Youth Endowment in the Chipola Foundation provides scholarships for students to attend Chipola.

Chipola softball at home this week

The Chipola Lady Indians improved to 11-2 after sweeping Darton College (8-5) and (10-1) in a double-header on Feb. 12. Brooke Muth was the winning pitcher in both games.

PBL MEETS. Phi Beta Lambda will meet Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. in M202. All students interested in business are encouraged to attend.

FREE TAX HELP. Chipola business instructor Lee Shook and student volunteers are providing free tax preparation and free electronic filing. The free service—for individual tax returns only—is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Fridays, through April 11. The free service usually takes no longer than 30 minutes. Call (850) 718 2368.

HOMECOMING WINNERS.

The Talent Show winners are: first place—Keith Watford and Dianna Glaze; second place—Kris Sampson and Cassie Mitchell and third place—O.C. Brinkley, Best Solo—Mauntrez Bullock, Best Group—BSU Dance Team and Best Band—Kevin Shores, Nick Melvin, Britney Holmes, Cassie Mitchell and Mauntrez Bullock.

The Building Decoration Contest winners are: first place—Building D, decorated by the Science Club; second place—Building K, decorated by the Cheerleaders and third place—Building M, decorated by Phi Beta Lambda.

JOIN US. Students interested in joining a Debate/Oral Interpretation group are encouraged to contact Erin Witt at 547-5065 or email eronoslookfar@yahoo.com or Carol Saunders at 526-2761, Ext. 3280. The group plans to meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon in Z206.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

26-Feb Virginia Baker
26-Feb Annie O’Pry-Capps
27-Feb Dawn Gray
27-Feb Carol Saunders
28-Feb Sarah Gambill
1-Mar Monroe Rhynes
1-Mar Bud Riviere
2-Mar Dennis Everett

REPs ON CAMPUS. Chipola students interested in pursuing a degree in engineering are invited to meet with FSU-PC engineering faculty on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 11 a.m., in Jackson Hall. A complimentary lunch will be served.

For information call 718-2419 or whitea@chipola.edu

$$. Scholarship information for the ICUF Presidential Access Scholarship is available in Student Services, A-107. Students who are planning to attend one of Florida’s Independent Colleges & Universities should apply.