

## Chipola to offer Bachelor's degree in Business

Chipola College will offer a Bachelor's of Applied Science degree in Business Management beginning in January of 2008.

The State Board of Community Colleges on Tuesday authorized Chipola to add the business degree to its other four-year programs in secondary education.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough said in a written statement, "This is an important day in the history of Chipola College. I am very proud that our students will now have access to a very valuable business degree on our campus. This program has the potential to change the lives of so many of our citizens."

The announcement comes as Chipola is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The college was founded in 1947 to provide the first two years of college and workforce programs for residents of the five-county district. In 2003, the Florida Board of Education authorized Chipola to offer bachelor's degrees in Secondary Education with majors in math and science. Since that time, dozens of math and science teachers have graduated from Chipola College.

Dr. Kitty Myers, Vice President of Instruction and Baccalaureate Program Development, says, "More than 200 potential students who have indicated a strong interest in the business program. This degree appeals to a wide range of students, including: those who have earned an AS or AA degree, those who have started successful businesses, as well as those who need a degree to advance their careers."

Chipola Executive Vice President Dr. Sarah Clemmons states,



College officials made the announcement on Thursday. Pictured from left, are: Executive Vice President Dr. Sarah Clemmons; Board chairman John Padgett, vice president Dr. Kitty Myers and board member Gina Stuart.

"This program will meet the needs of students who cannot commute or relocate to a university." While the program is set to begin in the January of 2008, students should begin preparing now. Clemmons said any student from Chipola's AS programs or AA degree programs will be able to pursue the new degree.

Chipola will offer free tuition to the first 20 junior or senior students admitted into the program. Students must first apply for federal financial aid to qualify.

For information, call 850-718-2276.

## Chipola automotive to offer Thursday evening series

The Chipola College Automotive Technology will present a Thursday night series entitled, "Automotive Training at its Best," March 8 through April 26. All classes will meet from 6 to 9 p.m.

Registration and orientation is set for Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m., in the Automotive Building (P). An agenda and full outline of classes will be available at registration.

The series will include: John Gardner—Strategy Based Diagnostics, CAN Data Bussing with Multiplexing Computerized Scan

Tool Data Diagnostics; Jamie Streetman—Electrical Diagnosis, Fuel Controls; and Gladdin Summerland—Tire Pressure Monitor Systems.

Video Presentations will include: Jim Linder—Fuel System tips with proven test procedures and service techniques (accompanied with workbook); and David Hobbs—How Electronic Modules Communicate (accompanied with workbook).

For information, contact John Gardner at 850-718-2306.

### THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

#### 26 MONDAY

- ♦ Student Government Association — 2 p.m., A156
- ♦ CC Softball vs. Muskegon CC — TBA

#### 27 TUESDAY

- ♦ Executive Council — 9 a.m., A 192
- ♦ BCM Lunch — 12 Noon, Cafeteria
- ♦ Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., Z116
- ♦ VP Council — 2 p.m., Z215
- ♦ Night Student Social — 7 p.m., D Lobby

#### 28 WEDNESDAY

- ♦ Baptist Collegiate Ministries — 10 a.m., H108
- ♦ Black Student Union — 10 a.m., C104

#### MARCH

#### 1 THURSDAY

- ♦ Deadline to Apply for Graduation for Spring Term for AA, AS, AAS & Certificate
- ♦ Deadline to Apply for Graduation for Fall Term for BS
- ♦ BCM Bible Study — 2 p.m., D120

#### 2 FRIDAY

- ♦ FTCE Registration Deadline for April Test

#### 3 SATURDAY

- ♦ Florida Teachers Certification Exam
- ♦ Chipola Softball Invitational — TBA

#### 4 SUNDAY

- ♦ Chipola Softball Invitational — TBA

## Chipola men capture fourth straight Panhandle Conference title

In front of a capacity Homecoming crowd in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center, the Chipola Indians defeated Tallahassee, 100-87, to capture the Panhandle Conference Championship for a fourth consecutive season.

With this victory the Indians (27-2, 10-2) take the state's number one ranking and the Panhandle Conference's number one seed into the FCCAA Tournament on March 8. Chipola will face the runner-up from the Southern Conference, which will be Indian River

Community College, Palm Beach Community College or Broward Community College. Those three teams will decide the seed during a two-day tournament on Monday and Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Tallahassee must settle for a second place finish in the conference. They, too, advance to the FCCAA Tournament and will open play against Hillsborough, the number one seed from the Suncoast Conference.

Leading the Indians against TCC were Ed Berrios with 19 points, 5 assists and 3 steals; Jamarcus Ellis with 18 points and 8 rebounds, Victor Dubovitsky with 17 points and 4 rebounds, Johnny Harris with 14 points and 5 rebounds; and Mario Little with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Indians lost a 67-66 heartbreaker to OW on Feb. 21. Ed Berrios led Chipola with 20 points and 4 rebounds. DeAndre Thomas and Jamarcus Ellis scored 14 apiece. Chipola coach Greg Heiar said, "We got beat on a 40-footer at the buzzer. That's a tough way to lose but it was a hard fought game both ways."

**The Lady Indians** (24-6, 12-3) also earned a Homecoming win and consequently the Panhandle Conference second place seed in the FCCAA Tournament on March 7 with a 81-76 victory over the

Lady Indians.

Chipola's women will also face the Southern Conference Runner-up to be decided during a two-day tournament on Monday and Tuesday.

Tallahassee's women will carry the Panhandle Conference's number three seed and will take on the Mid-Florida Conference Champion.

Leading the ladies were Ra'Shawna Sippio with 16 points and 11 rebounds; C. J. Pace also had 16 points; Lesheria Stevens added 14 points; and Gekeela Clemons had 11 points.

The Lady Indians clinched their spot in the state tournament with a 72-65 win over OW on Feb. 21. Crystal Campbell led with 14 points. Ra'Shawna Sippio scored 11. Lesheria Stevens had 9 points, 9 rebounds and 4 steals. CJ Pace and Gekeela Clemmons scored 9 points apiece.

The Lady Indians (12-3) are second in the conference behind first place Gulf Coast (13-2). TCC (9-6) is third with OW (8-7) finishing fourth.

The Florida Junior College Men's and Women's State Basketball Tournament is set for March 7-10 at Chipola. Tournament passes—\$25 for adults and \$15 for students—will get fans into all 14 exciting tournament games.

The women's tournament begins Wednesday, March 7, with the men's tournament set to tip off Thursday, March 8. Games times are 1, 3, 6 and 8, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The women's championship is Saturday, March 10, at 5 p.m., with the men's championship at 7:30 p.m.

For ticket information, call 718-2220, or visit the official tournament web site at: [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu)



*Chipola's men's basketball team celebrates their fourth consecutive Panhandle Conference championship.*

## Chipola announces art, music and theatre scholarships

Scholarship Audition dates for Music and Theatre scholarships at Chipola College for 2007-08 are set for March 8, April 12, and May 10.

Show Choir auditions are set for April 26. Students majoring in art should submit their application, letters of recommendation, and portfolio no later than April 20 to the Office of Fine and Performing Arts.

Applications in all areas may be obtained by phoning Chipola's Fine and Performing Arts Department at 718-2277 or 718-2301. Applications are available online at [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu) by going to Departments and clicking on "Fine and Performing Arts."

High School graduates with acceptable academic records and music, theatre, and art aptitude who plan to pursue studies as music, theatre or art majors are eligible to apply. Show Choir auditions are open to all students in all majors. Rock and Jazz scholarships are available upon audition for instrumentalists who are not music majors.

Scholarships in various amounts, up to full tuition and fees, are awarded on the basis of talent and academic record. Students with financial need may seek additional assistance through the college's Office of Financial Aid and the Chipola Foundation.

For information, call 850-718-2277 or 850-718-2301.



## Chipola's Literature/Language winners

Some 100 students from 13 area high schools competed in writing, reading, speech, oral interpretation, literature, humanities, grammar, and foreign language contests at Chipola on Feb. 16.

The occasion was the Seventeenth Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival. The purpose of the festival is to recognize and encourage academic excellence.

Prizes were awarded to first, second and third places, as well as two honorable mentions, in each category. The winner of the President's Reading Contest received a special medallion as well as a cash award.

Contest winners from participating schools are listed below.

**President's Reading Award**—Kaitlyn Penney of Altha School.

**Writing:** first—Tabinda Syed of Blountstown High; second—Jackie Bradwell of Liberty County High; third—Stephanie Lawson of Marianna High; honorable mentions—Chelsey Killingsworth of Bethlehem High and Travis Hetzel of Vernon High.

**Speech:** first—Thomas Finan of Sneads High; second—Lindsey Baxter of Malone High; third—Nic Stoltzfus of Blountstown High; honorable mentions—Alicia Hatcher of Graceville High and Nathan Hauser of Bethlehem High.

**Oral Interpretation:** first—Ryan Raven of Vernon High; second—Arielle Batema of Marianna High; third—Caitlin Sanders of Blountstown High; honorable mentions—Amber Hilty of Poplar Springs School and Samantha Hott of Poplar Springs School.

**Literature:** first—Caleb Skipper of Blountstown High; second—India Hatcher of Graceville High; third—Hadassah Jones of Vernon High; honorable mentions—Trey Dennis of Marianna High and Nathan Hauser of Bethlehem High.

## Tickets for "Oklahoma" still on sale

Tickets for the Chipola College Theater production of "Oklahoma" are on sale in the Chipola Business Office.

The award-winning musical opens a five-day run, Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. Additional evening shows are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

Chipola director Charles Sirmon cast the following roles: Mike Milton as Curly, Felecia Gibson as Laurey Williams, Katie Brown as Aunt Eller, Kevin Russell as Will Parker, Jessica Lawson as Ado Annie Carnes, Alex May as Jud Fry, Justin McCoy as Ali Hakim, Charles Sirmon as Andrew Carnes, Shannon Grice as Gertie Cummings, Rowdy Wilbur as Cord Elam and Seth Basford as Ike Skidmore.

Farmers, Cowmen, Farmers' Daughters and Wives include: Spring Taylor, Lee Shook, Aaron Summerlin, Mary-Kathryn Tanner, Charlene Wiggins, Britney Holmes, Julia Martin, Justin Curr, Arthur Obar, Ashley Bruce, Marilee Dalbey, Kristinia Lopez, Chelsea Carroll, Josh Peterson and Chris Manasco.

The production staff includes: Charles Sirmon, director; Joan Stadskev and Angie White, musical directors; Chris Manasco, choreographer; Chris Lauen and Dr. Josh Martin, pianists; and Daniel Powell, conductor.

'Oklahoma' is set in a Western Indian Territory just after the turn of the century. The high-spirited rivalry between local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background against which Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a winsome farm girl, play out their love story.

For information about Chipola Theater, call 718-2227.



**Humanities:** first—Nic Stoltzfus of Blountstown High; second—Matthew Henry of Marianna High; third—Kyle Coley of Graceville High; honorable mentions—Josh Stephens of Sneads High and Shelley Allen of Malone High.

**Grammar:** first—Alicia Hatcher of Graceville High; second—Kara Jumper of Graceville High; third—Cassie Mitchell of Sneads High; honorable mentions—Tabinda Syed of Blountstown High and Hannah Robbins of Cottondale High.

**Foreign Language Contest:** first—Samantha Wadell of Poplar Springs School; second—Quiana Cobb of Marianna High; third—Chavonte Baker of Blountstown High; honorable mentions—Sherisa Forward of Cottondale High and Crystal Shaw of Vernon High.

## Chipola to begin Masonry Apprentice program

Chipola College will begin a Masonry Apprentice Training Program on April 7.

Related instruction will take place on the Chipola campus and will consist of both classroom/text book instruction as well as hands-on practice in a real-time setting. Classroom instruction is scheduled again on April 21 and every other Saturday.

Melvin Dawson, a licensed masonry contractor experienced in apprentice training, will serve as the instructor.

Individuals interested in the training program must be employed by a licensed masonry contractor. Contractors must also agree to sponsor their apprentice employees throughout the length of the program.

The instructional program is sponsored by the Florida Masonry Apprenticeship Foundation and the Florida Bureau of Apprenticeship Training.

Chipola dean of Workforce Bud Riviere, says, "Students enrolled in the program will experience a structured program of on-the-job training with full pay and advancements as well as related classroom instruction designed to increase their level of expertise as a mason apprentice. Employment opportunities, salary and benefits are excellent in this career."

Masonry contractors and their employees interested in the program should contact the Workforce Development Office at Chipola College at 718-2270 to secure a spot in the first class.

**HOMECOMING WINNERS.** The winners of the **Homecoming Talent Show** competition were: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Tina Lester-Smothers; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Amy Redmond; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Bill Covington; Best Female Solo Winner – Parisia Wesley; Best Male Solo Winner – John Wimberly; and Best Group Winner – Kevin Russell, Rowdy Wilbur, Justin McCoy, Katie Brown, Mike Milton and Shannon Grice.

The **Building Decoration Contest** winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Business – Building M, decorated by Phi Beta Lambda; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Cafeteria – Building K, decorated by the Cheerleaders; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Social Science – Building C, decorated by Black Student Union. Thanks to all who participated in making Homecoming Week a little more special!

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**SCHOLARSHIPS.** The **Panhandle Gator Club** has scholarships available for community college transfers that will be attending UF for the first time this year. T

The Bright Futures Plus Scholarship is for students transferring to the **UWF College of Business.**

Any post-secondary student attending a Florida college and planning to major in a computer science/information technology field may apply for the **Dr. Robert W. Sims Memorial Scholarship**

**GATOR AID.** The 2007-08 UF Financial Aid Guide is here. Financial Aid applications are now being accepted by UF. The deadline to be considered “on time” is **March 15.** Late applicants are considered for aid that remains after “on-time” applicants have been awarded.

**All of these applications may be obtained in A-107A.**



**DRAW ME A PICTURE.** Caricaturist Steve Gipson will be on campus Wednesday, March 7 in the lobby of Building D from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by and have your picture drawn. This event is sponsored by SGA and is FREE!



**FREE TAX PREPARATION.** Chipola business instructor Lee Shook and his student volunteers are providing free tax preparation, including free electronic filing.

The free service—for individual tax returns—is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Fridays, **through April 13.** To make an appointment, call 718-2368.



**BLOOD DRIVE.** The bloodmobile will be on campus, Monday, March 5, in front of the Health Science Building from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**BOOKSTORE HOURS:**

*Monday - Thursday*  
7 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
*Friday*  
7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**SUCCESS CENTER HOURS:**

*Monday-Friday*  
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
*Tuesday & Thursday*  
5 - 7:30 p.m.

**TESTING CENTER HOURS:**

*Monday-Thursday*  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
*Tuesday & Thursday*  
5 p.m.

For more information concerning specific tests available, call 718-2284.

**LIBRARY HOURS:**

*Monday - Thursday*  
7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
*Friday*  
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
*Sunday*  
2-6 p.m.



**TROY REGISTRATION.** Troy University offers classes in the field of Counseling and Psychology at Chipola College.

Registration for Troy's Term 4 continues through **March 9.** Classes begin March 12. Students may register with an advisor at the Troy office in the Chipola University Center, Mondays or Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or online at [www.troy.edu](http://www.troy.edu).

Florida residents qualify for in-state tuition.

For information, call 718-2352, or contact Lisa Kitto at 283-4449, or email [likitto@troy.edu](mailto:likitto@troy.edu)



**T-SHIRTS FOR SALE.** Homecoming t-shirts are on sale for \$15 each in the Chipola Bookstore.



**FSU COLLEGE OF LAW.** The Florida State University College of Law invites undergraduate students to take classes in the College of Law, to learn about the Law School Admission Test, meet with prominent attorneys, and learn about the law school admissions process.

There is no cost. Room and board will be provided and selected students will receive a \$500 stipend. Students are responsible for their travel to and from Tallahassee.

This program begins May 21 and runs through June 15. Application deadline is **March 30.** For information, contact Dr. Willie E. Spires in C-106 the Social Science Building.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MARCH**

- 7 Caricaturist Steve Gipson
- 7-10 FCCAA State Basketball Tourney
- 7-11 Spring Production, Oklahoma!
- 19-23 Spring Break Holidays
- 26-27 Auditions for "The Golden Goose"
- 27 District Board of Trustees
- 31 CAAP Exam for AA Spring Grads
- 31 Deadline to Apply for McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship for Summer I 2007

**APRIL**

- 3 Chamber Chorus and Jazz Band Concert
- 4 Spring Frolics - Classes Dismissed
- 9 Last Day to Resign from all Classes
- 9 Artist Series: Orlando Opera Co
- 10-11 Early Registration Summer I & II for Currently Enrolled Students
- 11 SGA Blood Drive
- 12 Night Students Social
- 17 District Board of Trustees
- 19 Awards Ceremony
- 20 College Application Deadline - SSI
- 21 Florida Teachers Certification Exam
- 24 Early SSI Reg Payment Due
- 27 Last Class Day Spring Term
- 30 Final Exams

**MAY**

- 1-2 Final Exams
- 3 ADN Pinning
- 3 Graduation

**THIS WEEK**

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

Deadline for the next issue is noon, **Wednesday, Feb. 28.** Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).



**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.**

- 26-Feb Annie O’Pry-Capps
- 27-Feb Carol Saunders
- 1-Mar Monroe Rhynes
- 1-Mar Bud Riviere
- 2-Mar Dennis Everett

**LOCATOR**

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



## FACC Heroes

FACC would like to thank the following Chipola departments and organizations for volunteering to work basketball concession stands. Proceeds from all concessions sales go toward the Chipola FACC Scholarship Endowment. FACC makes a difference with everyone's help!

*Evelyn Ward and Lillie Hamil, Basketball Concessions Co-Chairs*



*Business Department - January 20*



*Business Office - January 23*



*Phi Theta Kappa - January 26*



*Workforce Development - January 30*



*Library - February 3*



*Enrollment Services - February 10*



*Natural Science Department - February 24*