Late registration for Spring 2008 continues through Jan 11

Late registration for the 2008 Spring Semester at Chipola College continues through noon on Jan. 11. State of Florida employees using the state fee waiver may register Jan. 4-11. Classes begin Jan. 4.

Chipola’s open-door policy allows any student with a high school diploma to enroll after completing an application and providing high school or college transcripts.

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 which guarantees acceptance to Florida’s public universities. Chipola also offers Bachelor’s degree programs in Business Administration and Secondary Education and Middle School Education with majors in Mathematics or Science. Chipola also offers several Associate in Science (AS) programs, as well as a number of Workforce Development programs which provide training for high wage jobs. Chipola’s University Center provides opportunities for students to pursue a number of bachelor’s and graduate degrees from FSU, UWF and Troy on the Chipola campus.

For more information, call the Chipola Registration Office at 718-2211, or visit Chipola at www.chipola.edu

Donofro & Associates add to Chipola scholarship

The firm of Paul A. Donofro & Associates recently made an additional contribution to the Paul A. Donofro & Associates Architects Scholarship Endowment at Chipola College. Here, Paul Donofro, Jr., (center) presents a check to Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough (right) and Foundation Director Julie Fuqua (left). The scholarship is awarded in the Fall of each school year. Architecture majors receive first consideration for the scholarship, followed by Visual Arts majors. Applicants must be residents of the Chipola five-county district and have a minimum 2.5 high school GPA.
Indians open conference race in Tallahassee

Both Chipola basketball teams open the conference race Saturday, Jan. 5, at Tallahassee. The games will be broadcast by Deep South Sports on WJAJ—100.9 FM.

The Lady Indians host North Florida on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 5:30 p.m. Both Chipola squads return home to host OW, Saturday, Jan. 12.

The Lady Indians improved to 14-1 with a 75-64 win over South Georgia Tech on Jan. 2. Chipola led 33-19 at the half. Latoya Williams led Chipola with 24 points. Lesheria Stevens had 14 and Jamia Akins had 11. Gekeela Clemmons and Ashley McCray scored 10 apiece.

The Lady Indians are second in the FCCAA poll behind Gulf Coast. OW is fourth. TCC is eighth and Pensacola is ninth.

Chipola is sixth in the NJCAA national poll. Gulf Coast leads the NJCAA poll and OW is number 15.

Chipola’s Latoya Williams was named FCCAA Women’s Basketball Player of the Week for the last week of December. Williams, a first-year player from Gainesville, led the nationally-ranked Lady Indians to a hard-fought 63-57 road victory at Georgia Perimeter on Dec. 14. Williams’ double-double, 29 points and 13 rebounds, enabled the Lady Indians to stave off GPC’s upset bid.

The Lady Indians scored a 73-60 win over Palm Beach on Dec. 8. Ashley McCray led Chipola with 18 points and six rebounds. Williams had 16 points and 9 rebounds. Gekeela Clemmons added 11.

Chipola chalked up a 70-59 win over Miami-Dade on Dec. 7. McCray led Chipola with 17 points and four rebounds. Jamia Akins had 15 points, three assists and a pair of steals. Williams had 11 points and four rebounds.

The Lady Indians are the defending state champions having won the state title three years straight. The squad finished fifth in the 2007 national tourney.

As a team, the Lady Indians are averaging 74 points per game, and giving up only 56 points per contest.

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

Chipola to hold auditions for spring musical

Chipola College Theatre will hold open auditions for the spring musical “How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying,” Jan. 14 and 15 at 6 p.m.

Singers, dancers and actors ages 16 and up are needed. No experience is necessary.

The popular Broadway hit centers around J. Pierpont Finch, a young but bright window-cleaner who buys a book “How To Succeed In Business” and following its advice joins the multi-national but poorly-connected “World-Wide Wicket Company.”

Starting from the mail-room he rises to Vice-President in Charge Of Advertising using sneaky ways so that the person above him gets either fired or moved to another section of the company.

He also starts slowly falling in love with secretary Rosemary Pilkington. Meanwhile, company president, J.B. Biggley, tries to have an affair with drop-dead gorgeous bubble-head Hedy LaRue, but she becomes a weapon used both by Finch and Bud Frump, Biggley’s bratish and annoying nephew, who believe that he should get all the breaks and not Finch. Can Finch rise to the top or will it all go down in flames?

For information, contact Charles Sirmon, Director of theatre at 850-718-2227.
Chipola Foundation holds annual meeting

Chuck Hudson of Marianna was named president of the Chipola College Foundation at the foundation’s recent annual meeting. Libby Spence of Marianna was elected vice president and Dr. Alex Dudley of Marianna was chosen as vice president-elect.

A Board of Directors with 32 members representing Chipola’s five-county district oversees the Foundation. Current board members include: Dr. Gene Prough, JoAnn Anderson, Bryan Craven, Gina Stuart, Dr. Larry Cook, Dr. Laban Bontrager, Karin Dunn, Carol Jean Crawford, Sharon McCrone, Margaret Gilmore, Ruth McCrary, Russell Roberts, Chephus Cranberry, John Alter, Shelia Shelton, Ken Yates, Keith Williams, Shirl Williams, Margie Williams, Byron Ward, Randy Ward, John Roberts, Cherry Klappas, Dr. Heather Burch, Rex Wimberly, Marianne Barton and Robert Trammell.

During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, some 1,553 students were awarded more than $987,000 in scholarship funds through the Foundation. The 2006-07 annual audit lists total assets of more than $15 million.

Foundation director Julie Fuqua reports that the majority of the Foundation’s assets consist of scholarship endowments established by families and organizations throughout Chipola’s five-county district. The Foundation manages 125 endowed funds, and over 50 active funds-in/funds-out scholarships. The Foundation’s investment and spending policy requires that 5% of the Foundation’s assets be held locally in Chipola’s five-county district.

The Foundation also provides tax-sheltered giving opportunities for donors. Fuqua says that in addition to general donations, memorial gifts have become a popular gesture for remembering someone. The family receives notification that a donation has been made in memory of their loved one. Donors also may designate the purpose of a memorial contribution, such as a library book, scholarship, or for fine arts, or other programs. All donors receive a confirmation card for tax purposes.

In addition to private donations, the Foundation receives money from the state of Florida’s matching fund program for scholarships. As state matching funds are made available, the Foundation may apply for a dollar for dollar match or a $4 match for every $6 in privately donated funds depending on the designated purpose of the funds.

One large source of scholarships within the Foundation is The McLendon Educational Trust. Annually, the Foundation applies for funding from the trust established by the late Violet McLendon of Marianna. Scholarships from this fund are awarded on the basis of merit and financial need.

The Foundation also has emergency loan accounts set up by three individuals that loan money against Pell Grants or student loans. Students may receive up to $200 to be repaid to the Foundation at 2% interest.

The Foundation is a Federal 501c3 non-profit corporation and a state non-profit sales tax exempt organization chartered in July of 1980 for the purpose of raising funds to benefit Chipola and its students.

For information, call director Julie Fuqua at 850-718-2478.

Public invited to Jan. 17 meeting of Blue Springs Group

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Jackson Blue Spring Basin Working Group, Thursday, Jan. 17, in the Continuing Education Building at Chipola College. Presentations begin at 9 a.m. and will run until 2 p.m.

Chipola science professor Allan Tidwell, Working Group Leader, will direct the meeting.

Chuck Hatcher, Director of Jackson County Parks and Recycling, will provide an overview of Blue Springs activities.

Edd Sorenson of Cave Adventures, will discuss Cave System Exploration.

Brian Bearwood, Senior Biologist/Environmental Planner, with Melvin Engineering, will discuss the Chipola Watershed Management Plan.

Darryl Boudreau, Assistant Director of Northwest District FDEP, will provide an update of Sinkhole Cleanup Amnesty.

Chad Taylor will report on Old Timer’s Day.

Kris Barrios and Richards of Northwest Florida Water Management District, will discuss the Flow Responses of Jackson Blue Spring to 2007 Drought, Flow Measurement Demonstration and Discussion.

For information, call 850-718-2289 or 526-2761, Ext. 3248.

Lonnie A. Williams endowment grows

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams, Jr. recently made a generous to the Chipola Foundation for the Lonnie A. Williams, Sr. Endowment in memory of Earl’s father. The Williams are long-time supporters of the college and among the college’s biggest sports fans.
Collins is December Employee of the Month

Kim Collins accepts the Chipola College December Career Employee of the Month award from Dr. Jayne Roberts, Dean of Enrollment Services. Collins has worked at the college since 1986 and serves as Senior Office Assistant in the Registration Office.

Edenfield is January Employee of the Month

Ricky Edenfield of Marianna has been named the Chipola College Career Employee of the Month for January. Edenfield has worked at the college since 1986 and serves as an Electrician in the Physical Plant Department.

Cheerleaders help Episcopal food closet

In lieu of exchanging gifts at their annual Christmas party, the Chipola cheerleaders used the money they would have spent on each other to purchase groceries for the food closet at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. The cheerleaders enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Danny and Julie Duce, parents of Co-Captain Ashley Duce. Cheerleaders are, from left: Kylea Morency of Miami; Brandon Dysard of Altha; Megan Weaver of Marianna; Jordan Gnann of Marianna; Ashley Duce of Malone; Farren Barfield of Marianna; Erik Blount of Malone; Brittany Gardner of Marianna; Destinnie Sanders of Malone; Devin Baker of Marianna; and Portia Pollock of Marianna. Not pictured are Leah Hanchard of Cottondale, Mackenzie Willis of Marianna, and Adam Duren of Chipley. Melissa Laramore is Head Coach of the squad. Geraldine DeFelix serves as Faculty Advisor.