

Chipola This Week

January 20-26, 2003

— A newsletter for Chipola Junior College students, employees, and friends —

Chipola leads Florida in retention efforts

The Florida Department of Education announced recently that a new study ranks Florida's community colleges No. 1 in retaining and graduating students, and Chipola Junior College leads Florida in its retention efforts.

Combining data from all 28 Florida community colleges, the report by the Southern Regional Education Board, indicates that statewide 76 percent of full-time first-time-in-college students are still enrolled or have transferred to other institutions within two years. Chipola boasts a retention rate of 83.1 percent for the period, second only to Santa Fe CC with 86.5 percent.

The survey also found that 44 percent of Chipola students have graduated within three years of initial enrollment compared to the state average of 30 percent.

Chipola beefed up its retention efforts in the Fall of 1996 when counselor Mary Lu Andreu took on the task of tracking and contacting students with excessive absences. Since that time, CJC has received regional attention for its common sense approach to retention. Andreu's work has been published in *The Journal for Community College Research*.

"Faculty members have played a major role in Chipola's retention efforts by reporting excessive absences," Andreu said. "Their participation indicates that faculty are seeing themselves as part of a larger effort to retain students."

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Student Services personnel follow up each absence report by attempting to contact the student by phone and mail. "We want to intervene in time to keep students from getting into academic trouble and then dropping out because they can't catch up," said Andreu, who reported making as many as 100 phone calls in a single month. She says students' stress factors range from poor study skills and lack of career direction to major health issues and crises in their personal lives. "Many of our students are dealing with very stressful situations in addition to their academic work," said Andreu who sometimes schedules a conference after a phone conversation.

Andreu said she learns all kinds of things on the phone. "Sometimes students just need connecting to a tutor or instructional lab. Other times they just need to get over their fear of talking with a teacher. But sometimes they need help in laying out a plan for the future. That plan might even involve withdrawing from a class or from college entirely."

Andreu says when indications are that a student must withdraw, she tries to communicate that they're not "dropping-out." They're simply "stopping-out" to get more control over their lives and then come back.

Dean of Student Services Dr. Joan Miller said, "We are seeing an increase in the faculty's willingness to participate in college-

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Doris Day show to replace soprano

Soprano Alison England has cancelled her Chipola Artist Series performance scheduled for Jan. 21. But hold on to your tickets, instead of England, local arts fans will enjoy Broadway singer **Kathy Morath** in "Day Dreaming: Channeling Doris Day," on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m.

Sure to be a crowd pleaser, the musical tribute to Doris Day is a celebration of her memorable life and talents. Highlighted are such familiar hits as "Que Sera Sera," "Secret Love," "It's Magic," "Young at Heart," and "My One and Only Love" as they were sung by Ms. Day herself.

The daughter of noted ragtime pianist Max Morath, Kathy Morath has had a career that has spanned nearly two decades. As a singing actress, her Broadway credits include *The Pirates of Penzance*, *A Change in the Heir*, and *Nick & Nore*. Off-Broadway, she debuted as Luisa in *The Fantasticks* and premiered many new works by noted playwrights and composers.

Tickets—\$12 for adults, \$8 for ages 18 and under, and \$4 for current CJC students—are on sale in the CJC Business Office. For ticket information, call the CJC Business Office at 718-2220.

this week at Chipola

20 MONDAY

- ♦ Martin Luther King Holiday—College Closed

21 TUESDAY

- ♦ Artist Series: Kathy Morath, Channeling Doris Day—7 p.m., J
- ♦ Student Ambassadors—1 p.m., Z112

- ♦ Governance Council—2:30 p.m., Y
- ♦ District Board of Trustees - 7 p.m., Y

22 WEDNESDAY

- ♦ Black Student Union—10 a.m., C104

24 FRIDAY

- ♦ FCAA Winter Music Symposium in Lakeland, FL
- ♦ Student Ambassador Leadership Conference—I

Chipola's Fall Dean's List announced

Charlton Keen, vice president of Instructional and Student Services at Chipola Junior College, commends the 189 students who made the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall Semester 2002.

To be placed on the Dean's List, a student must take 12 or more semester hours of courses and make an average of 3.25 (B+) to 4.0 (A) in all courses.

Students who made perfect averages of 4.0—straight A's—and their hometowns are:

Altha—Joni Goodman, Lora Shelton.

Bascom—Kelly Messer.

Blountstown—Laura Davis, Nathan Ebersole, Kimberly Rogers.

Bonifay—Alra Brooks, Justin Carrell, Selina Fish, Jill Snaidman.

Bristol—Heather Grover, William Potter.

Campbellton—Dashoan Olds.

Chattahoochee—Charles Kimrey.

Chipley—Lance Berry, Chelsea Diaz, Courtney Jolley, Chelsea Laney, Christiana Prichard, Joshua Riley.

Clarksville—Tiffany McClellan.

Cottondale—Tracy Brock, Stacey Sapp, Michael Scurlock.

Graceville—Rhonda Brooks, Ryan Waters.

Grand Ridge—Jacqueline Joyner, Krissy Lee.

Greenwood—Shawna Ferguson, Phyllings Lerisson.

Marianna—Amy Bates, Adam Bigale, Candace Cartwright, Matthew Magruder, Rene Parton, Matthew White, Laneise Leslie, Kari Anderson, Nicole Engebretsen, Stephanie Wilson.

Sneads—Aimee Douglas.

Students who earned grade point averages ranging from 3.25(B+) to 3.99 (A) and their hometowns are:

Alford—Stephanie Waters, Mary Jones, Chris-

topher Shores.

Altha—Joshua Barton, Kelly Lord, Georgia White, Heather O'Bryan, Melissa Worrell, Heidi Barth, Jeremy Flanders, Paula Van Lierop, Nicholas Barth.

Bascom—Marcus Ditty, Mark Lawrence, Jesse Rich, Rafael Savory, Clark Hasty, Christina Walker, Lashara Johnson.

Blountstown—Blair Mercer, Thomas Cherry, Misty Segers, Patricia Harrell, David Cherry, Joanna Bridges, Laura Guilford, Kathy Lafontaine, Cristina Buchanan Jessica Buchanan, Stephen Mears, Heather Coxwell.

Bonifay—Ashlie Taylor, Tamara Hutchinson, Amanda Brown, Jessica Reddick, Kristi Sanders, Maggie Nesbitt, Jennifer Keen, Ravi Patel, Delena Sanders, Andrew Garske, Mary Cook, Leigh Ponds, Brian Devilling, Kellie Rhodes.

Bristol—Nikki Brown, Bess Nobles, Brooke Green, Jennifer Shuler, Jenny Harrell.

Campbellton—Sofia Pelt.

Caryville—Karen Parsley, Jill White.

Chattahoochee—Joshua James, Nicholas Brown.

Chipley—Amanda Holland, Lucinda Sasser, Richard Miller Jr., Lyndsay Garrett, Heather Driver, Alexander Norman, Connie Leavins, Jared Grantham, Sheresa Howell, Patrick Reeves, Kayla Laster, Susie Morris.

Cottondale—Wilanne Braxton, Lindsay Sloan, Lonnie Barber Jr., Jody Pippin, Mary Miles, Heather Scurlock, Cynthia Paige, Adam Scurlock, Reba Deese, Tammy Shoupe, Brittany Leavins, Nina Green, Jonathan Shores.

Graceville—Jessica Register, James Wright, Elizabeth Harris, Jonathan Prescott, James Price, Melissa Mann, Jason Byrd, Kevin Taylor, Donald Johnson, Krystal Hartzog, Charles Martin, Sarah Bollinger, Jordan Girton, Meghan Smith.

Grand Ridge—Pierr Wesselhoeft, Kristen Gilley, George Johnson, Justin Vickery, Keesha Childs, Jonathan Basford, Brenda Davis.

Greenwood—Sherice Curry, Mary Maldonado, Alesia Green, Robin O'Bryan.

Malone—Autumn Beard, Emily Conrad.

Marianna—Eileen Aristizabal, Catherine Marsh, Kristy Edwards, Miranda Ellis, Karen Chipman, Sarah Mock, Kelly Slichter, Sylvia Stanton, Alex Coady, Michael Halstead, Kimberly Pfeiffer, Ashley Barber, Jeffery Bosse, Melissa McRoy, Tammy Potter, Mario Collings, Richard Bush, Cy Sims, Deza Bryan, Joseph Edwards, Cherish Potter, Salena Grace, Mary Neel, Jessica Ward, Stephen Amos, Kelly Nowell, Lori Tyler, Jessica Harris, Jaquelyn Bard, Rena Gibson, Theodore Holden, Shanon Wooden, Tiffany Anderson, Lacy Purvis, Amanda Chesteen, Tracey Oliver, Theresa Martinez, Stephanie Black, Adam Moxley, Kristina Scott, Richard Swails, Jesse Snelgrove, Whitney Sims.

Ponce De Leon—Kelly Scott, Ashley Kolmetz.

Sneads—Jamee McAlpin, Joshua Glass, Charyl Tyus, Tessa Shirey, Barbara Nelson, Amanda Medley, Dawndrell Martin.

Wausau—Rebecca Purvis.

Westville—Jason Mims, Kisha Stafford.

Out of District – (All A's) Sarah Bryant of **Quincy**; Katrina Broome of **Panama City**; Amber Kavehkar of **Webster, TX**. (A's and B's) Thomas Stoutamire of **Hosford**; Hannah Sumner of **Hosford**; Lydia Johnson of **Kinard**; Stephanie Hayes of **Century**; Megan Chaffee of **Niceville**; Heather Ebersole of **Rock Island, IL**; Rebecca Montz of **Erath, LA**; John Jay Mattox Jr. of **Conway, AR**; Julie Robitaille of **Mississauga, CN**; Jeni Paquette of **London, England**; Jessica Mathis of **Snellville, GA**; Stephanie Eggers of **Snellville, GA**; Amy Maddox of **Tallahassee, FL**.

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wide retention efforts. Faculty have always helped give students a good start as academic advisors, but they are now seeing new ways to help students successfully complete their courses."

Andreu says the strategy of tracking excessive absences is based on retention research that shows grade performance as the single most important factor in predicting persistence in college. "Students are less likely to pass if they aren't in class. That's why it helps so much when a teacher notices and takes time to report that a student is absent and in danger of getting behind in class," concluded Andreu.

Andreu, a 29-year Chipola veteran, reported that retention has become a college-wide effort. "Each person at the college is interested in taking down barriers. We don't mind looking at what we're doing and questioning administrative procedures that may inhibit the progress of the student. We never compromise the academic integrity of the college, but we are willing to help each student succeed in getting through the maze of institutional procedures," said Andreu.

David Armstrong, Chancellor of Florida's Community College Chancellor said this latest data is important news for

Florida. "The retention and graduation rankings show that Florida's colleges are doing an outstanding job of helping students succeed and reach their educational goals," said Armstrong.

The Southern Regional Education Board report was based on a U.S. Department of Education Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data Systems survey, and a two-year retention study. The report tracked the progression rates, since 1998, of community college students who are still enrolled and those who graduated and transferred to a university.

Homecoming News from SGA

Chipola will celebrate **Homecoming** the week of **February 3-8, 2003**. The Indians will host the Gulf Coast Commodores on Saturday, Feb 8. This year's theme is "Ship out of Luck!"

Candidates for Mr. Chipola and Homecoming Queen will be introduced at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29 in the Arts Center. Voting for the candidates will take place on the 29 and 30, at the following locations. You must be a currently enrolled student to vote.

Arts Center	10 a.m.-Noon
Student Activities (K-104)	Noon-4 pm
Lobby of Building Z	5-6 p.m.

Voting will continue on Jan. 30 in the Student Activities Office (K-104) until noon. CJC's 2003 Homecoming Queen and Mr.

Chipola will be crowned at halftime of the men's basketball game on Feb. 8.

Activities for the week include:

Dress up Days: Monday, Feb. 3: **High School Spirit Day** - Students are asked to wear high school colors. Tuesday, Feb. 4: **Camouflage Day** - Students are asked to wear camo gear. Wednesday, Feb. 5: **Red, White, & Blue Day** - Students are asked to wear these colors. Thursday, Feb. 6: **Hat Day** - Students are asked to wear a favorite hat. Friday, Feb. 7: **Blue & Gold Day** - Students are asked to show their Indian spirit by wearing our school colors.

There will be a **building decoratoin contest** between the CJC clubs on Monday, Feb. 3 and judged on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 1:00 p.m.

The **Homecoming Talent Show** will be on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. in the Arts Center. Anyone that is currently enrolled at Chipola may enter. Talents must be limited to 4 minutes or less! Cash prizes will be awarded to the Best Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and Category Winners will be Best Solo, Best Group, and Best Band. There may be a sign up limit, so hurry and register in the Student Activities Office by Monday, Feb. 3. For more information call the SGA Office at 718-2314.

A **Student/Faculty basketball game** will be played on Friday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. in the Health Center. If you are interested in playing on the student team, sign up in the Student Activities Office or call 718-2308.

Chipola athletes score high GPA's

Chipola's student-athletes performed well in the classroom during Fall 2002.

The overall team grade point averages for CJC's four sports, are: Softball, 3.17; Baseball, 2.91; Women's Basketball, 2.84 and Men's Basketball, 2.81.

Nineteen student athletes earned a GPA of 3.25 or higher and qualified for the Dean's List for Fall 2002.

Chipola graduated 26 of its 32 sophomore student-athletes last season, giving CJC a graduation rate of 81 percent, up 2.5 percent from last year. A total of 27 CJC

sophomores transferred to four-year colleges and 26 went on to earn athletic scholarships. Three players signed professional contracts.

CJC president Dr. Gene Prough said, "We are proud of the work that our athletes are doing in the classroom. These numbers indicate that our faculty and staff are dedicated to the success of our students."

Chipola has a number of programs in place to help student-athletes, including academic monitoring, study halls and tutoring.

Cast picked for "Big River"

CJC theater coordinator Charles Sirmon recently announced the cast of "Big River," which opens March 12.

Players include: Mike Milton as Huck Finn, Gerald Goins as Jim, Josh Barber as Tom Sawyer, Jill White as Mary Jane Wilkes, David Culpepper as Pap, Lee Shook as Duke, Charles Sirmon as King, Chris Manasco as Silas Phelps, Joan Stadskev as Miss Watson, Michele Williams as Widow Douglas, Gayle DiBenedetto as Strange Woman, Erin Davis as Susan Wilkes, Sylvia Grace as Joanna Wilkes/Sally, Felicia Gibson as Scarlet Wilkes, John Gray as Judge/Doctor, Mavis Flowers as Crossing Slave, James Spooner as Young Fool/Ben/Hank, Jonathan Basford as Simon/Counselor, Adam Moxley as Jo/Lafe, Laura Trejo as How Blest We Are Girl, Charles Kimrey as Dick/Andy, Darrold Franklin, Norissa Grant, Nathaniel Williams and Ashley Harvey as Slaves/Townspople and Mary Kathryn Farmer, Lacy Purvis, Kassandra Joyner, Candace Holloway, Courtney Haile, Tiffany Nichols, and Deanna Wickham as Townladies.

Twain's timeless classic sweeps the audience down the mighty Mississippi as the irrepressible Huck Finn helps his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom at the mouth of the Ohio River. Big River won seven Tony Awards including Best Musical, Score and Book.

For information about Chipola Theater, contact Sirmon at (850) 718-2227.

Hoops squads doing well in conference

Both Chipola basketball squads were scheduled to host Pensacola on Saturday, Jan. 18. Chipola's next home games are Jan. 28 when they host OW.

The Lady Indians improved to 12-6 overall and 2-1 in the conference, with a 66-20 win at North Florida on Wednesday.

The Lady Indians lost to OW, 74-59 on Saturday, Jan. 11. As of Jan. 17, Gulf Coast is 3-0 in the league. CJC and OW are 2-1. TCC is 1-2. PJC and NFL are 0-2.

The Indians had a 23-point lead at the half against OW, but were outscored 56-30 in the final 20 minutes to lose 92-89 to top-ranked OW on Saturday, Jan. 11. Chipola was 11 of 13 from the 3-point line and 73.3 percent from the field in the opening half, but with 37.5 seconds left and Chipola leading 89-88, OW intercepted a CJC pass and was fouled. Both attempts were made and

gave OWCC its first lead, 90-89.

Brandon Freeman and Tom Frericks each scored 18. Michael Wilds had 17. JueMichael Young scored 13. The loss put Chipola at 1-1 in the league and 14-6 overall. CJC head coach Ryan Cross said, "I thought we played really well. They cut the lead right after the half and hit some big threes."

As of Jan. 17, the Indians are ranked sixth in the state poll. OW is first in the state and leads the league at 3-0. CJC, PJC and TCC are all tied at 1-1. Gulf Coast is 0-3.

Both Chipola squads opened the conference season with wins over Tallahassee on Wednesday, Jan. 8. The Indians logged a 70-69 win. The Lady Indians scored a 63-53 win.

For the latest scores, call the CJC Hotline at 718-2CJC.



3 ON 3 BASKETBALL AND BOWLING LEAGUE SCHEDULED TO START. Intramurals is still looking for teams for the 3 on 3 league. This will be a less formal schedule of play based on the availability of the gym. All teams must complete four games supervised by the Intramurals director. The winning team will also be eligible to attend the Sports Day.

Look for details in the upcoming weeks on the Student Bowling League on Monday and Wednesday nights. All are welcome to compete or bowl just for fun. Those bowling for ranking must bowl six complete games and turn in score cards to the Intramural Coordinator.

For information, call Ext. 3466, or visit Public Service Building, Room #138.



REP ON CAMPUS. A recruiter from the University of West Florida will be in the hallway of the Social Science Building (C) on Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.



STUDENT AMBASSADORS HOST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. Thursday, Jan. 23, CJC Student Ambassadors will host a leadership conference.

The top ten seniors from each of the sixteen area high schools will attend the conference. Activities will include leadership games, workshops, and free food. The students will hear from speakers on a variety of leadership topics. Small group sessions will allow the students to interact with each other and the ambassadors.



STUDENT ID'S. Students may get their Student ID's at Student Services on Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.



THIS WEEK'S MENU.

- Monday**
Salisbury Steak
Chicken Pilaf
- Tuesday**
Red Beans and Rice
Teriyaki Chicken
- Wednesday**
Macaroni and Meat Sauce
Sesame Pork and Broccoli
- Thursday**
Chicken/Broccoli Casserole
Roast Beef
- Friday**
Seafood Casserole
Country Steak w/Yellow Rice



NEW LIBRARY HOURS. The Library and the Information Technology Center have reopened after renovation and regular hours have resumed. Library hours for Spring Semester are as follows:

- Monday - Thursday**
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 - Friday**
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - Sunday (starting 1/26/03)**
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Tech Center hours for Spring Semester are as follows:
- Monday - Thursday**
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 - Friday**
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - Sunday (starting 1/26/03)**
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



THANK YOU. Once again, you have touched our family. Most recently during the illness and death of my stepfather Price Shores. We sincerely appreciate your many expressions of care, concern and understanding. Special thanks to the CJC nursing department. Please keep us in your prayers.

Sonny and Janet Wise



CJC STUDENT OF THE MONTH. The November Student of the Month was Seabron Chad Fears. The January Student of the Month is Brooke Waters.

Nominate your favorite CJC student for Student of the Month. Nominees should be currently enrolled CJC students with a 2.5 GPA or higher. The nominee should be involved in at least two CJC clubs, organizations or activities and at least one community organization or activity. Winners will be published in Chipola This Week and will receive a medal. Applications are available in the Student Activities Office, Building K, Room 104. All applications are due by the 15th of each month. The winner will be voted on by the SGA Student of the Month Committee and announced by the end of the month.



PBL NEWS. Phi Beta Lambda members will have an opportunity to go to the District Conference at FSU on Feb. 1 and compete in written business and computer areas and fellowship with fellow PBL members of northwest Florida. PBL members who wish to attend the conference need to sign up with Mrs. Roberts, Bldg. M208G by Jan. 22. PBL is an organization of college students with an interest in business and any CJC student may join.

UPCOMINGEVENTS

- FEBRUARY**
- 6 Lion's Club Pancake Supper
- 3-8 Homecoming Week
- 8 HOMECOMING
- MARCH**
- 5-8 FCCAA State Basketball Tourney
- 18 Last day to withdraw from a class for Spring Term
- 24-28 Spring Break Holidays
- APRIL**
- 2 Spring Frolics – classes dismissed from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- 4 Last day to resign from all classes for Spring Term
- 7 Early Summer Registration for currently enrolled students with 30+ hours
- 8 Early Summer Registration for currently enrolled students
- 17 College Application Deadline – Summer I
- 25 Last Class Day – Spring Term
- 28-30 Final Exams
- MAY**
- 1 Last Faculty Work Day – Spring Term
Graduation

THIS WEEK

"Chipola This Week" is a weekly publication of the CJC PR Office.

Deadline for the next issue is noon, **Thursday, Jan. 23.** Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.

- Jan. 22 Rose Cavin
- Jan. 22 Wayne Hill
- Jan. 22 Kathryn Roberts
- Jan. 24 Angie Rodriguez-Thomas
- Jan. 25 Betty Broome
- Jan. 25 Bruce White

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