

Chipola This Week

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A newsletter for Chipola College students, employees, and friends

Chipola students to benefit from Great Northwest scholarships

Chipola College students may get some help with tuition and books this Fall thanks to a new grant for students interested in computers and information technology.

Officials from Florida's Great Northwest on July 13 announced the organization's investment of \$1,150,000 to be used for scholarships in information technology (IT) and engineering programs at seven community colleges and universities in the Panhandle.

Chipola is participating in the scholarship program along with the University of West Florida, Pensacola Junior College, Northwest Florida State College, Gulf Coast Community College, Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University.

Chipola is the recipient of \$50,000 to promote and fund scholarships for students enrolled in several computer-related programs. Scholarships are available for Associate in Arts (AA) degrees in Computer Science and Information Technology. AA students typically take classes for two years and then transfer to a university to complete the junior and senior years of a bachelor's degree.

Associate in Science (AS) degrees in Computer Engineering Technology, Computer Information Technology, and Networking Services Technology are also included among the eligible programs. AS degrees are designed to prepare students for careers after taking one to two years of courses.

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Pictured from left, are: Dr. Ed Meadows, President, Pensacola Junior College; Dr. Gene Prough, President, Chipola College; Al Wenstrand, President, Florida's Great Northwest; Dr. Judy Bense, President, University of West Florida; Dr. Jill White, Interim President, Northwest Florida State College; Dr. James Kerley, President, Gulf Coast Community College; and Fred Leopold, Chairman of the Executive Committee.



The Embers to perform at Big Sam event

National recording group The Embers, a Raleigh, NC, band renowned for its exciting renditions of nostalgic beach music, will perform at a dinner and dance celebrating the life of the late Rep. Big Sam Mitchell on Aug. 29 at the National Guard Armory in Marianna.

For decades The Embers have been making music by playing a mix of rhythm and blues and heart and soul. Best known for symbolizing "beach music," they have opened for the Rolling Stones, done commercials for Budweiser, played the Olympics and President Clinton's inauguration, and created the soundtrack for endless summers.

The Sam Mitchell event is sponsored by the Friends of Sam Mitchell and the Chipola Appreciation Club with proceeds going to establish a scholarship in Mitchell's honor.

Tickets are \$75 per person. For information, call at 718-2375.

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

21 TUESDAY

- ◆ Executive Council — 9 a.m., A 192
- ◆ District Board of Trustees — 7 p.m., Bldg. Y

24 FRIDAY

- ◆ College Closed for Four Day Work Week

25 SATURDAY

- ◆ Florida Teacher Certification Exam

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Chipola Center for the Arts

Tuesday, July 21

4:30 p.m.

Prough Drive

Great Northwest scholarships, *continued from page 1*

Scholarships are also available for Workforce Certificate program in Computer Systems Technology which can be completed in as little as one year.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, said, “These scholarships couldn’t come at a better time for our students. This is a positive example of what can happen when the Panhandle colleges work together for the good of all. Such cooperative efforts can help ensure that Chipola and other regional colleges get their fair share of resources during tough economic times. We look forward to working with the Panhandle colleges on other joint projects in the future.”

Florida’s Great Northwest provides leadership in economic and workforce development in 16 counties in Northwest Florida from Pensacola through Tallahassee. The group’s primary mission is to help create a diversified and sustainable economy that creates nationally and globally competitive advantages for the development of key industries, increases the income and prosperity of workers and families, and preserves the region’s vibrant quality of life.

Research conducted by the group has identified information technology and engineering as critical support industries for growing a knowledge-based economy in Northwest Florida and for supporting the growth in technology-based businesses such as aerospace and defense, medical technologies, health services, and renewable energy. The study revealed a dramatic shortage of graduates from certification through graduate degrees in computer engineering, industrial engineering, computer specialist programs, and engineering technician programs in Northwest Florida as well as at state and national levels.

The study also revealed that while sufficient IT and engineering courses are already offered throughout the region, there are not enough graduates from the programs to meet the region’s growing demand. Florida’s Great Northwest developed the post-secondary scholarship program to spur enrollment in the region’s existing IT and engineering programs.

A unique college alliance, the Northwest Florida Consortium, will use the grant to award some 378 scholarships to IT and engineering students. Eligible programs range from certification to master’s degree and span programs such as Master of Science in Software Engineering and Database Systems, Associate’s in Computer Engineering, Networking Services, Technical support as well as Certificates in Technology Systems, Information Technology Management, Web Development, and Computer Programming, among others. The consortium will match the \$1 million grant with \$2,631,935 for a total program investment of more than \$3.5 million.

At Chipola, WIRED Scholarships may fund all or part of costs for tuition, fees, textbooks and software. These funds may be awarded only to students in technology or computer-related majors or programs of study. The new scholarships may be awarded in addition to other scholarships or grants. However, the selection panel will also consider other funds available to students through the Foundation or Financial Aid Office. The scholarships will be available only for the 2009-2010 school year and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis as qualified applicants are identified.

For information about WIRED scholarships, contact Gail Hartzog or Pat Barfield at 850-718-2342 or email: hartzogg@chipola.edu or Nancy Burns at 850-718-3210 or email: burnsn@chipola.edu

Chipola financial aid processing deadline is August 3

Students planning to enroll in Chipola College this Fall are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete their financial aid file by Aug. 3.

“The first thing students and families need to do in order to apply for financial aid is to complete the FAFSA,” says Dr. Jayne Roberts, Chipola Dean of Enrollment Services. “The FAFSA form will determine eligibility for financial aid, such as Pell Grants, work-study programs and student loans. It is very important that students and families pay attention to deadline dates when applying for financial aid and scholarships,” reminds Roberts. “Some financial aid options have limited funding; therefore, the ‘early bird gets the worm’ philosophy will apply.”

The FAFSA can be completed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Chipola College school code is 001472.

All students seeking Financial Aid must have completed the FAFSA and submitted the required paperwork to the Chipola Financial Aid Office in order to use financial aid to pay tuition for the Fall 2009 semester.

For information, visit www.chipola.edu, or phone 850-718-2366.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

28 Last Day To Withdraw from a Class For Summer II

AUGUST

3 College Appl Deadline - Fall

4 Early Fall Reg Payment Due

4 Last Day To Resign From All Classes For Summer II

10 Last Class Day - Summer II

11 Last Faculty Day for Summer II Ends at 2 p.m.

11 Grades Due — Noon

THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., **Wednesday, July 22**. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

21-Jul Carol Jean Crawford

25-Jul Vickie Jones

25-Jul Shirley Reid

26-Jul Vikki Milton

STOP! The new traffic signal at State Road 166 (Caverns Road) and Chipola College will be activated Tuesday, July 21 around 10 a.m. Motorists are reminded to use caution through this intersection.

SUMMER HOURS.

LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

TECH CENTER

Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ACE LAB - BLDG L

Monday - Wednesday
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

LOCATOR

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