College officials recently announced changes to the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) program.

The 2009 Florida Legislature has repealed the requirement to pass the “College Level Communication and Mathematics Skills Examination” (CLAST) in order to be awarded an Associate in Arts degree effective July 1, 2009.

In order to demonstrate continuing concern for institutional accountability and effectiveness, as well as performance standards for student learning outcomes, the Legislature maintained the current CLAST alternatives as degree requirements. All community college students who are completing an Associate in Arts (AA) Degree and are applying for admission to upper division (junior and senior level) programs in Florida state colleges and universities must meet one of the required CLAST alternatives. University students completing must meet the same requirements.

There are presently four CLAST Testing Alternatives:

1. Students who have earned a 2.5 GPA in both Communications Skills I & II (ENC 1101 & 1102) or its equivalent, may be exempt from the Reading, English Language Skills, and Essay sections of the CLAST. Students who have earned a 2.5 GPA in two 3-credit-hour Gordon Rule mathematics courses have met the CLAST Alternative for the Mathematics section of the CLAST.

2. Alternatives via American College Testing Program (ACT):
   Math – Achieve 21 or above on the Math subtest; Reading – Achieve 22 or above on the Reading subtest; English Language Skills and Essay – Achieve 21 or above on the English subtest.

3. Alternatives via Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT-I):
   Math – Achieve 500 or above to meet Math requirement; Verbal – Achieve 500 or above to meet Reading, English Language Skills and Essay requirements

4. Alternatives via waiver by committee will be considered for students with documented specific learning disabilities.

If a student does not qualify for one of the CLAST alternatives, the (AA) degree will not be granted and admission to upper division status at Florida state colleges and universities may be denied.

CLAST requirements also apply to students transferring to Florida state colleges and universities from private colleges in Florida and from out-of-state colleges. All CLAST alternatives must be approved by the Chipola Dean of Enrollment Services.

For questions about CLAST alternatives, call 850-718-2271.

Summer programs available for children

Chipola is offering programs for children of all ages.

Baseball  Coach Jeff Johnson will offer several camps. Baseball Skills Camp for ages 7-12 will meet June 15-18. Cost is $75. Pitching Camp for ages 8-18 will meet June 22-23. Cost is $100. Hitting Camp for ages 8-18 will meet June 24-25. Cost is $100. All camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 718-2237.

Softball  Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer five camps. Tear ‘Em Up Tuesday Hitting Camps for all ages will meet June 23 and 30, from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is $20 per date. A Fielding, Hitting, and Hustling Camp for all ages will meet June 15-16, from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is $50 and includes insurance. Contact Coach Hendrix at 718-2358.

Swimming lessons will be offered for ages four and up. Session 2: June 15-25; Session 3: July 13-23; and Session 4: Aug. 3-13. Class times are 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Cost is $45. Pre-registration is required, with a $5 late fee. Infant and Preschool Swimming lessons for children 3 and under will meet July 27-29 with classes available at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Cost is $30. Call Rance Massengill at 718-2473.
**Theatre excellence awarded at Chipola banquet**

The Chipola Theatre Department recently held its annual awards banquet.

The evening included a great meal, entertainment from theatre students, a slideshow of pictures from throughout the year, awards and speeches from outgoing theatre students.

The following awards were presented: Best Actor, Ben Grande; Best Actress, Kyndall Covington; Best Supporting Actor, Keith Watford; Best Supporting Actress, Dianna Glaze; Best Character Actor, Aven Pitts; Best Character Actress, Emily Harrison; Best Male Cameo, Kris Sampson; Best Female Cameo, Madison Wester; Best Male Newcomer, Austin Pettis; Best Female Newcomer, Brenna Kneiss; Best Ensemble Actor, Jacob Beasley; Best Ensemble Actress, Courtney Corbin; Dance and Choreography Award, Keith Watford; Technical Excellence, Brenton Jones; Backstage Excellence, Angela Wiley; and Outstanding Theatre Student of 2008-09, Aaron Moore.

Chipola Theatre Director Charles Sirmon, said, “I especially want to thank everyone who supported Chipola Theatre during the 2008-2009 Season.”

**Twenty-five complete Chipola nursing program**

CHIPOLA NURSING GRADS—Twenty-five students in Chipola’s Associate Degree Nursing program were awarded degrees in a recent ceremony. Graduates are eligible to earn state licenses as Registered Nurses. Pictured are, from left: (front) Jonita Martin of Sneads, Khai Nguyen of Tallahassee, Jennifer Leahy of Tallahassee, Jessica Sorey of Graceville, Joanna Chamberlain of Altha, Kristy Derosier of Altha, Hiya Minoza Jackson of Tallahassee, Amber Christie of Crawfordville, Kerry Bryant of Chattahoochee, Brittany Rogers of Chattahoochee, Florence Martinez of Marianna, Christina Delameter of Greenwood, Haley Hinson of Chipley, Michelle Snow of Panama City, Courtney Lewis of Grand Ridge, (back) Jacqueline Bennett of Marianna, Sherri Johnson of Marianna, Jennifer Neto of Greenwood, Janna Grantham of Blountstown, Cy Sims of Marianna, Josh Dudley of Marianna, Shannon Forlong of Marianna and Jennifer Rydberg of Marianna. Not pictured are Tosha Ervin of Quincy and Deena Zimmerman of Marianna.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUNE**
- 23 Last Class Day - Summer I
- 24 Grades due 8 a.m.
- 24 Last Faculty Day For Summer I
- 25 Faculty Returns — Summer II
- 25 New & Returning Student Reg
- 29 CLASSES BEGIN - SSII
- 29-30 Late Registration, Drop/Add, & Employee Fee Waiver Registration

**THIS WEEK**

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**
- 16-Jun Robert Brown
- 16-Jun JoAnn Everett
- 18-Jun Lucinda Baker
- 18-Jun Amie Myers
- 19-Jun Elisa Cruz
- 21-Jun David Saffo

**UWF@CC**. The University of West Florida offers graduate programs in collaboration with the Chipola University Center.

Courses are offered on Chipolas campus each semester as well as online.

Programs include: Masters degree in Educational Leadership with Certification, Education Specialist in Administration or Certification, and Doctoral Degrees in Curriculum and Instruction.

Registration is open for Term C classes which begin June 25.

For information, contact Dr. Lou Kind at (850) 718-2295 or kindl@chipola.edu.

**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**
- M-W 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
  Thursday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.