Hilton and Gardner win Kirkland Award

Natural science professor Dr. David Hilton and automotive assistant professor John Gardner were chosen by their peers to receive the 2007 Kirkland Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Hilton has taught science courses at Chipola since 1997 and has served as academic adviser for student athletes. He recently developed a new science course to provide students with academic knowledge to appreciate and preserve the natural environment.

The student body selected him as Teacher of the Year and for the Faculty Distinguished Service Award. He is a member of the Chipola Faculty Association and the Chipola Council of Educators.

Hilton has served on several committees including: Budget Review and Development, Marketing and Recruitment, Intercolligate Athletics, Alumni/Homecoming, Planning and Accountability and the Governance Council. He has served as faculty sponsor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and served as Chipola Partner at Cottondale High School.

An anonymous student said of Dr. Hilton, “When you see Dr. Hilton lecturing, teaching, demonstrating and evaluating, you can look around the room and see the “light bulb come on” in the eyes of the young men and young women in his classes.”

Hilton earned a Doctor of Chiropractic from Texas Chiropractic College.

John Gardner implemented a computerized technology curriculum in Chipola’s automotive program soon after he began work at the college in 2000. The new curriculum and other improvements helped lead to NATEF certification of the program. Graduates of the program have been hired by BMW, Mercedes and Volkswagen and local dealers.

An anonymous student said of Gardner, “He really explains until students gain understanding.”

Gardner has helped implement Chipola’s innovative curriculum at 26 institutions in Florida. The Chipola Automotive program was honored at the Florida Association for Career Technical Education (FACTE) conference, and was a runner-up in the national Bellwether award in the workforce development category.

Gardner is a Certified Master Automobile Technician with certifications from General Motors, Chevrolet, and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

The Kirkland Award was established by brothers—J. R. Kirkland and David Kirkland—in honor of their parents Carolyn and the late Willis Kirkland of Marianna. The award provides $1,000 to the annual recipient.

Chipola Summer Session II Registration is June 21

Registration for Summer Session II at Chipola College is Thursday, June 21. Classes begin Monday, June 25, with late registration continuing through noon on June 26.

Students who take at least one class during the summer term may register early for Fall 2007 classes.

College officials have revamped the Summer Schedule to provide more classes at more convenient times. Many evening courses and distance learning courses are available during the six week summer sessions.

Applications for Admission are available in the Admissions Office located in the Student Service Building.

Chipola offers the Associate in Arts Degree, the Associate in Science Degree, Workforce Development programs and Bachelor of Science Degrees in Secondary and Middle School Education with majors in Math and Science.

Business majors are encouraged to contact the college for information on a new Bachelor’s of Applied Science degree in Business Management slated to begin in January of 2008.

The Summer Schedule is available online at www.chipola.edu. For information, call 850-718-2211.
Boulanger’s art on display

Original works by Chipola art instructor Jacquelin Boulanger are represented in two area exhibits. “Flower Power,” is on display at the Gadsden Art Center in Quincy, May 12-June 30; and at the “FSU Artists League Summer Annual”, at the Museum of Fine Arts on the campus of Florida State University in Tallahassee, June 8-July 13.

Summer programs set at Chipola

Chipola will offer programs for children this summer.

Chipola Basketball coach Jeff Johnson will offer several camps. A Young Hitters Camp for ages 8-12 will meet June 18-19. Cost is $100. A Hitting Camp for ages 13-18 will meet June 20-21. Cost is $100. All baseball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 718-2237.

Chipola Softball Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer several camps. A Young Skills Camp for ages 12 and under will meet June 18-19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is $60. A Skills Camp for ages 13 and up will meet June 20-21 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is $60. Two Hitting Clinics will meet June 18 and 25 from 6-7 p.m. Cost is $25 per night. Private pitching lessons are also available. Call 718-2358.

Chipola Basketball coach Greg Heiar will offer basketball camps for grades 8-12. Session one is July 16 and 17, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Chipola. Session two is July 18 and 19, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bay High School in Panama City. Cost is $35 per player. Contact Joc Calloway at (850) 718-2451.

Swimming lessons will be offered for ages four and up. Lessons are based on a combination of nationally-recognized methods. The next session is scheduled for June 18–28. Classes are available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Cost is $45 and pre-registration is required. For information, call Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

Retirees Honored At Chipola

Chipola College honored five of its retirees—(pictured above from left) Jane Walker, Paul Dudley, Brenda Alford, Kathryn Roberts and Dr. Rene Tharpe—at the recent end-of-year luncheon.

Roasts were the order of the day for the retirees. Workforce Dean Bud Riviere highlighted the career of Success Center professor Jane Walker for 27 years of service; and Paul Dudley, Assessment Center Manager, for nine years of service. The Math department roasted math professor Brenda Alford for 14 years of service. Business department faculty roasted Economics professor and Phi Beta Lambda adviser Kathryn Roberts for her 28 years. Robert Ivey roasted social science professor Dr. Rene Tharpe for her 29 years of service.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough presented resolutions citing each retiree’s accomplishments, and presented Chipola Gold Cards which provide lifetime admission to college events. All retirees also were awarded FACC lifetime memberships.

The event was sponsored by the Council of Chipola Educators.