Phi Beta Lambda wins state awards

Chipola College students from the Chipola chapter of Phi Beta Lambda took high honors at the recent Florida PBL Leadership Conference in Tampa.


Students competed in objective tests, skill and performance events with PBL members from 27 Florida community colleges, state colleges, and universities, including major contenders UF, UCF and USF. The Chipola students also participated in business panels featuring CEO’s and business leaders from throughout Florida.

Former Chipola students and prestigious Rob Keller award winners, Chad Fears and Amanda Barber Hinson, also were in attendance and recognized at the awards ceremony. Business and computer professor Vikki Milton is faculty adviser for Chipola’s PBL.

PBL is a college level business organization which strives to develop competent, aggressive business leadership, as well as, strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and their work.

Students tapped for Chipola math honorary

The Chipola College Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta Honorary Mathematical Society recently inducted new members.

Pictured from left, are: new members Kevin Futch, Adam Brisolara, Amy Johnson, (middle) Christopher Patton, Marshal Hilton, Josh Roberts, Kara Jumper, Cody Pickens, (back) returning members Brad Wells, Ciarra Jackson, Trey Dennis, Ryan Wells and Laura Day. Not pictured is new member Stephanie Lawson.

Mu Alpha Theta is a national honorary mathematics club for students who have maintained a “B” average in at least two math courses above the level of College Algebra and who have an overall “B” average in all college work. Most of the new initiates plan to major in engineering, pre-med, or pharmacy.
Baseball and softball at home this week

The Chipola Indians moved into a tie for first place in the Panhandle conference with a big 17-5 win over Tallahassee on March 24.

JB Johnson (4-0) was the winning pitcher. Edmond Sparks was 4 for 5, with a homerun, a double and 8 RBI’s. Dayne Read was two for two and scored five runs. Joey Rapp and Dustin Spruill also hit homeruns for Chipola.

Chipola is 4-2 in league play heading into a home game with Northwest Florida, Friday, March 27 at 4 p.m.

The Indians have several more home games this season, including: TCC, April 1, at 5 p.m.; Gulf Coast, April 7, at 5 p.m.; Pensacola, April 8 at 5 p.m.; Northwest, April 14 at 5 p.m.; TCC, April 18, at 1 p.m. and Gulf Coast, April 24, at 4 p.m.

The Indians are ranked sixth in the FCCAA State poll.

Chipola College sophomore Latoya Williams has been named to the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) State Farm 2009 Junior College/Community College (JC/CC) All-America Basketball Team for the second consecutive year.

Selection committees in each of the nine WBCA geographical regions select the top women’s basketball players in the nation to be honored.

According to Chipola Coach David Lane, Williams is the first women’s basketball athlete from Chipola to win the All-American Award for two consecutive years. Williams was named to the 2008 All-America Basketball Team as a freshman. Lane says the award is even more significant because it includes hundreds of players from all three divisions of community college basketball.

Williams led the Lady Indians in scoring this season with an average of 14 points per game. She also led the Panhandle Conference in rebounds with an average of 10 rebounds per game.

Williams was named First Team All-Conference, First Team All-State/All-Region, the FCCAA State Tournament MVP, and the FCCAA 2009 Player of the Year.

Coach Lane, said, “Latoya is a dynamic player who can do a lot of different things on the court. This award is important because the recognition comes from other coaches.

WBCA CEO Beth Bass, said, “I am proud to honor the top student-athletes of the 2009 JC/CC State Farm Coaches’ All-America Team,” said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. “This group has elevated their game to a new level worthy of recognition on the All-America team this season.”

“State Farm is truly honored to recognize these outstanding student-athletes for their wonderful and amazing achievements,” said Pam El, Marketing Vice President for State Farm. “The State Farm Coaches All-America Team represents true excellence in the sport of women’s basketball, and we are extremely proud to be associated with these remarkable student-athletes.”

The WBCA was founded in 1981 to promote women’s basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game as a sport for women and girls. For information about the WBCA, visit wbca.org.

Spring Frolics slated for April 8

Spring Frolics will be held Wednesday, April 8, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Chipola Pool (Health Center in case of rain).

Students will be excused from their classes to participate in this fun event.

SGA has some great activities lined up including soft play blow up games. There will be music, hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone! Door prizes will be awarded after lunch. Students and staff must be present to win.

Several universities will be on hand to offer interested students information about their programs.

The traditional match up between clubs will be a relay competition to see which club rules the campus.

The SGA Spring Elections will also be held, as well as voting for The Distinguished Service Award for a Faculty Member, and The Distinguished Service Award for a Career Employee/Administrator.

If you are interested in running for an SGA position, come by the Student Activities Office, (Q-120 or 121) and pick up the information. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 6.

For more information, call 718-2308.
Cast picked for Chipola’s “Beanie and the Book Machine”

Chipola College Theater director Charles Sirmon recently cast actors for the children’s play, “Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine,” which will be presented to hundreds of elementary school children in May. A public performance is set for Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m.

Cast in the following roles, are: Austin Pettis as Mr. Wright, Aaron Moore as Beanie Boren, Keith Watford as The Queen, Kristina Lopez as Candy, Kyndall Covington as The Wicked Witch of the West, Aven Pitts as Professor Librum, Brenna Kneiss as Dorothy, Courtney Corbin as Gretel, Ben Grande as Hansel, Dianna Glaze as Snow White, Garrett Brolund as Dewie Decimal, Kris Sampson as Hewie, Stephanie Lawson as Louie and Sarah Lovins as Gidget.

The children’s show tells the story of Beanie Boren, a science wiz who is not keen on reading. Beanie has designed a book reading machine for the science fair which can read three books at once. Unfortunately, the machine is neither user friendly nor bug free. When Beanie turns it on, lights flash, thunder booms, and out pop the witches from Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, and the Wizard of Oz, each set to wreak havoc. Beanie must get them back into the books with help from the good guys. Afterward, he is eager to read the old fashioned way.

For information about Chipola Theater, call 718-2227.

Continuing Education courses set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer a variety of short courses in the coming weeks.

The following Mandatory training for Child Care Facility Personnel and Family Child Care Home is scheduled: Special Needs Appropriate Practices, April 11, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Costs is $43.

An Observing & Recording Child Behavior course will meet Monday & Wednesday, May 13 through June 22 from 6 to 9:20 p.m. Cost is $191.

Gatlin Education Services (GES) offers, open enrollment, online courses in: health care, internet graphics/web design, business, law and travel. Register online at www.gatlineducation.com/chipola.

Education To Go offers online programs in: computers, photography, languages, writing, entertainment, grant writing, business, sales, accounting, test prep, finance, health, child care, parenting, art, history, psychology, literature, statistics, philosophy, engineering, law and nursing. For dates and course outlines, visit www.ed2go.com/chipola.

For information about any of these non-credit courses, call 850-718-2395.

2009 Chipola Baseball and Softball Schedule

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Home games are in ALL CAPS. Conference games are in bold. All times are Central Standard Time.
Public invited to April 16 meeting of Blue Springs Group

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Blue Springs Working Group, Thursday, April 16, in the Continuing Education Building Conference Room at Chipola College.

Presentations begin at 9 a.m. and run until 1 p.m. Chipola science professor Allan Tidwell, Working Group Leader, will direct the meeting.

Speakers will include: Kenneth Stephens, District 5 County Commissioner; Chuck Hatcher, Director of Jackson County Parks and Recycling; Craig Bishop, farmer; Russell Williams, Springs Ambassador; Edd Sorenson, cave diver; Connie Bersok, Springs Coordinator, DEP; Greg Nolin, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA;

Topics for discussion will include: Case Study of the Shangri-La Sinkhole Cleanup and planning for Old Timer’s Day.

Vicki B. Fuqua will discuss the Reorganization of Millpond Homeowners Association.

John Trott, Vicki Fuqua and Edd Sorenson will provide party barges for tours of the Mill Pond to include all of the springs, weather permitting.

For information, contact Allan Tidwell at 850-718-2761, Ext. 3248 or email tidwella@chipola.edu.

Chipola to offer free tax preparation

In order to help more local citizens get the most refund due them, Chipola College business instructor Lee Shook and his student volunteers are providing free tax preparation and free electronic filing.

The free service—for individual tax returns only—is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Wednesdays, through April 15. Other times may be scheduled by appointment.

The free service usually takes no longer than 30 minutes. For faster refunds, taxpayers are asked to bring a personal check which has routing information needed for electronic refunds.

To make an appointment for free tax assistance, call Lee Shook at (850) 718-2368.

UWF offers graduate programs at Chipola

The University of West Florida offers several graduate programs in collaboration with the Chipola College University Center.

Courses are offered on Chipola’s campus each semester as well as online.

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

Registration is April 7 for currently enrolled UWF students and April 20 for new students. Summer classes begin May 11.

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

GATOR SCHOLARSHIP.
The Northwest Florida Gator Club is offering scholarships to entering juniors at the University of Florida’s West Florida Research Education Center in Milton, FL. Applicants must have applied, been accepted, and plan to attend the University of Florida at WFREC during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Applications are available in Student Services. They must be completed and mailed directly to the Northwest Florida Gator Club and must be received no later that Monday, April 6, 2009.

The University of Florida Center in Milton offers degrees in Golf and Sports Turf Management, Natural Resource Conservation, and Landscape and Nursery Horticulture (formerly known as Environmental Horticulture). For information, see an advisor in Student Services.

FCA MEETS. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle meets Thursday nights at 7 pm in H-108. All students are welcome.

BCM INVITES. Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) will sponsor a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in A-156.

They will hold a Prayer Meeting on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. in the Dorm Lobby.

Everyone is invited.

UCA INFO. Transfer scholarship applications for the University of Central Florida are available in Student Services, room 107A.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

13-14 Early Reg Summer I & II
15-16 Spring Planning Meetings
18 FTCE Exam
21 College Appl Deadline—SSI
21 District Board of Trustees
23 Music and Theatre Scholar Auditions for 2009-10
23 FACC Executive Board Meeting
24 Early SSI Reg Payment Deadline
27-30 Book Buyback
28 Awards Ceremony
30 Last Class Day Academics

THIS WEEK

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

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

30-Mar Kathy Rehberg
31-Mar Laurie Berry
3-Apr Dale O’Daniel
4-Apr Jake Headrick
5-Apr Gail Hartzog
7-Apr Angela Dawkins

ATTENTION! Students are cautioned to not leave books and valuables unattended.

ATTENTION ENC 1101 & 1102 STUDENTS. ENC 1101 and 1102 students must have a Chipola photo ID for admission to take the final exam. Students may have a student ID made at Student Services (A107) on Tuesdays, 8 - 11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 8-11 a.m. Students should bring their Spring fee receipt with them. There is a $10 replacement fee for lost IDs.

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K- Cafeteria, Bookstore
L- ACE Lab
M- Business/Cosmetology
N- Workforce Devel Labs
0- Workforce Devel / Electronics
P- Automotive Tech
Q- Health Science
R- Johnson Health Center
S- Continuing Ed/Conf Ctr
T- Pool
U- Foundation
Y- Public Service
Z- Literature/Language
BC/SC - Baseball/Softball Complex