

## Chipola's DeFelix and Ward win Kirkland Awards

English professor Geraldine DeFelix and math professor Dr. Cherry Ward were chosen by their peers as co-recipients of the 2009 Kirkland Award for Excellence in Teaching at Chipola.

DeFelix has been an English and reading instructor at Chipola since 1997, and has been widely known as an excellent educator in the area for 30 years. She tutors many underprepared students and students who speak English as a second language.

The faculty member who nominated DeFelix, said, "Geraldine encourages students to ask for help and is available to them. She is always professional and respectful in her relationships with students and is viewed by many to be a role model. She takes her role as advisor to students very seriously."

DeFelix was a key contributor to Chipola's Quality Enhancement First Year Learning Experience project. She helped initiate the project and served as an instructor and mentor for the pilot course. She provided leadership for the college's OnCourse training for the entire faculty and has helped to develop successful strategies to engage students that have been adopted by many faculty members.

DeFelix served as a Chipola partner for Graceville High School for several years, visiting the Graceville campus each week to mentor seniors. She has served as Chipola Cheerleader sponsor for 12 years. She revived the Cheerleading Extravaganza, one of the most well-attended and best fundraisers on campus.

DeFelix makes presentations at campus and state meetings,

and is a vital member of many college committees. She volunteers in the college concession stands to support the Chipola chapter of the Florida Association of Community Colleges, and always contributes to college and department projects and fundraisers.

DeFelix is a member and past president of the Graceville Woman's Club. She serves as District I Director for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the honor society for exemplary



Geraldine DeFelix (right) and Dr. Cherry Ward (left) were chosen as co-recipients of the 2009 Kirkland Award. They are pictured with one of the award namesakes Carolyn Kirkland.

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## Chipola board salutes Brain Bowlers

The Chipola College State Championship Brain Bowl Team was recognized at a recent meeting of the Chipola District Board of Trustees. Rep. Marti Coley also was on hand to present a Legislative Tribute honoring the team. Pictured from left, are: board chair Gary Clark, Rep. Marti Coley, Brain Bowl members Ryan Wells and Anthony Garrett, and Brain Bowl coaches Stan Young and Dr. Robert Dunkle.

### THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

#### 25 MONDAY

- ♦ MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - College Closed

#### 26 TUESDAY

- ♦ Executive Council — 9 a.m., A 192

#### 27 WEDNESDAY

- ♦ Last Day to Vertically Transfer for Summer I Term
- ♦ Deadline to Apply for McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship for Summer II 2009 - Chipola Foundation

#### 29 FRIDAY

- ♦ College Closed for Four Day Work Week

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educators. She is a graduate of Chipola College. She earned a B.A. from the University of West Florida and a master's degree from Troy University.

Chipola math professor Dr. Cherry Ward also was chosen to receive the Kirkland Award. The faculty member who nominated Ward, said, "Cherry is a professional educator in every way. She exemplifies excellence to her colleagues and is respected by her students, many of whom will also become teachers. Student evaluations repeatedly indicate that she is 'a good teacher' and 'shows enthusiasm' in her classes." In a recent student evaluation, Ward's rating for 'availability for individual help outside of class' was the highest in her department.

Ward initiated the Future Educators Club (FEC) which sponsors the Teacher Outreach Program in which upper division education Chipola students work with high school clubs to provide mentoring activities for high school students planning to become teachers. FEC sponsors an annual workshop for local K-12 teachers and future teachers.

In 2008, Dr. Ward received the Statewide Curriculum and Instruction Award for her innovative teaching technique called "test journals" to help students perform better in math courses. She also has implemented the use of the Interwrite program and was one of the first faculty members to embrace the Desire to Learn (D2L) computer classroom management program as a way to help students.

Dr. Ward chaired Chipola's Quality Enhancement Plan Development Team and provided leadership for the faculty in that reaffirmation effort. She has participated in off-campus training on Supplemental Instruction and the First Year Learning Experience. She led in pilot studies to develop plans for these two programs and kept the faculty informed about the process. Chipola's QEP has been recognized as a model program by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

One of Ward's colleagues, said, "Dr. Ward has been an outstanding addition to the Chipola faculty. She possesses a wide range of teaching expertise in mathematics and education. Only an unusually talented and dedicated faculty member could make such an impact on the total college in such a short time."

Dr. Ward earned a B.S. from Armstrong Atlantic State University. She earned a master's and doctorate from Georgia Southern University.

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. Previous winners include faculty emeriti Dr. Stephen Shimmel, Dr. Bill Brievogel, Kathryn Roberts, Brenda Alford, Donald Holley, Paul Huang, Don Adams, Peggy Register, Charlene Lord and Lonnie Keene, former instructor Jean Taylor and current instructors Dr. Robert Dunkle, JoAnn Everett, Mary McClendon, Nancy Burns, Dr. Lou Cleveland, Rose Cavin, Dr. David Hilton, John Gardner and Stan Young.

## Summer programs set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer programs for children of all ages this summer.

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

**Chipola Softball** Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer five Softball camps. **Tear 'Em Up Tuesday Hitting Camps** for all ages will meet June 5, 9, 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 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$50 and includes insurance. For information, contact Coach Hendrix at 718-2358.

**Swimming lessons** will be offered for ages four and up. Lessons are based on a combination of nationally-recognized methods. The following sessions are scheduled: Session 1: June 1-11; Session 2: June 15-25; Session 3: July 13-23; and Session 4: Aug. 3-13. Classes are available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Sessions are Monday through Thursday for two weeks of 45-minute lessons. Cost is \$45 and pre-registration is required, with a \$5 late registration fee. **An Adult Swimming class** will try and schedule with request of 5 or more students. **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. For information, call Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

- 3 Deadline to Apply For Graduation
- 4 College Application Deadline — SSII
- 5 FTCE Registration Deadline for July
- 6 CLAST Exam
- 6 CAAP Exam
- 10 Last Day to Withdraw from a class
- 10 Deadline to Apply for McLendon Scholarship for Fall
- 10 Scholarship Application Deadline for Chipola Foundation
- 15 Early SSII Reg Payment Deadline
- 15-18 Early Fall Registration For Currently Enrolled
- 16 District Board of Trustees
- 17 Last Day to Resign from All Classes for SSI
- 23 Last Class Day - Summer I
- 24 Grades due 8 a.m.
- 24 Last Faculty Day For Summer I
- 25 Faculty Returns — Summer II

## THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., **Wednesday, May 20**. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 27-May Nancy Johnson
- 29-May Lou Cleveland
- 29-May Rebecca Davis

## 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- Math Annex	O- Workforce Devel / Electronics	Z- Literature/Language
H- McLendon Fine Arts	P- Automotive Tech	BC/SC - Baseball/Softball Complex