Community college chancellor to address Chipola grads

Dr. Will Holcombe, Chancellor for Florida’s Community College System, will deliver the address to the Class of 2009 at Chipola College’s Commencement on Thursday, May 7.

Dr. Holcombe has more than 30 years of experience in educational leadership and collegiate administration. Holcombe, who completed his undergraduate studies at Baldwin-Wallace College, earned both his Master’s in Education and Ph.D. in College Administration from the University of Florida. A former U.S. Marine Corps Captain, Dr. Holcombe began his teaching career at Ford Junior High School in Brook Park, Ohio. He later joined Florida’s Community College System, serving as an English professor at Santa Fe and Broward Community College, where he eventually became president in 1987. Holcombe has also served as Vice President of Brevard CC, provost and academic dean for Broward’s Central Campus and assistant to the President for Broward CC.

Since Florida’s Community Colleges are the primary access point to higher education in the state for more than 800,000 students, one of Chancellor Holcombe’s highest priorities is facilitating and maintaining postsecondary opportunities for our students. Community colleges provide the state’s broadest range of educational options, including adult continuing education, recreation and leisure programs, certificate training, Associate’s degrees which provide university parallel and/or career technical preparation, and Baccalaureate degrees in areas of critical workforce need.

Dr. Holcombe continues to be a strong advocate for student success, seamless articulation and economic development. As Chancellor, Holcombe works to build consensus with other stakeholders in higher education including K-12, workforce development entities, and public and private four-year institutions.

A highly sought after speaker and presenter, Dr. Holcombe has represented Florida’s Community Colleges at various state and national conventions. He has also provided consulting services to colleges throughout the country.

Some 371 Chipola graduates make up the class of 2009. They will join the ranks of more than 10,000 Chipola alumni. Counted as members of the class are all who completed their degrees or certificates from December of 2008 to May of 2009 or who will complete work during the summer of 2009. Chipola’s fifth class of bachelor’s degree graduates in Secondary Education will receive degrees during the ceremony.

“Beanie and the Book Machine” slated for May 14

Aaron Moore plays the role of Beanie in the Chipola College children’s play, “Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine.” The show will be presented to hundreds of elementary school children in May. A public performance is set for Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m. General admission tickets—$5—are on sale now. The show tells the story of Beanie, a science wiz who has designed a reading machine which can read three books at once. When Beanie turns it on out pop the witches from Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, and the Wizard of Oz. Beanie must get them back into the books with help from the good guys. For information about Chipola Theater, call 718-2227.

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Baseball players named All Conference

The Chipola Indians have several players on the 2009 Coaches’ All-Panhandle Conference Baseball Team.

First-team selections include: infielders Mark Ellis and Jake Rogers; outfielder Marc Bourgeois; catcher Edmond Sparks; and pitcher Patrick Corbin. Marc Bourgeois also won the Buddy Kisner Award for academics.

Second-team selections from Chipola include: infielder Andy Fermin, outfielder Joey Rapp, and pitcher J.B. Johnson. Johnson also was named Fireman of the Year.

Four Indians made the Honorable Mention list: Blake Newalu, Daniel Renfroe, Dayne Read and Jason Townsend.

In the vote for the league’s top 10 players, Corbin finished fourth, Bourgeois sixth and Ellis eighth. Voting was done by the conference’s five head coaches.

The Indians will defend their 2008 State Title in the FCCAA State Tournament starting May 8-12 in Winter Haven.

Officer Equivalency Training offered

Law enforcement officers from as far away as California and Virginia recently completed Chipola College’s Equivalency of Training (EOT) course.

The Chipola Criminal Justice Training Center offers (EOT) for formerly certified Florida law enforcement officers or those certified in other states.

Upcoming classes will meet June 22-26, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Florida Law Enforcement Officers whose certification has expired, or Out-of-State officers who would like to become Florida certified, must complete assessment procedures, complete a 40-hour High Liability Proficiency Review Course and a pass the Florida Law Enforcement Officer Certification State Exam. Cost is $300.

Those previously certified as a Florida Correctional Officer or an Out-of State Correctional Officer who would like to become Florida certified will be required to complete the assessment procedure, the 32-hour High Liability Proficiency Review Course and earn a passing score on the Florida Correctional Officer Certification State Exam. Cost is $240.

Employment recruiting information is available by on-site recruiters and advertisements posted in the training facility. EOT classes are offered throughout the school year and are limited in class size in order to promote individualized instruction. Classes are presented in a manner to confirm High Liability Proficiencies as well as to prepare the student for readiness to take Florida Certification Exams.

For information, contact Steve Anderson, 850-718-2479, e-mail andersons@chipola.edu, or fax requests to 850-718-2497.

Early registration for summer classes at Chipola

Chipola will hold summer registration for new and returning students, Monday, May 11, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Summer I classes begin May 12. Late registration continues through May 13. Summer II classes begin June 29. Many evening and distance learning courses are available during the two six-week summer sessions. Some classes have been extended to run for 12 weeks rather than 6.

Online registration also is available for students who qualify. Fees for early registration must be paid on the day of registration. Scholarship recipients should contact the Business Office to declare fee payment method. Students from Georgia and Alabama pay in-state tuition.

Graduating high school seniors who take at least one class

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Chipola piano student to give concert May 5

Chipola College sophomore Piano Major James Matthews will present his debut recital “Music under the Moonlight,” Tuesday, May 5, at 6 p.m., in the Chipola Fine Arts Recital Hall H108.

Matthews will perform works by Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Liszt and Emanescence with special duo performances by Chipola Voice Major Jonathan Keeman, piano professor Dr. Josh Martin, and The Mathis Quartet. This event is free and open to the public. Donations for the artist will be accepted following the concert.

Matthews studies piano under Chipola professor Dr. Josh Martin and sings bass in the Chamber Chorus. A winner of several piano competitions, Matthews has performed throughout the East Coast in North Carolina, Michigan, Ohio, Boston and New York. He attended the summer programs at the Juilliard School in New York where he participated in Master classes by Murray Perahia and Emmanuel Ax. He has collaborated and toured with pop rock bands The Fray and Avril Lavinge. This summer, he will participate in Rocky Ridge Music Center’s Young Artists Seminar. Matthews is one of only 25 piano students selected nationwide to attend the seminar.

For information, contact Joan Stadsklev at (850) 718-2277.

Chipola student builds demo engine

Chipola College automotive technology student Justin Stephens recently completed a 350 Chevrolet Demonstrator engine to be used by his fellow students.

Stephens, a dual-enrolled high school student from Altha constructed the working engine with help from instructor Chase Vlieg.

The demonstrator is a real engine on which students can test more than 50 operations from fuel system to cooling and electrical systems.

Auto professor John Gardner said the engine would have cost over $30,000 to purchase, but Stephens built it for around $3,000.

Stephens has one more year in the Chipola Auto program. He plans to move on to diesel mechanics.

For information, call 718-2306.

Chipola theatre presents at CRAA

Charles Sirmon, Director of Chipola Theatre, (left) receives check from Chipola Regional Arts Association President Jo-Ann Anderson in support of the Theatre ACT fund.

Chipola College theater students (pictured) presented the program at the April meeting of the Chipola Regional Arts Association.
Chipola FCA hosts Chariot Races

The Chipola College Fellowship of Christian Athletes recently held their first Annual Chariot Races for area high school FCA chapters.

Five-member teams race bearing one member in the “chariot,” which is a bed sheet, with four other members at each corner.

This year’s winner was “Team Awesome” from Cottondale High School with team members Kaylie Scott, Megan Scott, Amanda Ostrum, Kristen Reynolds and Coty Drew. They received the “traveling” trophy to keep until next year and Chipola tomahawks.

Following the chariot races, local Christian band “Seeking Solace” played their original songs. Praise and worship time was led by BCF student Daniel Lloyd. The night’s speaker was Florida A & M University Strength and Conditioning Coach Antonio Wallace.

Chipola FCA adviser Dr. David Hilton said, “The night was a real success and everyone received a true blessing. Our speaker gave an awesome testimony and inspirational message. Plans are already under way for repeating the event next year.”

ACE THOSE FINALS. ACE is offering individual tutoring, review sessions and group study sessions to help Chipola students prepare for those last class tests and final examinations. The sessions will be lead by Chipola faculty and ACE staff.

ACE will be open until 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 30. ACE will be open 3-6 p.m. on Sunday May 3.

Come by ACE to pick up a schedule of the study sessions for final examinations. Review sessions are scheduled through May 5.

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 an $10 replacement fee for lost IDs.