

# Chipola This Week

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A newsletter for Chipola College students, employees, and friends

## Chipola College accreditation reaffirmed

Chipola College president Dr. Gene Prough has been notified that the college's accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

No additional follow-up report was requested. "This means we are reaffirmed through 2018," said Dr. Prough. "Our hard work has paid off. I very much appreciate the effort of every employee in accomplishing this task. Now we can focus on our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) and increasing student persistence and success at Chipola."

The letter from SACS President Dr. Belle Wheelan

asked that the college submit a one-page summary of its QEP to be posted as an example on the SACS website. This summary was submitted in August. The QEP, a five-year plan addressing an issue at the college, is now required as part of the reaffirmation process.

Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Executive Vice-President for Instruction and Student Services, said, "We are elated that no follow-up reports are required, and that SACS officials are pleased with our QEP."

Chipola's QEP *Learning to Persist* will be featured at the SACS Annual Meeting in San Antonio in December. Dr. Cherry Ward, Faculty QEP Chair, and

Gail Hartzog, Associate Dean of Development and Planning, will make presentations about Chipola's reaffirmation process and explain the development of the QEP.

Clemmons said Chipola's Title III project has already allowed the college to make a good start on achieving the QEP goals of helping students persist in college and remaining continuously enrolled until they graduate. She said one important component of Chipola's QEP is providing professional development activities to help faculty and staff deal with today's students. Other components teach students to make better decisions and help them take advantage of tutoring and aca-

demical support so they will achieve their academic and career goals.

Chipola College was founded in 1947 to provide the first two years of college and workforce programs for residents of its five-county district. The college has maintained continuous accreditation with SACS since 1957.

Chipola is now accredited as a Level II institution because it has been authorized to offer several Bachelor's degrees, including six Bachelor of Science in Education degrees, a Bachelor Business Management degree with three majors, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN).

## Chipola Cross Country places third

The Chipola College Women's Cross Country team finished third in the recent Southern Cross Country Challenge hosted by Chattahoochee Technical College near Atlanta.

Seven teams competed in the JUCO division with five eligible for scoring. Chipola finished third behind first place Darton College and second place Gordon College. Head coach Rance Massengill says, "While no Chipola runners recorded a personal best, the team recorded its first team place finish on a very tough and hilly course."

The Chipola team also has competed in larger meets in Pensacola and Titusville. This is Chipola's second season of women's cross country. Returning members include sophomores: Taylor Guy, Taylor Dover, Ellen Manor and Laura Day. India Hatcher is the only freshman.

The team finishes the season Oct. 18 in the Coach "O" invitational at Troy University.

Coach Massengill encourages Chipola and local high school students to try out for the team. For information, call 718-2440.



Members are, from left: (front) Taylor Dover, India Hatcher, Taylor Guy, Laura Day, Ellen Manor, and (back) coach Rance Massengill.

### THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

#### 20-21 MONDAY-TUESDAY

- ♦ FALL BREAK - COLLEGE CLOSED

#### 22 WEDNESDAY

- ♦ BCM Bible Study — 10 a.m., A156
- ♦ VP Council — 2:30 p.m., Z 215

#### 23 THURSDAY

- ♦ FACC Peanut Boil — 1-3 p.m., M

#### 24 FRIDAY

- ♦ Academic Directors — 9 a.m., A192

#### 25 SATURDAY

- ♦ ACT Test
- ♦ Florida Teacher Certification Exam



The Chipola Show Choir has selected 27 members for its 2008-09 group.

Show Choir performs in local venues throughout the Southeast, as well as Disney World and on luxury cruise lines. The group recently performed for 1,000 area high schoolers at the college's Senior Day.

Show Choir's annual extravaganza Jazzmatazz is set for Jan.

## Chipola Show Choir 2008-09

7-10, 2009. Tickets go on sale before Thanksgiving and are available from Show Choir members and in the Fine Arts Department office.

Show Choir is under the direction of Angie White and Dr. Josh Martin.

Student members, are: Courtney Corbin, Marianna; Kaleigh Owens, Sneads; Cassie Mitchell, Marianna; Kylee Shores, Marianna; Mindy Shamblin, Donalsonville, GA; Kara Jumper, Graceville; Brenna Kneiss, Chipley, Josh Johnson, Marianna; Audrey Brown, Altha; Caroline Segers, Bonifay; Rachael Daniel, Marianna; Ashely Bruce, Greenwood; Emily Harrison, Marianna; Madison Wester, Grand Ridge; Kyndall Covington, Arlington, TN, Kris Sampson, Marianna; Cam Hitchcock; Garrett Brolund, Dothan, AL; Cuyler Engram, Blountstown; Keith Watford, Graceville; Quintin Beachum, Campbellton; Kevin Shores, Marianna; JuJuan Clark, Campbellton; Aaron Moore, Bonifay; Nathan Hauser, Bonifay; Atrayu Adkins, Marianna; and Geoffrey Poole, Marianna.

## Chad Taylor named Springs Champion

Chad Taylor, a Jackson County land manager and forester, has been named Springs Champion 2008 by the Blue Springs Working Group.

According to BSWG coordinator Allen Tidwell, "Chad is an invaluable resource for the knowledge he possesses about water resource issues and his many contacts with key environmental people. He is my 'go to' person for the working group and he has been a tremendous help to me since I assumed the responsibility of project coordinator."

Taylor was the initial project coordinator for the group before Chipola College took responsibility for the program. In addition to his active role in the BSWG, he is an active member of the Apalachicola River Keepers, River Way South, and the Riparian County Stakeholder Coalition for the Apalachicola River.

Taylor is the organizer of the annual Blue Springs "Old Timer's Day" the first Saturday in May where he provides and cooks fish for the guests.

Taylor is a land manager and forester who has worked with springs and growth management issues for many years.

"Chad's passion about preserving and protecting the environment; specifically our water resources is genuine. With regards to groundwater and springs protection, he practices what he



*Chad Taylor (left) has been named Springs Champion 2008 by the Blue Springs Working Group. He is pictured with BSWG coordinator Allen Tidwell.*

preaches in every facet of his personal, business, and political life. Without a doubt, Chad Taylor is truly a Champion for Jackson Blue Springs," Tidwell said.

The BSWG meets quarterly. For information, contact Allen Tidwell at 526-2761, Ext. 3248.

## Early registration for Spring 2009 is Nov. 3-6

Early registration for spring semester 2009 is Nov. 3, 4, 5, and 6. You should only register for classes required for your major. Follow the steps below to ensure that you enroll in the correct classes for Spring 2009:

Go to [www.chipola.edu/studentservices/cguides/guides.htm](http://www.chipola.edu/studentservices/cguides/guides.htm) and print a curriculum guide for your intended major and transfer institution.

Go to [www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org) and print an unofficial copy of your college transcript. (Specific directions can be found on page 44 of the current College Catalog.)

Using your college transcript and your curriculum guide, choose classes for the spring term based on the courses remaining on your curriculum guide—those you have not yet taken (be sure to check the College Catalog for pre-requisites to any courses you have not taken).

Create a draft copy of your planned schedule for spring 2009. Take the draft schedule and a copy of your curriculum guide with you when you see your advisor to register.

*Dr. Jayne Roberts, Enrollment Services*

## Chipola offers free tuition for four-year nursing degree

Chipola College is offering free tuition to the first 20 Registered Nurses admitted to the college's new Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Known in health profession as the RN to BSN, the program is open to Registered Nurses (RN) with licensure in Florida, Alabama, or Georgia.

The Beall Tuition Scholarship Fund in the Chipola Foundation is guaranteeing free tuition to the first 20 RN's admitted at the junior level for the Spring semester which begins in January. The Beall Fund pays for tuition, but does not cover the cost of textbooks.

Applicants must be licensed RN's, with an AA degree and have completed all prerequisites before being admitted. Applicants must apply for federal financial aid by completing the FAFSA at [www.chipola.edu/financialaid/index.htm](http://www.chipola.edu/financialaid/index.htm) or by visiting Chipola's Financial Aid Office. The process takes a few weeks.

RN to BSN classes are offered in the evening and online. Application deadline for the Spring 2009 semester is Dec. 3.

Chipola's BSN curriculum also has an emphasis in community health that is not included in the Associate Degree Nursing

program of study. Graduates of Chipola's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program have an advantage over graduates of other programs. Chipola graduates must complete only 30 upper-level semester hours to earn the BSN degree.

Admission requirements to the BSN program include: RN licensure in the state of Florida, Alabama, or Georgia; an AA degree from a Florida public institution; a cumulative grade point average of 2.5; and completion of all prerequisite courses.

For information about Chipola's RN to BSN program, call Dr. Kitty Myers at 850-718-2260.



## Mario Little selected as Big 12 Preseason Newcomer of the Year

IRVING, Texas – Former Chipola Indian and University of Kansas junior Mario Little was selected as the Big 12 Preseason Newcomer of the Year, the league office announced Tuesday. Little was picked in a vote by the league head coaches, who are not permitted to vote for their own student-athletes.

Chipola Head Coach Greg Heiar said,

“Mario worked extremely hard during his two years at Chipola and I have no doubts he will continue this mentality for Coach Self at Kansas.”

Little arrives in Lawrence after leading Chipola (Fla.) College to a 68-5 record over the last two seasons. He averaged 15.2 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists a year ago for Chipola and shot 55 percent from the floor, including 40.3 percent from three-point range. Little was rated as the No. 1 JUCO player in the country by Rivals.com.

## Chipola's 'Bus Stop' opens Nov. 6



Tickets go on sale Oct 23 for the Chipola Theater dramatic comedy, “Bus Stop,” which opens a four-day run, Nov. 6.

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon recently cast local actors in the following roles: Brenna Kneiss as Elma, Dianna Glaze as Grace, Aven Pitts as Will, Kyndall Covington as Cherie, Nathan Houser as Dr. Lyman, Aaron Moore as Carl, Garrett Brolund as Virgil and Ben Grande as Bo. Keith Watford and Sarah Martinez are the Stage Managers. The behind the scenes crew includes Haley Barfield, Stephanie Lawson, Courtney Corbin, Kylee Shores, Sarah Lovins, Austin Pettis and Kristina Lopez.

“Bus Stop” is set in a howling snowstorm with a busload of weary travelers holed up at a roadside diner. A nightclub singer named Cherie (played by Marilyn Monroe in the movie adaptation) has been kidnapped by a young cowboy who is ready to sling her over his shoulder and carry her, kicking and screaming, down the aisle. As a counterpoint to the romance, the cafe owner and the bus driver at last find time to develop a friendship of their own; a middle age scholar comes to terms with himself; and a young waitress also gets her first taste of romance.

For ticket information, call 850-718-2220.

## Firearms course set at Chipola

Chipola College Public Service will hold a 16-hour Firearms Familiarization course Oct. 27-30 at the Reddoch Firing Range on the Blue Springs Highway.

Successful completion of the course may be used in applying for a Concealed Weapons Permit.

The 16-hour course will meet from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Pre-registration and payment of the \$60 fee is due prior to the first class meeting. Registration forms are available at the front desk of the Public Service Building.

For information, call Doris Williams at (850) 718-2394 or e-mail [williamsd@chipola.edu](mailto:williamsd@chipola.edu).

## Chipola EMT and Paramedic Program

The Chipola College EMT and Paramedic programs are currently accepting applications for upcoming courses.

The next EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) program begins Nov 17. Classes meet weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The next Paramedic program begins Jan. 12, 2009. Classes meet weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Acceptance is limited in both programs. Applicants with extenuating circumstances, such as military duty, may apply up to the day classes begin.

The EMT program is an 11 credit-hour course that is 260 hours in length. EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operator Course) is included in the EMT curriculum. Clinical assignments are required in addition to regular class hours. Students must complete 20 hours of emergency room work in either Jackson ER and/or Northwest Florida Community Hospital) and 80 hours of ambulance ride time.

Prerequisites for the EMT Program include: high school diploma or GED and AHA healthcare provider CPR, FDLE background check and satisfactory score on the college placement test. The EMT program prepares students for employment as ambulance drivers/ambulance attendants, or emergency medical technicians and to treat various medical/trauma conditions.

Both EMT and Paramedic programs are intensive courses designed to prepare the student to function in both rural and urban environments. Both courses require high standards to prepare the student to function successfully in the diverse field of emergency medical services.

For information, contact Keith D. Maddox AS, EMT-P, Paramedic Program Supervisor at (850) 718-2403.

## Corrections course set at Chipola

Application deadline is Nov. 6 for Chipola's next Basic Corrections course.

A day class is scheduled to begin Nov. 12. The course meets weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applicants must be at least 19 years of age, be of good moral character, possess a valid driver's license, earn a passing score on the Florida Basic Abilities Test (FBAT) and meet FDLE requirements. Students are encouraged to apply before Nov. 6 due to the extensive application process. For information, call 718-2394.

### BOOKSTORE HOURS

*Monday-Thursday*

7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Friday*

7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### TESTING CENTER HOURS:

*Monday-Thursday*

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Tuesday & Thursday*

5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### LIBRARY HOURS:

*Monday - Thursday*

7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

*Friday* 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### TECH CENTER HOURS:

*Monday - Thursday*

8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Friday* 8 a.m. - 1p.m.

### ACE HOURS:

*Monday - Thursday*

8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Friday* 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

**LUNCHTIME.** Montgomery Subs will sell food on campus during lunch Monday through Wednesday. Their menu includes green salads, chicken salad sandwiches, subs, hot dogs, nachos and fries. Their mobile stand is located just east of the library.

**DON'T FORGET.** Last day to withdraw from a class is Nov. 7. Last Day to Resign from all classes is Nov. 21.

**STUDENT IDS.** Student ID's will be made on Tuesdays from 8-11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m. in Building A. All students must obtain a student ID. Replacements are \$10.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

28 District Board of Trustees

29-31 FACC Silent Auction

30 Deadline to Apply For Fall Graduation AA, AS, & AAS

#### NOVEMBER

1 CAAP Exam

2 Sunday Afternoon with The Arts

3-6 Early Spring Registration

6-9 Fall Theatre, "Bus Stop"

7 Last Day to Withdraw From A Class for Fall Term

### THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., **Wednesday, October 22**. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

25-Nov Bruce White

**TROY \$\$.** The 2009-2010 scholarship packets for Troy University, Dothan Campus, are available in A-107A. Applications should be processed after January 1, but no later than March 2, 2009.

**FSU-PC SPOTLIGHT.** FSU Panama City will host "A Spotlight for Psychology and Social Work Majors" on Thursday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. in Jackson Hall. The 45-minute information session will feature an overview of career options as well as the job outlook for these areas. Admission requirements and financial aid opportunities will also be discussed.

For more information, call 850-770-2166 or 850-770-2160.

### 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