Chipola College awarded $2.7 million in federal grants

Current and future Chipola College students will benefit from $2.7 million in federal grants which were recently awarded to the college.

U.S. Rep. Allen Boyd attended Chipola’s annual Superintendents and Principals Breakfast on Thursday to present a check to college officials for three grants—Title III, Talent Search and Public Telecommunications.

Title III

Chipola was awarded $1,670,855 for a Title III – Strengthening Institutions grant to fund a five-year project. The Title III program has three components: (1) to strengthen instructional support; (2) to increase student engagement and (3) to offer faculty development to improve student learning and engagement. The grant will help the college establish a new academic lab with on-demand tutoring, and provide supplemental instruction in high risk courses.

Chipola’s orientation course will be expanded to a two-hour Freshman Seminar in order to establish learning communities of 15-20 students with faculty mentors.

The goal of the project is to help students manage the college experience, plan for a career, and achieve academic and personal success. Funds also will be provided for faculty to travel to national conferences and visit exemplary institutions, to learn best practices to increase student retention and engagement.

The major goal of Chipola’s Title III program is to increase student retention by 20% by the year 2011.

Talent Search

Chipola’s Educational Talent Search program will continue to provide services to first-generation college-bound students in area middle and high schools thanks to a $1,032,000 grant for an additional four years.

Talent Search helps identify youth in grades 6-12 to help them complete high school and enroll in postsecondary educational programs. To date, some 90% of Chipola’s Talent Search students have graduated high school and enrolled in postsecondary programs.

Talent Search serves 600 area students with academic advising; assistance with college admissions and financial aid applications; entrance exam preparation; personal and career

CHIPOLA THANKS BOYD— Chipola College president Dr. Gene Prough recently presented a plaque to U.S. Rep. Allen Boyd for his support of the college.
Tickets on sale for Chipola’s ‘I Hate Hamlet’

Tickets are now on sale for the Chipola College production of “I Hate Hamlet.”

The Paul Rudnick comedy opens a four-day run, Nov. 2, with a performance for high school students Nov. 1.

Tickets—$7 for adults and $5 for students—are available weekdays in the college Business Office from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Chipola students and employees get one free ticket.

For the courtesy of theatre patrons, no one under age 5 will be admitted. Recommended age for the subject matter is 13.

“I Hate Hamlet” tells the story of a young, successful television actor who relocates to New York, where he rents a marvelous, gothic apartment. With his career in limbo, the actor is offered the opportunity to play Hamlet onstage, but there’s one problem: he hates Hamlet.

To add to his troubles, Andrew’s series has been cancelled; and his girlfriend is clinging to her virtue with unyielding conviction.

When Andrew’s agent visits him, she reminisces about her brief romance with John Barrymore many years ago, prompting a séance that summons Barrymore’s ghost. The action becomes more hilarious with the entrance of Andrew’s deal-making friend from LA, spouting the laid-back hype of the Coast and offering Andrew a fabulous new TV deal worth millions.

The laughs are nonstop as Andrew wrestles with his conscience, Barrymore, his sword, and the fact that he fails as Hamlet.

For ticket information, call 850-718-2220.

Chipola Alumnus to speak to Honors

Attorney Jami McFatter Balkom will be the special guest speaker for the Chipola College Honors seminar, Friday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m., in Jackson Hall.

Balkom is a 1998 graduate of Chipola. She earned both her undergraduate Literature degree and her law degree from Florida State University. She began her personal injury law practice with the Manuel and Thompson firm in Panama City in 2003.

She is licensed to practice before all Florida and Alabama State Courts, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

Balkom is currently involved with several professional associations, including The Association Trial Lawyers of America, The Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section, American Bar Association.

Balkom is an active member of the St. Andrews Bay Chapter of the Junior Service League and also serves on the Florida State University College of Law Alumni Association Board and Chair of the Development Committee, as well as the American Heart Association Community Board.

Balkom and her husband Josh, also a Chipola alumnus, have a one year-old daughter, Alli.

Balkom is the daughter of James “Coach” and Madaline McFatter of Bonifay. Balkom’s four siblings also attended Chipola.

Chipola to host meeting on Masonry

Chipola will host a Masonry Summit and Dinner, Nov. 9, to explore the possibility of a Masonry Apprentice Program.

Chipola is joining with the Florida Masonry Apprentice and Educational Foundation for the 6 p.m. dinner in the Continuing Education Conference Center on Chipola’s campus.

According to Workforce Development Dean Bud Riviere, Chipola is responding to a specific need in the construction industry pertaining to the opportunity for training and employment in the masonry industry.

Masonry contractors and subcontractors in the Florida panhandle as well as those from Alabama and Georgia are invited to participate in the meeting and to commit to sponsoring employees in the apprentice training program.

Members of the Florida Concrete Products Association, the Masonry Association of Florida, representatives of Florida’s Great Northwest, the Chipola Regional Workforce Board and the Florida Department of Education will be in attendance.

Chipola College has committed space and resources to help jump start the program. Riviere says, “This apprenticeship training program will afford the student apprentice an outstanding opportunity to obtain gainful employment in an area of great unmet need in this region. Chipola is pleased to collaborate in this effort.”

Al Herndon, Regional Apprenticeship Representative with FMAEF, says “We are pleased that Chipola has offered assistance in our region to help meet the demand for masonry apprentices. There are excellent career opportunities awaiting our apprentices.”

To register for the meeting, call the Workforce Development Office at 718-2270.
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counseling; and exposure to cultural and academic activities, including field trips to colleges, universities and technical centers. Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP)

The U.S. Department of Commerce awarded Chipola $67,000 from the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) to assess existing and future means of delivery of non-broadcast distance learning to high school, college, and community students in the district.

Chipola will join with local public schools to conduct an assessment of technology and curriculum within the college and the five school districts. Educators will create a plan to deliver learning options to the area’s diverse student population based on current and future technology, current programs and needed courses of study.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, said, “We were excited to receive the good news from Congressman Allen Boyd that these three grant requests had been funded. These programs will expand opportunities for our students and prospective students for years to come.”

In addressing the meeting of college and public school officials, Congressman Boyd said, “I salute the educators in this district who are working hard to educate our next generation of citizens and leaders.”

Chipola seeks funds for First Generation scholars

The Chipola College Foundation is seeking donations for a new scholarship fund to help “first generation in college” students.

During the 2006 Legislative Session, $5 million in non-recurring general revenue funds was appropriated to the community college system to fund “First Generation in College” Scholarships.

Each of Florida’s 28 community colleges was allocated a portion of the $5 million based upon a formula of educational factors. Chipola’s portion is $34,000.

In order for Chipola to receive these funds, private donations for a dollar for dollar match must be received at the Chipola College Foundation by Dec. 1, 2006.

Continuing Education courses set at Chipola

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

Chipola will offer the following Mandatory training for Child Care Facility Personnel and Family Child Care Home: Health, Safety and Nutrition, Nov. 4, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Behavioral Observation and Screening, Nov. 6 and 8, 6 to 9 p.m.; Child Abuse and Neglect, Nov. 11, 7 to 11 a.m.; Child Growth and Development, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Rules and Regulations (center), Nov. 13 and 15, 6 to 9 p.m.; Rules and Regulations (family), Dec. 2, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Introducing to Computers with Internet for Seniors will meet Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is $24.

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 many online programs. For dates and course outlines, visit www.ed2go.com/chipola.

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

Chipola PTK to sponsor free warming film

The public is invited to two free showings of the global warming film, “An Inconvenient Truth,” Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., at the Marianna Twin Cinema.

Director Davis Guggenheim weaves the science of global warming with former vice president Al Gore’s personal history and lifelong commitment to reversing the effects of global climate change.

The screenings are sponsored by the Chipola College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

For information, contact PTK adviser Pam Rentz at 526-2761.

Public invited to Chipola lectures on Law and Middle East

The public is invited to attend two meetings scheduled as part of the Chipola Honors Lecture Series.

Chipola history professor Robert Ivey will discuss the History of the Middle East, Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m., in Jackson Hall on the Chipola campus.

On Friday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m., in Jackson Hall, attorney Jami McFatter Balkom will discuss her work in the legal field and her experiences as a former student in the Chipola Honors program.

Youngsters invited to join Chipola Little Indians

The Chipola College men’s basketball team invites boys and girls ages 6-12 to join the Little Indians Club.

Practices begin Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. with additional practices Nov. 16 and 30, Dec. 14, Jan. 4, 18 and 20.

The $20 membership fee includes: Little Indians t-shirt, instruction from Chipola players and coaches, and the opportunity to perform during Chipola games on Feb. 1, 8 and 10.

For information, call Jake Headrick at (850)718-2378.

“First Generation in College” Scholarships are to be awarded to students toward tuition and/or books. Private donations and the state match portion must be spent and cannot be endowed. A first generation in college student is defined as an individual both of whose parents did not complete a bachelor’s degree.

Applications for the First Generation Scholarships would be available in late February 2007 and due June 18, 2007.

Donations may be sent to the Chipola College Foundation, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446, and must be earmarked for the First Generation in College Scholarship match.

For information, contact Julie Fuqua, Chipola Foundation Director, at 718-2478.
SILENT AUCTION. This year’s silent auction will be held October 25 – 27 in the training room in the Library. Bidding will be open Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and culminating Friday from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The auction is open to faculty and staff. Thank you for supporting the FACC Scholarship Fund.

FACC THANKS. FACC thanks Bonnie Smith and Jane Stephens for volunteering to work concessions for Cheer Fest last weekend. Proceeds from all concessions sales go toward the Chipola FACC Scholarship Endowment. If you have not already volunteered for a game, please call Lillie Hamil at 718-2375 or Joyce Traynom at 718-2201.

BOOKSTORE HOURS:
Monday - Thursday
7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday
7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
SUCCEsS CENTER HOURS:
Monday-Friday
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
5 - 7:30 p.m.
TESTING CENTER HOURS:
Monday-Thursday
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
5 p.m.
For more information concerning specific tests available, call 718-2284.

A PENNY FOR YOUR...The Chipola Softball Team is sponsoring a Penny-A-Thon. The team hopes to collect donations of one million pennies. Collection cans are set up around campus for individuals to drop off their spare pennies to support the softball team.