Chipola Foundation awards record number of scholarships

The Chipola College Foundation awarded a record number of 1,112 scholarships for the Fall 2008 semester totaling $1,136,123. The Foundation received 2,576 applications for various scholarships and 389 McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship applications for Fall 2008 semester funding. The Foundation also processed 918 applications that are forwarded to off-campus scholarship committees for review.

The increased activity represents a 30 percent surge in scholarship applications and a 20 percent boost in total awards over Fall of 2007. Aid from the foundation has more than doubled since 2006 when only 690 awards were made totaling $666,075.

The Foundation has current assets totaling $14.4 million. The majority of funds are secured in endowments with only the interest used to fund scholarships.

Chipola Foundation president Chuck Hudson, says, “The Foundation board members are proud that so many students are benefiting from the generosity of the many donors in our community.”

Application deadline is Oct. 16 for spring semester awards from the McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship. The extensive list of all scholarships offered through the Chipola Foundation for the 2009-2010 school year will be available in early March. The Chipola Foundation welcomes tax-deductible contributions to existing funds and programs and the creation of new scholarships.

For information about the Chipola Foundation, call Julie Fuqua at 850-718-2478.

Chipola theater majors perform in PAEC TV series

Chipola College Theatre majors recently performed in a television series for the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium for broadcast on the Florida Education TV Channel and website.

Students will appear in the “Learning in Safe Schools,” which is part of the Tuesday Teacher Training professional development series. The students acted in dramatized vignettes related to ethics, depicting situations that represent questionable behavior of educators. The program is available at www.paec.org, by selecting the FEC tab and the Tuesday Teacher Training link.

Chipola theater director Charles Sirmon says “The students were thrilled to get some camera experience as well as the program exposure.”

Chipola actors who participated in the shoot, are: Kyndall Covington, Aaron Moore, Brenna Kneiss, Stephanie Lawson, Ben Grande, Nathan Hauser, Kristina Lopez, Keith Watford, John Brolund, Dianna Glaze, Austin Pettis, Sarah Martinez, Haley Barfield-Phillips, Kylee Shores, Aven Pitts and Sarah Lovins.

FACC WEENIE ROAST FOR UNITED WAY
Wednesday, Oct. 8
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
On the lawn of the Chipola Library
Grilled hotdog, can drink and a bag of chips - $3
All proceeds will go to Chipola’s United Way campaign. Sponsored by Chipola FACC

Pictured from left are Chipola students: Rachel Hodge, Aaron Moore and Heather Bailey.
December graduation deadline Nov. 1
Students planning to graduate in December 2008 must complete an application for graduation by Nov. 1.

The following requirements apply to specific degrees:
AA students must have a 2.00 gpa and have completed 60 semester hours. Students must have taken the CAAP or registered to take it in November and have passed the CLAST or registered to take it in November, or completed the CLAST Exemption. Contact an advisor for a graduation check.

AS, AAS, College Credit Certificate students must have a 2.0 gpa and have completed all courses on the curriculum guide for the chosen degree field. Contact an advisor for a graduation check. Students are not required take the CAAP or CLAST.

Workforce Development Certificate students must complete hours required for specific program of study. Contact program instructor to complete an application.
BS and BAS students must contact an advisor for a graduation check and complete an Application for Diploma during the first month of the term prior to your graduation term.

Application for graduation forms are available in the Admissions and Records Office. For information, call 718-2311.

Chipola to offer Paramedic program
Chipola College now offers a Paramedic training program. Application process must be completed by Dec. 3. Classes begin in January.

Applicants must possess a current EMT Basic Certificate and have successfully completed EMS 1159C, Emergency Medical Technician. Course descriptions are available at www.chipola.edu

Due to the unique responsibilities involved in the delivery of health care services, students seeking admission must meet certain selection and admission criteria. Applicants with the best qualifications will be selected for this limited access program. The program also has special attendance requirements, grading policies, dress codes and fees.
Licensure to practice is dependent upon passing a state licensing or certification examination. Acceptance may be denied based on background check.

For information, contact Keith Maddox at (850) 718-2403.

Cox works on display at Sunday Afternoon with the Arts
Chipola College alumnus Beverly Ann Cox of Headland, Alabama, is one of the artists whose works will be displayed during Sunday Afternoon with the Arts, Nov. 2, from 1 to 5 p.m.

This year’s event features two and three dimensional art by several Chipola alumni as well as other regional artists, an opportunity to meet the artists, live music, refreshments, art demonstrations and door prizes. The event is sponsored by the Chipola Regional Arts Association in partnership with The Artists Guild of Northwest Florida, and the Fine and Performing Arts Department.

Cox says, “As an artist I enjoy exploring the versatility of any and all mediums in an effort to visually express the intricate handiwork of the Lord and the frailty of man’s attempts to put substance to this world.”

Cox was encouraged to explore art early in life when her parents provided colored pencils, clay, cloth, water colors, crayons and lots of paper for her and her siblings. “We had diverse subject matter to inspire us and my parents taught us to appreciate the beauty around us and never take it for granted.” she said.

In 1963, she studied art under Chipola art instructor Donald A. Murray. In 1965, she took time off to raise a family and did not resume her artistic endeavors until 1978.
She has managed an arts and crafts store in Dothan and has taught art classes for Wallace College, as well as private classes and has established a private studio in southern Alabama.
For information about Sunday Afternoon in the Arts, contact Nancy Zurenda at 526-5977.

Chipola College Men’s Basketball team held their first official practice of the 2008-09 season on Oct. 1.
The Indians are ranked second in the nation in the NJCAA pre-season poll. Chipola opens the season on the road in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on Oct. 31, facing Mineral Area College and nationally-ranked Three Rivers. From there, the Indians will travel to Ottumwa, Iowa to face top-ranked Indian Hills on Nov. 3.
“We will start the season on the road playing three traditional powerhouses in JUCO basketball,” said coach Heiar. “After the first weekend, we will definitely know where our team stands against others in the country.”
The men’s first home game is Nov. 20 with a 7 p.m. game with Cape Fear College from North Carolina. The Indians will return to action at home Dec. 4 as they open the Milton H. Johnson Panhandle Classic. The Classic will include 12 games over from Dec. 4 – 6.

Coach Heiar said, “The Milton H. Johnson Panhandle Classic will be a great opportunity for the fans to see our team as well as the other Panhandle Conference teams. At that point in the season, there is a possibility that 8 to 10 of the teams at the classic will be ranked in the national NJCAA poll.”

With only five non-conference games scheduled to be played in the Milton Johnson Health Center, Chipola will look to build experience as they accumulate road miles with trips to Atlanta, GA (Nov. 14-15), St. Petersburg (Nov. 22), Winter Haven (Dec. 15-16) and Pensacola’s New Year’s Eve Tournament (Dec. 30-31).
Chipola will begin defense of their sixth consecutive conference title as they open Panhandle Conference action at home against Tallahassee Community College on January 3, 2009.
All home games can be seen live at http://www.chipola.edu/radio/index.htm. For the complete schedule, along with individual tournament schedule, log on to http://chipola.edu and athletics.
Chipola’s Dr. Cruz-White promoted to Associate Professor

Dr. Irma Cruz-White was recently promoted to the position of Associate Professor of Mathematics in the Chipola College Mathematics and Natural Science division where she has taught for the past five years.

Dr. Cruz-White incorporates technology in the classroom to help students to visualize concepts that are difficult to explain in a traditional classroom. She uses computer software such as MAPLE and Geometer’s Sketchpad that facilitate graphical concepts in two and three dimensions.

Dr. Cruz-White directs Chipola Honors students on special projects. She says, “When I meet with honors students I ask them to think about something they really like and I guarantee that they can find mathematics behind it. From this meeting we work on a project involving their interest.” Some of the Honors projects she has directed include: A Levee: A Mathematical Protection, Space Shuttle Landing, The Degree of Racing, Spiral and Scroll Waves in Excitable Media: Cardiological Applications, White – Tailed Deer: History and Population Research.

Dr. Cruz-White recently developed two new courses: MAT 4905-Supervised Research in Mathematics and MAS 4301 - Introduction to Abstract Algebra.

She was selected to participate in a workshop on RNA in Biology, Bioengineering and Nanotechnology at the 2007 Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications Minneapolis, and the Reconnect Program from the Center for Dynamic Data Analysis (DyDAn) at Rutgers University in 2007.

She presented Topology of Spiral Waves in Excitable Media at the Summers Fest in Tallahassee in 2007. She was co-organizer of the session: Calculus Tricks of the Trade at the Project NExT Workshops Albuquerque in 2005, and a poster session on the same project at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Atlanta in 2005.

She was selected as a Project NExT Fellow in 2004, a MAA (Mathematical Association of America) program for New Experiences in Teaching. She is a member of the National Council of Teacher of Mathematics (NCTM) and trained NCATE Program Reviewer NCATE - National Council for Accreditation in Teacher Education. Since 2006, she has reviewed more than a dozen Mathematics Education Programs from all over the United States for National Accreditation.

Public invited to October 7 meeting of Blue Springs Group

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Jackson Blue Spring Basin Working Group, Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the Continuing Education Building Conference Room at Chipola College. Presentations begin at 9 a.m. and will run until 1:15 p.m.

Chipola science professor Allan Tidwell, Working Group Leader will direct the meeting.

Chuck Hatcher, Director of Jackson County Parks and Recycling will provide an update of Blue Springs Park.

Russell Williams, Jackson County Springs Ambassador, will be introduced. Edd Sorenson will give an update on Cave System Exploration.

Allan Tidwell, JBSBWG Project Coordinator will present the Springs Champion Award.

Christy Crandall, Hydrologist-U.S. Geological Survey will provide update on the Chipola River/Floridan Aquifer ground water/surface water interaction study. Jeff Norville, Area Conservationist U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service will provide update on EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program). Matt Phillips, Regional Biologist FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission will provide an update on Invasive Plant Management.

Clyde Smith, Regional Extension IPM Agent II IFAS/Jackson County will provide an update on the Jackson County Spring/Sinkhole Cleanup Amnesty Project.

Chipola science professors Dr. Santine Cuccio and Dr. David Clyde Smith, Regional Extension IPM Agent II IFAS/Jackson County will provide an update on the Jackson County Spring/Sinkhole Cleanup Amnesty Project.

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

Chipola to host seminar on Aquatic Preserves

The Chipola College Science Club will host an Aquatic Preserves seminar in conjunction with the Living Waters Exhibit on display in the college Arts Center, Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m.

The speaker is Kim Wren Kim Wren, Aquatic Preserve Manager with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The seminar will focus on the preserve’s efforts to protect and enhance the ecological integrity of each preserve through research and monitoring efforts, resource management, education and outreach, and partnerships.

Wren is a Florida native who has worked with DEP for eight years. She has worked on sea turtle tagging projects at Cape San Blas with the University of Florida. She currently is conducting research and monitoring activities related to seagrass habitat, salt marsh ecosystems, sea turtle nesting/hatch success, fish distribution and abundance, scallop spat recruitment and water quality.

With close to two million acres of submerged lands to manage, effective and efficient management is critical for the long-term protection of Florida’s most valuable rivers and coastal resources. Florida’s submerged lands play important roles in maintaining good water quality, providing diversity of marine wildlife including valued nursery areas, and supporting a valued quality of life for millions of residents and visitors.

The Central Panhandle Aquatic Preserve includes Alligator Harbor and Apalachicola Bay in Franklin County and St. Joseph Bay in Gulf County.

For information about the seminar, contact Dr. Jeff Bodart at 850-526-2761, Ext. 3252.
Fuqua is top Chipola employee

Julie Fuqua has been selected the Chipola College Faculty/Administrator of the month for October. Fuqua has served as director of the Chipola College Foundation since 1994. Here, Fuqua accepts the award from Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.

Temporary closure of River Forest Rd

River Forest Road will be closed to through traffic Monday, Oct. 13 through Oct. 23, for construction of drainage culverts.

A marked detour route has been established for those who normally travel on River Forest Road.

Eastbound traffic on River Forest will detour south on College Street to Watson Drive, turn East on Watson Drive to Woodbrook Drive and turn on Woodbrook Drive to SR 167 (Jefferson Street).

Westbound traffic on River Forest Road will detour south on SR 167 (Jefferson Street) to Woodbrook Drive, turn West on Woodbrook Drive to Watson Drive, left on Watson Drive to College Street and North on College Street to River Forest Road.

The project includes replacement of cross drains and the addition of a westbound left turn lane on River Forest Road at the intersection of the new Chipola College entrance road which is currently under construction. The overall road project is scheduled to be completed in December.

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.

FSU pre-health information available

Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), the pre-health honor society at FSU, has announced Dean’s Day to be held Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008.

This day pre-med students are able to hear presentations from Deans of the Florida Medical Schools, attend workshops geared to admissions volunteering opportunities, learn about the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preparation, get help for your AMCAS Application, and meet other pre-med and medical students.

Dean’s Day will be held at the FSU College of Medicine. Registration is from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and there is a $5.00 registration fee which includes lunch and much more.

Students who would like more information may contact aedfsu@yahoo.com or go to www.aedfsu.com.

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Friday 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TESTING CENTER HOURS:
Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  Sunday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS:
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The Student Ambassadors would like to thank everyone in advance for helping make Senior Day a success!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER
15 Senior Day
16 Deadline to apply for McLendon Scholarship for Spring 2009
16 FACC General Membership Mtg
20-21 FALL BREAK
25 FL Teacher Certification Exam
28 District Board of Trustees
29-31 FACC Silent Auction
30 Deadline to Apply For Fall Graduation AA, AS, & AAS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
6-Oct Lynn Early
7-Oct James Bailey
7-Oct Stacey Sapp
8-Oct Ionia Barnes
10-Oct Jane Stephens
11-Oct Donna Chandler

THANKS! A big thanks to all the students and staff that came to Chipola’s Fall Festival. It was a huge success! Thanks to the clubs for participating in the relays and tug-o-war competitions. The relay winners were the Honors Club and the tug-o-war winners were the Nurses. Great Job!

Fall Festival was sponsored by Chipola SGA.

Also, thanks to SGA and Student Ambassadors for helping me plan and organize Fall Festival. I could not have done it without you!

Nancy Johnson, Student Activities Coordinator

LOCATOR

A- Student Services/ Administration  I- Arts Center
B- Library  J- Theater
C- Social Science  K- Cafeteria, Bookstore
D- Fink Natural Science  L- ACE Lab
E- Physical Plant Office  M- Business/Cosmetology
F- Residence Hall  N- Workforce Devel Labs
G- Math Annex  O- Workforce Devel / Electronics
H- McLendon Fine Arts  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