Barfield is Chipola Employee of the Year

Pat Barfield has been named Chipola College’s Career Employee of the Year for 2008.

Barfield has worked at the college since 1988, starting as Switchboard Operator. She currently serves as a Staff Assistant in the college’s Institutional Development and Planning Office.

Barfield’s supervisor Gail Hartzog says, “I nominated Pat for this year’s award because of the outstanding results of our Title III project and the SACS Reaffirmation Review. Now that we know of the results of both of these crucial projects, I feel confident in saying that no career employee did more for Chipola during the last year. Pat has become one of Chipola’s most valuable employees because of her capacity and willingness to work for the good of all. She takes pride in her work and seeks always to present the college at its best. While there are many deserving people at Chipola, no one is more deserving than Pat Barfield this year.”

Pat has served Chipola in several capacities, including preparation of successful grant projects and accreditation documents, hosting visiting committees, serving as an officer in several campus organizations, including a term as president of Chipola’s chapter of Florida Association of Community Colleges. She is a member of Chipola’s Career Employees Association and serves as secretary to the Governance Council.

Barfield has four children, four step-children, 10 grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren. The family is active in Rocky Creek Baptist Church, where she has served as Church Clerk for several years.

The Employee of the Year recognizes the exceptional work of Chipola’s career service employees. Candidates are nominated by fellow employees for exhibiting courtesy, motivation and professionalism. Annual winners receive a $1,000 bonus, reserved parking for a year, a one-year membership in FACC, and a $100 gift certificate from the college Book Store.

Living Waters Exhibit premier is Sept. 8 at Chipola

The public is invited to the premier opening of “Living Waters: Aquatic Preserves of Florida,” a multi-media experience of film and photographs, Thursday, Sept. 11, from 6 to 9 p.m., in the Chipola College Arts Center.

The free evening of art, film, music and refreshments will include discussions and demonstrations by the artists. The exhibit, which will be on display beginning Sept. 8 through Oct. 10, features photography, film and music inspired by the Florida’s natural waterways, including a collection of 29 fine art photographic images by Clyde Butcher, renowned Florida Everglades photographer, and a screening of the PBS film “Living Waters: Aquatic Preserves of Florida,” by documentary filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus.

For more than a decade, Stoltzfus and his Live Oak Production Group, have captured rare images of natural Florida, with Living Waters winning a coveted Crystal Reel award for excellence. The film showcases a dozen of the state’s 41 aquatic preserves, highlighting their natural and cultural significance.

Michael S. Sole, Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, says, “Florida is known throughout the world for its lush, watery landscapes. Living Waters emphasizes the more than two million acres of diverse water landscape and coastal areas that are critical to Florida’s future. This award-winning film and exhibit encourage..."
Kansas Coach Bill Self to speak at Chipola Leadership Banquet

NCAA coach of the year Bill Self of the University of Kansas and Greg Marshall of Wichita State will speak at Chipola College, Saturday, Oct. 4, at 7:00 p.m.

The leadership banquet is free and open to the public. Business leaders and high school athletic departments are also invited to attend and bring their staff and employees.

“This is a great opportunity for the community to come out and preview this year’s team and hear from two very inspiring leaders. Many of the ideas expressed by these extremely talented coaches can help improve individual life skills and increase business productivity,” said Coach Greg Heiar.

The Chipola Indians and Northwest Florida, formerly Okaloosa-Walton, will each play two scrimmage games beginning at 10:00 a.m. earlier that day. Other teams include Talladega College, Alabama Southern, and Northwest Shoals.

Coach Bill Self’s Kansas Jayhawks team won the Big 12 title and the Big 12 conference tournament. Self’s team marched through the tournament by defeating overall number one seed North Carolina 84-66. The Jayhawks won the 2008 NCAA Championship with a 75-68 overtime victory over Memphis.

Self is one of two active coaches to lead three different teams to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. In August, Self signed a 10-year contract showing his dedication to the University of Kansas. Former Chipola All-American Mario Little will play for Coach Self at Kansas this season.

Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall previously coached at Winthrop University for nine seasons, leading the Eagles to seven NCAA tournament appearances.

At Winthrop, Marshall led the team to regular season titles six times, won the Big South Tournament five times, has had five 20-win seasons, was named Big South Coach of the Year three times, and in 2006, surpassed Nield Gordon as the all-time winningest coach in Winthrop men’s basketball history. Former Chipola Indian, Clevin Hannah, will be play for coach Marshall at Wichita State this season.

For more information regarding the Oct. 4 event, call Joc Calloway at 850-718-2451 or Greg Heiar at 850-573-6839.

Chipola PBL students receive recognition at state and national levels

Chipola College PBL Students Receive Recognition at State and National Levels

Chirag (Chris) Shah was recently named Phi Beta Lambda Region I Vice-President for the state of Florida, representing colleges and universities in the northwest region of Florida on the PBL state board. PBL is a non-profit educational association of student members whose mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Shah was instrumental in establishing the 2008-2009 PBL Florida theme, “Defy Gravity. Anytime. Anywhere.” Florida state officers selected the American Heart Association and the Buddy Walk as the official state projects for the coming year.

On the national level, Adam Duren received recognition at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA, recently. Duren was awarded fifth place in Computer Concepts. Students from colleges and universities across the nation participated in competitive events, business training and leadership workshops.

For information on joining Phi Beta Lambda, contact Vikki Milton, advisor, at miltonv@chipola.edu.

Chipola to hold auditions for “Bus Stop”

Chipola College Theatre will hold open auditions for “Bus Stop,” Sept. 9 and 10, at 6 p.m.

“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. “Bus Stop,” runs Nov. 6-9 in the Chipola Theatre.

Chipola will present the hit musical, “Back to the 80’s,” March 18-22, 2009. Auditions are set for Jan. 12 and 13. From the era that brought the world The Rubik’s Cube, Max Headroom and The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comes this “totally awesome” musical. Join the graduating class of William Ocean High School as they live through their final senior year - as they experience the fun, the heartbreak, the loves and the loneliness of growing up ... all set to the biggest hits of the 80’s!

The children’s show “Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine,” is set for May 14, 2009. Auditions are March 23. Beanie, a science wiz who is not keen on reading, has designed a book reading machine for the science fair. Part computer, part video camera, Beanie’s contraption enables it to read three books at once. Sadly, the machine is neither user- friendly nor bug free.

To become a member of the Applauding Chipola Theatre VIP fund, which guarantees the best seats for all shows, email: sirmonc@chipola.edu

For information, contact Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre, at 850-718-2227.
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age us to be better environmental citizens and gives viewers an intimate look at the unique aquatic preserves of Florida.”

Sammy Tedder, a Florida Panhandle music legend, scored the film, weaving sounds of natural instruments he fashioned from swamp reeds for flutes and cypress logs for percussion. Tedder also will perform at the premier.

The traveling museum exhibit is managed by the Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The exhibit will travel from the GTM Reserve Environmental Education Center in Ponte Verde Beach, FL to Chipola and throughout the South.

The Department of Environmental Protection, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, The Ocean Conservancy and The Gulf of Mexico Foundation supported the film’s production.

The Artists Guild of Northwest Florida, Inc. and the Fine and Performing Arts Department of Chipola College have joined together to bring this exhibit to the Chipola Arts Center. The exhibit is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. School and civic group visits are encouraged to arrange group tours.

For information or to arrange tours, contact Joan Stadsklev at 850-718-2301 or email stadsklevj@chipola.edu

Electronics programs open at Chipola

Chipola College has openings in four programs leading to careers in the electronics industry.

The Computer Systems Technology and Electronics Technology are clock-hour programs that can be completed in a year and a half. Job opportunities are available with cable and power companies, as well as computer system repair and security.

The Associate in Science (AS) program in Electronic Engineering Technology is a two-year academic program with job opportunities in the cable, power, computer and security industries. The AS program also offers the option of transferring to UWF or FAMU to earn a B.S. degree in Electronic Engineering Technology.

Chipola also offers an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) program in Telecommunications Engineering. This two-year program offers prospects in the rapidly expanding technologies in cable, video and phone systems.

Electronics instructor James Bailey says, “There are good job opportunities in our area for skilled electronic technicians. We offer industry certification which will enhance career advancement.”

All of Chipola’s Workforce Development programs prepare students for good-paying jobs in the area. Many programs feature open-enrollment which allows students to enroll whenever the college is in session.

Other Certificate programs include: Automotive Technology, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Computer Systems Technology, Corrections, Cosmetology, Law Enforcement, Firefighter II, Masonry Apprentice Training and Surveying and Mapping Technology.

Associate in Science (AS) degrees include: Network Support, Computer Programming, Computer Information Technology,
Chipola Cheer Fest set for Oct. 26
The Chipola College Cheerleaders will host a Cheer Fest and Critique Day for area all-star and recreation cheer squads on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m., in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.
Deadline for fees and forms is Oct. 17. Entry forms are available at www.chipola.edu under “Athletics,” “Cheerleaders” and “Cheer Fest.”
Cheerleader coach Geraldine DeFelix, says, “We’re expecting some great routines and an exciting afternoon of cheerleading.”
The public is invited. Admission is $5 for 5 years old and up. Interested coaches should contact DeFelix at 850-718-2322 or e-mail: defelixg@chipola.edu.

Chipola softball host Golf Tourney
The Chipola College Lady Indians Softball Team will host a Golf Tournament, Friday, Sept. 19, at Indian Springs Golf Club in Marianna.
The format is Two-Man Team, Select-A-Shot, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.
Cost is $150 per two-man team with prizes for the winners. Hole sponsorships are available for $50.
For information, call Belinda Hendrix at (850) 573-6302 or email: hendrixb@chipola.edu

Firearms course set at Chipola
Chipola College Public Service will hold a 16-hour Firearms Familiarization course Sept. 15-18 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 email: williamsd@chipola.edu.

Chipola to host workshop on children’s disabilities
The Chipola College Teacher Education department will host a workshop entitled, “Understanding Your Child’s Disability,” Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Jackson Hall (Z).
The presenter is Ashley Hudson of the Florida Network.
For information, call Tina Renaud at 526-2761, Ext. 3336.

Thanks! A special thank you goes to the Chipola volunteers that helped with the Endless Summer Dinner/Dance held on August 23. These employees volunteered their personal time to help Chipola College and the Chipola Appreciation Club with this fundraising effort: Lillie Hamil, Sandra Harrell, Joyce Traynom, Alice Pendergrass, Bryan Craven, Royce Reagan, Matt White, Julie Fuqua, Richard Hinson, Steve Anderson, Mike and Debbie Dolan, Jane and Allen Stephens and Evelyn Ward.