

## Chipola College makes Washington Monthly's Top 30

Chipola College was listed among the top 30 community colleges in the United States by *Washington Monthly* in the magazine's first-ever national ranking of community colleges.

Chipola was 18<sup>th</sup> in the rankings which are based mainly on graduation rates and the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSEE).

Other Florida community colleges on the list included: North Florida CC (6), Lake City CC (12), Chipola College (18), Valencia CC (23) and Florida CC at Jacksonville (25).

According to *Washington Monthly* the rankings were designed to identify community colleges that excel in using teaching methods that researchers have linked to increased student achievement and those that are successful in helping students earn degrees.

Fifteen percent of the rating is based on federal graduation rates, specifically the percentage of students who earn a degree or credential within 150 percent of the expected time—three years for a two-year degree, for example.

The remaining 85 percent of each college's rating is based on

the unequally weighted benchmarks of the CCSSEE survey which compiles raw survey data into five benchmarks: Active and Collaborative Learning, Student Effort, Academic Challenge, Student-Faculty Interaction, and Support for Learners.

Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Chipola Vice President of Instruction

and Student Services, said, "If we use the CCSSEE report well, it will allow our faculty and staff to gauge and monitor performance in areas that are central to our work." She said much more detailed data has been evaluated to identify areas where Chipola can increase "student engagement," defined as the amount of time and energy students invest in meaningful educational practices.

Clemmons said "We participate in the CCSSEE so we can compare our performance with that of other small colleges across the nation."

She said another benefit is that specific survey items answer important questions: What are our students' goals? What issues keep them from persisting in college? How effectively are we engaging students in the classroom? How satisfied are students with the support services we offer?

Much of what was learned from the CCSSEE survey led to the development of Chipola's Quality Enhancement Plan for SACS reaccreditation. The goal of the QEP is to help students continue toward the completion of their program of study and not drop-out or stop-out along the way. One component will help students when they first arrive on campus and the second will help them when they encounter traditionally difficult courses.



## Chipola Science Club members brew up a sweet treat for Club Day

Chipola Science Club members (from left) Brandy Blighton, Dr. Jeff Bodart and Mitchell Whitehead of Cottondale make ice cream with liquid nitrogen during Chipola College's Club Day. The annual event highlights the college's 19 student organizations.



### THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

#### 10 MONDAY

- Health Science Faculty Meeting — 11 a.m.
- Student Government Association — 2 p.m., A156
- Theatre Auditions For Fall Production, "Greater Tuna"— 6 p.m., Theatre

#### 11 TUESDAY

- Administrative Council — 9 a.m., U

- Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., A156
- Governance Council — 2:30 p.m., Y
- Theatre Auditions For Fall Production, "Greater Tuna"— 6 p.m., Theatre

#### 12 WEDNESDAY

- SGA Fall Elections— 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., C & D
- ACE Open House — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., ACE Lab

- BCM Chapel — 10 a.m., Z116
- Black Student Union — 10 a.m., C104
- Phi Theta Kappa — 2 p.m., Z204
- SGA Fall Elections — 5 - 6 p.m., Z Lobby

#### 13 THURSDAY

- SGA Fall Elections— 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Dorm
- BCM Bible Study — 7:30 p.m., Dorm

## Chipola Night of Champions is Thursday, September 20

Chipola College's Night of Champions event to honor retired Chipola coaching legend Milton H. Johnson is Thursday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m., at the Jackson County Agricultural Center.

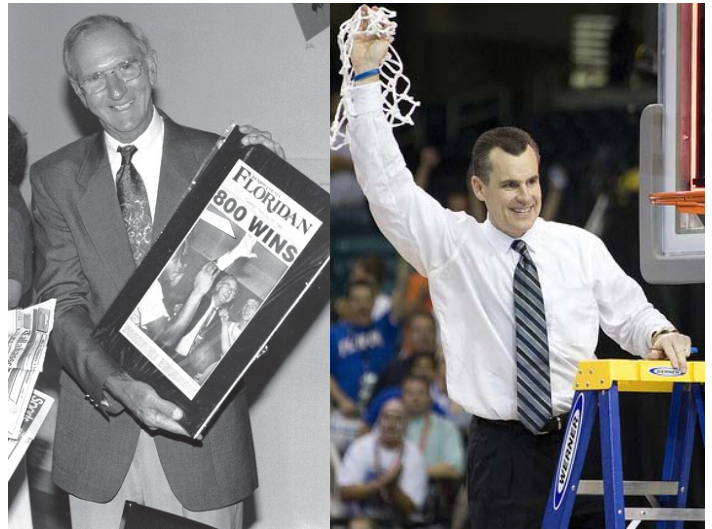
The fundraiser will help establish a scholarship in honor of Johnson who won over 800 games during his 32 years at Chipola.

A handful of tickets remain for the event featuring Billy Donovan, coach of the Florida Gators two-time national champions basketball team.

The Night of Champions caps off a year-long celebration of Chipola's success in college athletics with all four of the college's teams winning state championships and baseball and softball capturing national championships.

Other featured speakers at the Sept. 20 event will be Chipola alumnus Cliff Ellis, head coach at Coastal Carolina, and Chipola's "fab four" coaches: David Lane, women's basketball; Greg Heiar, men's basketball; Belinda Hendrix, softball; and Jeff Johnson, baseball.

Tickets for the dinner are \$75, most of which is tax-deductible. For information, call 850-718-2375.



## Mathis is Employee of the Month



Vicki Mathis is Chipola's September Career Employee of the Month. Mathis has served as Business and Industry Liaison at the college since 1994.

## Troy to offer Counseling and Psychology Master's at Chipola

Troy University will hold an information session for students interested in the Master of Science Counseling and Psychology program, **Thursday, Sept. 13**, at 5 p.m., in Building M, Room 108, on the Chipola College Campus.

Admission information, applications and registration materials will be available. The 12-course Social Services Counseling Master's program is designed to train social service providers interested in working in settings that do not require licensure.

All classes will be held on the Chipola campus.

For information, visit [www.panamacity.troy.edu](http://www.panamacity.troy.edu), or call Lisa Kitto at 850-283-4449.



## Chipola theatre to hold auditions for "Greater Tuna"

Chipola College Theatre will hold open auditions for the hit comedy "Greater Tuna," **Monday, Sept. 10 and Tuesday, Sept. 11**, at 6 p.m.

"Greater Tuna" chronicles the lives of the upstanding citizens of Tuna, Texas, the state's third smallest town. In this Off-Broadway hit, By Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard, the entire population of Tuna joins in a tour de farce of quick-change artistry of costumes and comic characterizations offering a hilarious send-up of small-town mores. "Greater Tuna," runs Nov. 1-4 in the Chipola Theatre.

Chipola will present the hit musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," March 12-16, 2008. Auditions are set for Jan. 14-15.

The children's show "Once Upon a Time," is set for May 8, 2008. This Chipola Theatre adaptation by Charles Sirmon and Chris Manasco features familiar characters from the Three Little Pigs to Goldilocks. Auditions are March 24-25.

For information about Chipola Theatre, contact Director Charles Sirmon at 850-718-2227, or email [sirmonc@chipola.edu](mailto:sirmonc@chipola.edu)



## Student Government will hold Fall elections September 12-13

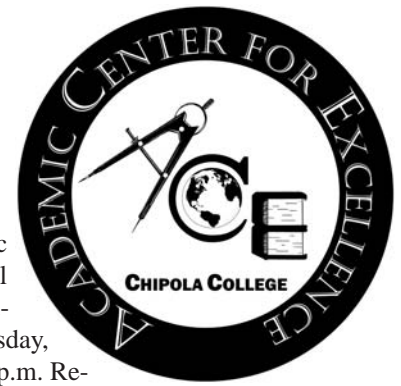
SGA Fall Elections will be held **Sept. 12-13**. Positions available are: Vice President, Sophomore Class Vice President, Freshmen Class President and Vice President, and six Freshmen Senators. Students may vote for their candidate on Sept. 12 in front of Buildings C&D from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and in the Lobby of Building Z from 5-6 p.m. On Sept. 13, students may vote in the Student Activities Office (K104).

The Student Government Association (SGA) hosts meetings every Monday at 2 p.m. in Bldg. A Room 156. Everyone is invited to attend.

## ACE to host Open House on Wednesday, September 12

Chipola's Academic Center for Excellence will host an Open House for students and employees Wednesday, **Sept. 12**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

ACE is open 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 2 p.m. on Fridays. Free tutoring is available. Study groups are organized for various classes



## Speaker to address what college students should know

The Chipola College Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) will present a seminar entitled, "So You Want To Be A Leader? What Every College Student Should Know," **Friday, Sept. 21**, at 10 a.m. in Jackson Hall.

Dr. Earl Paul of Hillsborough Community College is the guest speaker for this Academic Success Workshop which will cover leadership, character, goal setting and motivation. Dr. Paul also will discuss soft skills like classroom etiquette, effective and appropriate e-mails and phone calls and other basic skills for the successful college student. Dr. Paul has written a book by the same name as the seminar.

Dr. Paul works in student affairs and is a faculty member at Hillsborough CC in Tampa. Along with his college career, he is a speaker, an author and a radio talk show host.

Dr. Paul earned a Ph.D. in Adult Education at the University of South Florida. He also has a Bachelor's degree in English Education and a Master's degree in Student Personnel/Counseling. For information about the seminar, call Ext. 3247.

## Chipola takes ground water lessons to public schools

Chipola College science teacher candidates and alternative certification teachers recently created a unit plan on ground water which was taught at Marianna High and Grand Ridge Middle Schools.

Students located their home wells on topographical maps and collected samples for testing and data analysis.

The cooperative learning exercise is part of the Teaching Methods course in Chipola's Secondary Science B.S. program. Teacher candidates, Carole Chandler, Rachel Edminson, and Liz Sims, collaborated with two of Chipola's alternative certification teachers, Betty Taylor and Tammy Yates on the project.

The college students implemented the unit plan with Marianna High chemistry students under the direction of Whitney Cherry, instructor and a graduate of Chipola's first Secondary Science Education class. Greg Granger, Chipola science intern, collaborated with his supervising teacher, Regina Sizemore, and her students at Grand Ridge Middle.

For information about Chipola's Ground Water program, contact Vicki Mathis, 850.718.2289, on behalf of the Chipola Science faculty.



*Marianna High senior Jessica Whittington (left) works with Betty Taylor, a student in Chipola's Alternative Certification program.*

**REPS ON CAMPUS.** Representatives from Florida State University, Florida State University-Panama City Campus, and the University of West Florida will be on campus on **Thursday, Sept. 13.** They will be located in the Social Sciences Building from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

A **Marine** recruiter will be available to talk with students in the hallway of the Social Science Building on the following dates: **Sept. 10** from 9 a.m. until noon and **Sept. 25** from 9 a.m. to noon.

**SUNDAY WITH THE ARTS.** The Third Annual Chipola Regional Arts Association's **Sunday Afternoon with the Arts Exhibit** is scheduled for Nov. 1 through 13 at the Chipola Arts Center.

Artists from the five county area are invited to enter this exhibit. The Artists' Reception is **Sunday, Nov. 4** from 1 to 5 pm.

Entry forms are available at [www.chipola.edu](http://www.chipola.edu). Follow the link for CRAA to download entry form and guidelines. Two and three dimensional art will be accepted.

**Entry forms must be postmarked by Oct. 6.** Each artist may submit up to 3 pieces of original work including original photography. No entry fees are required.

Contact Nancy Zurenda, CRAA Visual Arts Exhibit Committee Chair at [nancyz01@embarqmail.com](mailto:nancyz01@embarqmail.com) or co-chairs: Michele Tabor Kimbrough and Judy Brooten for more information.

**CONDOLENCES.** The Chipola family is saddened by the loss of retired business instructor James (Jim) Lewis on September 5. Please remember this family.

**MOD SHOES 4 SALE.** Chipola Clubs and Organizations will be selling the March of Dimes Walk America, Saving Babies Together, paper tennis shoes. For a donation of \$1 your name will be placed on the shoe and displayed at CC. Funds raised from this sale will provide public education materials for schools and clinics, or can help researchers find the causes of birth defects.

Nancy Johnson has MOD shoes available for any Chipola organization that wants to participate. The organization that sells the most shoes will be treated to a pizza party by student activities. All money must be turned in by Sept. 18 to the Student Activities Office, K-104.

**HELP OFFSET EDUCATION COSTS.** Whether you are paying for a college education or a teacher buying items for your classroom, education credits and deductions can help lower your tax bill.

The Hope Credit, Lifetime Learning Credit or the Tuition and Fees Deduction may help offset the cost of higher education for you, your spouse and your dependents.

The amount of these credits and deductions are based on the qualified education expenses, such as college or vocational school tuition and enrollment fees, that you paid during the year and may be limited by your modified adjusted gross income. Room and board, insurance or personal living expenses are not considered qualified education expenses.

To find out more about deductions for students and educators, check out the IRS Web site at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or call 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

**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. - 7:30 p.m.

**LIBRARY HOURS:**  
*Monday - Thursday*  
 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
*Friday* 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
*Sunday* 2-6 p.m.

**TECH CENTER HOURS:**  
*Monday - Thursday*  
 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
*Friday* 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
*Sunday* 2 - 5:30 p.m.

**ACE HOURS:**  
*Monday - Thursday*  
 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
*Friday* 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**BCM INVITES.** Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) will be sponsoring a Chapel service every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Jackson Hall (Z-116).

They will hold a Prayer Meeting on Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Dorm Lobby with Bible Study following at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

**STUDENT IDS.** Student ID's will be made on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m., and Tuesday afternoon from 1-3:30 in Building A. All students must obtain a 2007-2008 student ID. Replacement ID's are \$10.

**FINANCIAL AID CHECKS.** Expected date for Financial Aid checks (Pell, Bright Futures, etc.) will be **October 8.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- SEPTEMBER**  
 17 Night Student Social  
 1 District Board Of Trustees  
 19 Caricaturist Steve Gipson  
 21 ACT Registration Deadline
- OCTOBER**  
 2 Last Day for Vertical Transfer  
 3 Fall Festival—Classes Dismissed  
 5 CAAP Reg Deadline For Nov. Test  
 6 CLAST Exam  
 8 Deadline to Apply for Spring Graduation for BS Students  
 9 Night Students Social  
 10 FACC Fall Membership Meeting  
 12 Deadline to Apply for Business Management Program  
 13 Florida Teachers Certification Exam  
 15-16 Fall Break - College Closed  
 21 Fall Ensemble Concert  
 23 District Board of Trustees  
 24 Senior Day  
 24 Deadline to apply for McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship for Spring 2008  
 24-26 FACC Silent Auction  
 29-31 SACS Reaffirmation Visit  
 31 Deadline to Apply For Fall Graduation AA, AS, & AAS
- NOVEMBER**  
 1 SACS Reaffirmation Visit  
 1-13 Visual Art Exhibit  
 1-4 Fall Theatre, "Greater Tuna"  
 2 Last Day to Withdraw from a Class for Fall Term  
 2-3 Milton H. Johnson Classic  
 3 CAAP Test for Fall Graduates  
 4 Sunday Afternoon with The Arts  
 6-8 Early Spring/Summer Registration For Currently Enrolled Students  
 7 Faculty Meeting

**THIS WEEK**

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

Deadline for the next issue is noon, **Thursday, Sept 13.** Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at [warde@chipola.edu](mailto:warde@chipola.edu).

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

There are no Chipola family birthdays this week.

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