Chipola students benefit from WIRED Scholarships

Thirteen Chipola students were awarded special scholarships this Fall thanks to a new grant for students in computer and technology-related majors.

Officials from Florida’s Great Northwest invested $1,150,000 to be used for scholarships in information technology (IT) and engineering programs at seven area colleges and universities.

Chipola received $50,000 to fund scholarships. Chipola is participating in the program with the UWF, Pensacola Junior College, Northwest Florida State College, Gulf Coast, TCC and FSU.

Chipola’s scholarship recipients were introduced at a press conference on Tuesday. They are: Christopher Bennett of Graceville, Kevin Kimbro of Cottondale, Brandon Evans of Marianna, Tory Brown of Marianna, Eric Holmes of Greenwood, Joseph Phinney of Blountstown, Nicholas Simmons of Marianna, Marlin Boyd of Cottondale, Sharon Kowitz of Chipley, Thomas Rudolph of Grand Ridge, Tucker Nebel of Marianna, Joseph Stackowicz of Greenwood and Fred Gilley of Bonifay.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, said, “These scholarships couldn’t come at a better time for our students. We have selected several bright, motivated students who will succeed in these programs.”

WIRED scholarships are available for the following programs: Associate in Arts (AA) degrees in Computer Science and Information Tech; Associate in Science (AS) degrees in Computer Engineering Tech, Computer Information Tech and Networking Services Tech; and a Workforce certificate program in Computer Systems Tech.

For information, contact Gail Hartzog or Pat Barfield at 850-718-2342 or Nancy Burns at 850-718-3210.

Indians reload men’s basketball team with talented freshmen

New Chipola men’s basketball coach Jake Headrick has snagged one of the top recruiting freshmen classes in the country.

“We are a very young team this year. But with a young team, we are able to instill in them our basketball philosophy,” said coach Headrick.

Chipola will have a new look offensively this year as several of the guards will be able to play both at the point and shooting guard position. John Taylor (6-0) from Chicago, IL, Sam Grooms (6-1) from Greensboro, NC, Roderick Lanon (5-10) from Louisville, KY, Lashay Page (6-2) from Dillon, SC, Dexter Ellington (6-1) from Culthbert, GA, and Daniel Cummins (6-2) from Charlotte, NC are slated to play the guard positions this year.

On the wing, the Indians will look to several versatile players to help the lead the Indians to a record-setting seventh consecutive conference title, including Delwan Graham (6-5) transfer from LSU, Steadman Short (6-9) transfer from High Point University, Kevin Powell (6-6) from Fayetteville, NC, and Marvin Fitzgerald (6-5) from Milwaukee, WI.

In the paint, Headrick is hoping that the young blood of Chadrack Lufile (6-10) from Canada and Aaron Davis (6-7) from Huntsville, AL, will contribute at a high level for the Indians this season.

The new members of the men’s program look to write their own chapter in the rich history of Chipola tradition.
Nursing students learn with human simulators

The Chipola College nursing department has added another member to their growing family of human patient simulators. The birthing simulator named Noelle can breathe, bleed and talk just like a real mother. The high tech device is designed to help students learn about the challenges associated with delivering babies by making quick decisions in a stressful environment.

Noelle is Chipola’s fourth human simulator in the family which includes a child, and male and female adults.

All simulators can be adjusted to suit the education point of the student. Medical issues and training can be progressively increased in difficulty as students move through the program.

Amy Samson, a Jackson Hospital nurse and Chipola adjunct instructor, is responsible for the patient simulator project. Samson can control the patients’ vital signs and speech from a remote location which is equipped with cameras for observing the students.

Funds for the latest simulator came from the Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board.

For information regarding the Chipola nursing program, call 850-718-2278.

Piano student to perform for CRAA

The public is invited to the Chipola Regional Arts Association Dutch-treat luncheon meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Jim’s Buffet & Grill. Lunch begins at 11:30 with the meeting at noon.

Chipola piano student James Matthews will perform and present a program about his summer experience at the Rocky Ridge Music Center in Estes Park, Colorado. For more information, contact Anita Shealy at 718-2277.

Fall Baseball Classic set for Sept. 17-20

Chipola will host the 2009 Fall Baseball Classic Sept. 17-20. Eleven teams will participate, including: Chipola, Tallahassee, Wallace-Dothan, Gulf Coast, Pensacola, Central Alabama, Middle Georgia, Northwest Florida State, Darton, Shelton State and Alabama Southern.

The Classic opens Thursday, Sept. 17, with Chipola and Wallace-Dothan at 5 p.m.

Action continues Friday, Sept. 18, with the following games: 10 a.m., Chipola vs. Pensacola; 12:30 p.m., Pensacola vs. Northwest Florida State; 3 p.m., Middle Georgia vs. Northwest Florida State; and 5:30 p.m., Chipola vs. Middle Georgia.

Saturday, Sept. 19 games are: 1 p.m., Tallahassee vs. Central Alabama (at Marianna HS); 3:30 p.m., Central Alabama vs. Shelton State, and 6 p.m., Shelton State vs. Tallahassee.

Sunday, Sept. 20 games are: 10 a.m., Gulf Coast vs. Wallace-Dothan; 10 a.m., Darton vs. Lurleen B. Wallace (at Marianna HS); 1 p.m., Gulf Coast vs. Lurleen B. Wallace; 1 p.m., Alabama Southern vs. Wallace-Dothan (at Marianna HS); and 3:30 p.m. Darton vs. Alabama Southern.

For information on the event, visit www.chipola.edu

Caracturist on campus September 24

Caricaturist, Steve Gipson will be on campus Thursday, Sept. 24 in the Lobby of Building D from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by and have your picture drawn.

This event is sponsored by SGA and is FREE!
Important information on the H1N1 Flu Virus

The H1N1 Flu Virus or “Swine Flu” has been the topic of a great deal of media attention. We are aware that H1N1 Flu cases have been reported in public schools in the Chipola district. We also know it has already spread to some college and university campuses; thankfully Chipola College is not in that group…yet!

The Center for Disease Control reports the groups with the highest infection rates and hospital admission rates per 100,000 are ages 0-4 years and 5-24 years. It is also reported that many underlying medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and pregnancy place individuals at greater risk of serious flu-related complications. Symptoms of the H1N1 Flu Virus are very similar to the symptoms for various flu outbreaks we experience annually. Symptoms, by percentage, as reported by the CDC include:

- Fever 93%
- Cough 83%
- Shortness of Breath 54%
- Fatigue/Weakness 40%
- Chills 37%
- Runny Nose 36%
- Body Aches 36%
- Sore Throat 31%
- Headache 31%
- Vomiting 29%
- Wheezing 24%
- Diarrhea 24%

The CDC has provided guidance for institutions of higher learning and the H1N1 Flu Virus. Accordingly, Chipola College requests that students not come to campus if they have symptoms as outlined above. We further request that students not return to campus until a full 24 hours after any fever drops below 100 degrees. Students are encouraged to work with their individual instructors concerning related absences.

Please remember that implementing the following prevention tips, as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control, will help control the spread of H1N1 and other infections:

- Wash hands properly and often
- Use alcohol wipes or gels to clean hands
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow; throw tissue into trash
- Follow public health advisories

To get the latest information on the H1N1 Flu Virus, visit the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov/h1n1/flu/

Dr. Joan Miller, Dean of Student Services.

FSU student art on display in McLendon Art Gallery

Original paintings by two Florida State University art students are currently on display at Chipola College. Laura Tanner and James Graham are artists in the FSU Bachelor of Fine Arts program. Their show of recent paintings is called “White After Labor Day.” The show can be seen weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Oct. 4 in the gallery of the McLendon Fine Arts Building.

First annual Chipola College Golf Classic

The Chipola Athletics Department is hosting the First Annual golf classic at Indian Springs Golf Course on Friday, Sept. 18.

Chipola has won numerous conference, state, and national championships and will be using this event as a major fundraiser for the program.

Format is three man scramble with morning and afternoon starts are available to help with scheduling.

Entry is $75 per player which covers greens fees, cart, lunch, and the chance to win door prizes. The Birdie package—$100—includes entry in the big contests, which offer cash prizes, and two Mulligans.

Three sponsorship options are available: Gold ($350): three birdie packages, a club house sign, and additional advertisement; Silver ($125): one birdie package and one hole sign, and Bronze ($50): one hole sign. Merchandise is also needed for awards and prizes.

For more information, call David Lane at (850) 718-2234 or e-mail laned@chipola.edu.
Fall Festival to be held Sept. 30

Chipola College’s annual Fall Festival will be Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Health Center. If it is raining, it will be in the Health Center. Students will be excused from classes to participate in this fun event!

SGA has some great activities lined up including soft play blow up games. There will also be music, door prizes, and hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone. There should be several universities attending that day to display recruiting tables for people that are interested.

Don’t forget about the match up between campus clubs. There will be relay and tug of war competitions to see which club rules the campus. Everything is FREE, so come join the fun!

Questions, call 718-2308 or come by the Student Activities Office, Q-120/121.

Sign up now for SGA Fall Elections

SGA Fall Elections will be held Sept. 16-17. The positions available are: SGA Vice President, Sophomore Class Vice President, Freshmen Class President and Vice President, and six Freshmen Senators.

Students may vote for their favorite candidate on Sept. 16 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. 17 students may vote in front of Building Z from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

To apply for SGA Vice President, you must have a 2.5 GPA. All other offices require a 2.0 GPA. The deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 11 in the Student Activities Office, Q120.

For more information contact Nancy Johnson at 718-2314.

Continuing Education courses set

Chipola is offering a variety of short courses.

An Internship course will meet Thursdays, Jan. 7 through April 29 from 6 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is $210. A Curriculum for Young Children course will meet Mondays, Jan. 11 through April 26 from 6 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is $210. An Early Care & Education Administrative Overview course will meet Tuesdays, Jan. 12 through April 27 from 6 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is $210.

Chipola also offers the following custom workshops: Eat That Frog: Stop Procrastinating and Get More Done; Whale Done: The Power of Positive Relationships; The Pygmalion Effect: Managing the Power of Expectations; Discussing Performance; The Attitude Virus: Curing Negativity in the Workplace; Team Building: What makes a Good Team Player?; and After All, You’re the Supervisor!

Gatlin Education Services (GES) offers online courses in:

- Social Science
- Business
- Early Care & Education Administive
- Physical Plant Office

For more information, call Barkalow at 482-4502.