Stephens is Chipola Employee of the Year

Ana Stephens, a Senior Programmer Analyst, has been named Chipola College’s Career Employee of the Year for 2007.

Stephens has worked at the college since 1996 where she plans and performs application systems design, analysis, programming, editing, testing and debugging procedures. She creates and maintains database files, application system and user documentation. Stephens is acting webmaster for the college website and provides technical support to faculty and staff for web page development. Additionally, she coordinates student information for the (FACTS) Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students system.

Stephens also serves as an adjunct instructor and currently is teaching two sections of Introduction to Microcomputers.

Stephens’ supervisor Dennis Everett says, “Ana is one of those employees every supervisor wants to have; conscientious, smart, trustworthy and friendly. Ana loves Chipola and Chipola loves Ana.”

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Chipola students taking more classes this fall

Chipola College students are taking more classes this fall compared to last year.

Full Time Equivalency (FTE), an average calculation of the number of hours students take, is up 2 percent to 640.33 compared to 624.86 last Fall.

Total headcount is about the same as last year with 1,985 students compared to 2,009 enrolled in Fall of 2006.

According to Dr. Jayne Roberts, Dean of Enrollment Services, Fall and Spring enrollment has hovered around the 2,000 student-mark since 2002. Roberts reports that the addition of bachelor’s degrees to the Chipola curriculum and the presence of university programs on the Chipola campus have contributed to the positive enrollment trend. Roberts said her office fields numerous inquiries about the college’s bachelor’s degree programs in Business and Secondary Mathematics and Science Education.

Chipola College president Dr. Gene Prough said, “We are pleased that so many students are taking advantage of the opportunities available at Chipola. It is our goal to make college more accessible to the citizens of our district.”

Chipola offers college credit courses during the day and evening, and also through independent study. The college awards
Few tickets remain for Chipola Night of Champions

Chipola Appreciation Club officials Thursday reported that only than two-dozen tickets remain for Chipola’s Night of Champions event on Sept. 20 to honor retired Chipola coaching legend Milton H. Johnson.

Billy Donovan—coach of the Florida Gators two-time national champions basketball team—will headline the event.

“This has been a storybook year for the Chipola athletics program with four state championships and national titles in baseball and softball,” said college president Dr. Gene Prough.

“Chipola has developed a national reputation in athletics, and no one has contributed more to our success over the years than Coach Milton Johnson. His basketball teams won over 800 games during his 32 years at Chipola. On Sept. 20 we will gather to honor Coach Johnson’s legacy and to announce that we are establishing a special scholarship in his name.”

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

“Like the Gators, Chipola accomplished something last year that’s never been done before,” said athletic director Dr. Dale O’Daniel. “It’s very appropriate that our guest speaker on Sept. 20 is head basketball coach of the University of Florida, which has won two straight NCAA basketball championships and was this year’s national champion in both football and basketball.”

“A key reason why we’ve been able to achieve such success in athletics,” said event organizer and Chipola alumnus Robert Trammell, “is the commitment of our alumni and friends to endow athletic scholarships. Through events like this, we have raised more than $1 million in our athletic scholarship endowment. Without such strong support from the private sector, the rising cost of operating athletic programs would prevent us from continuing the national-level programs we’ve put in place at Chipola.”

Other featured speakers at the Sept. 20 event will be Chipola alumnus Cliff Ellis, the 1999 NJCAA National Coach of the year, who recently was named head coach at Coastal Carolina. Ellis has coached teams to championships in three different conferences – ACC (Clemson), SEC (Auburn) and Sun Belt (South Alabama).

Ellis will be joined by Chipola’s “fab four” head coaches who led their teams to national prominence this season: 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.

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Stephens has won Chipola’s employee of the month award four times. She has served as chair of Chipola’s Career Employees Association and is active in the local chapter of the Florida Association of Community Colleges. She has served on the Chipola Governance Council and as a member of several committees, including: Staff and Program Development, Website Advisory and Catalog/Class Schedule.

Stephens and her husband Bill have two children: Curt, a sophomore at Marianna High and Riby, a sixth-grader at Marianna Middle. The family is active in Eastside Baptist Church.

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.

Chipola theatre to hold auditions for “Greater Tuna”

Chipola College Theatre will hold open auditions for the hit comedy “Greater Tuna,” Sept. 10 and 11, at 6 p.m.

By Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard, “Greater Tuna” chronicles the lives of the upstanding citizens of Tuna, Texas, the state’s third smallest town. In this Off-Broadway hit, 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.


For information about Chipola Theatre, contact Director Charles Sirmon at 850-718-2227, or email sirmone@chipola.edu
Sunday Afternoon with the Arts Exhibit slated for Nov. 1-13

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. 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.

For information, contact Nancy Zurenda, CRAA Visual Arts Exhibit Committee Chair at nancyz01@embarqmail.com or co-chairs: Michele Tabor Kimbrough and Judy Brooten.

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the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree, a two-year degree that guarantees acceptance to Florida’s 11 public universities. The college also awards bachelor’s degrees in Business and Secondary Education with majors in mathematics and science. Chipola also offers Associate in Science degrees and certificates in Workforce Development programs that provide training for high wage jobs. Several Workforce programs feature open-enrollment throughout the semester.

Students camp out for free tuition

Future business majors began lining up at Chipola College on Saturday afternoon for the chance to get free tuition in the college’s new four-year degree in business.

The campers were responding to Chipola’s offer of free tuition to the first 20 students admitted to the program. Some 30 students had joined the line by the time applications were accepted at 8 a.m. Monday morning.

Jan Cummings, who joined the line at 3:25 a.m. Monday, said, “I’m excited to have the chance to go back to school after so many years. The convenience of a having a program here in Marianna is wonderful.” Cummings has been an administrative assistant at Chipola for 20 years.

To qualify for the free tuition, students must first apply for the standard federal financial aid programs. The free tuition is made possible through the Roy B. Beall, Sr., Endowment in the Chipola Foundation.

Prospective business majors may continue to apply through the Oct. 15 deadline. Chipola’s business degrees are open to any student with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree.

Classes in the Bachelor’s of Applied Science degree in Business Management begin in January with two majors. According to Chipola vice-president Dr. Kitty Myers, “The Management and Supervision major is designed for those who own their own business or who want to move up in their current business-related job. The Business Administration major is similar to the typical business degrees offered at area universities.”

Myers said, “We’ve had inquiries from hundreds of students. This program will meet the needs of so many people who cannot commute or relocate to a university.”

Chipola also promises free tuition for all students admitted to the college’s other B.S. degree programs in Middle and High School Math and Science Teacher Education.

For information about any of Chipola’s bachelor’s degree programs, call 718-2260.

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.
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.

CLUB DAY. SGA will sponsor Club Day, Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., outside the Lit/Lang Building. Students are encouraged to drop by to learn about the various organizations on campus. Organizations are encouraged to participate, or to bring information sheets to the Student Activities Office by Tuesday, Sept. 4. For more information call 718-2308.

SGA FALL ELECTIONS. 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).

To apply for Vice President, a student must have a 2.5 GPA. All other offices require a 2.0 GPA. The deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 7 in the Student Activities Office.

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

INDIANS IN THE PROS. Chipola alumni were active in the major league baseball home run department during the past week.

Former Chipola infielder Jose Bautista hit 2 homers and drove in 3 runs in leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Aug. 25. Bautista has 12 homers and 48 RBI's for the year.

All-Star Russell Martin, the premier catcher in the National League, hit a home run in the L.A. Dodgers’ (4-3) loss to the New York Mets on Aug. 25. Martin has 16 HR’s and 74 RBI’s this year.

ACE OPEN HOUSE. 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.

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.

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.
Saturday 2-6 p.m.

TECH CENTER HOURS:
Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 8 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.

CORRECTIONS COURSES. Application deadline for the Basic Corrections course is Sept. 6 with the course beginning on Sept. 11. Call 718-2394.

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.

LOCATION

- A- Student Services/Administration
- B- Library
- C-Social Science
- D- Fink Natural Science
- E- Physical Plant Office
- F- Residence Hall
- G- Math Annex
- H- McLendon Fine Arts
- I- Arts Center
- J- Theater
- K- Cafeteria, Bookstore
- L- ACE Lab
- M-Business/Cosmetology
- N- Workforce Devel Labs
- O- Workforce Devel/ Electronics
- P- Automotive Tech
- Q- Health Science
- R- Johnson Health Center
- S- Continuing Ed/Cont Ctrl
- T- Pool
- U- Foundation
- Y- Public Service
- Z- Literature/Language
- BC/SC- Baseball/Softball Complex