Enrollment up at Chipola this fall

Chipola College officials are celebrating a five percent enrollment increase this Fall.

While the numbers are still being collected from on-campus programs and high school dual enrollment classes, college officials estimate that more than 2,000 students are enrolled this Fall.

“We are pleased with the continued growth, which points to the ongoing demand for higher education opportunities in our area,” said Dr. Jayne Roberts, Chipola’s Dean of Enrollment Services. “It’s clear that the current economic climate is driving more students to campuses across the nation, and Chipola is no exception.”

Roberts also points to growth in Chipola’s Bachelor degree programs as an important factor in the overall increase. Enrollment in B.S. programs is up 85% over this time last year with 158 students compared to 85 last Fall.

Roberts says, “The Bachelor’s degree programs have drawn great interest and enrollment demands at the associate’s level as well as the bachelor’s level.”

Chipola offers eight bachelor’s degree programs including math or science education for middle and high school, elementary education, exceptional student education, business and nursing.

College president Dr. Gene Prough said, “We are glad that so many students are taking advantage of the opportunities available at Chipola. Our goal is to provide access to higher education to all the citizens of our district.”

Students may still enroll in classes this Fall thanks to the new, shortened C term. Classes run Oct. 16 through Dec 16, with registration on Oct. 15. Financial aid application deadline for Term C is Oct. 1.

The majority of Chipola students are enrolled in the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree program designed for students who plan to complete their first two years of college work at Chipola and then transfer to a four year program at Chipola or another college.

Chipola offers more than a dozen Associate in Science (AS) degrees which provide professional training associated with specific careers, including: Business Administration, Computer Engineering Technology, Computer Information Technology, Criminal Justice Technology (Corrections/Law Enforcement and Crime Scene Investigation), Culinary Management, Early Childhood Education, Fire Science Technology, Networking Services Technology, Nursing (RN and LPN) and Recreation Technology. One Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree program in Criminal Justice Technology is available.

Three College Credit Certificate programs are offered in Child Care Center Management, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic.

A variety of continuing education programs are available on campus in areas ranging from Child Care to Real Estate. Through partnerships with www.ed2go.com and www.gatlineducation.com, Chipola offers online courses in courses such as health care, internet graphics/web design, business and law.

For information, call the Admission and Records office at 850-718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu.


This Week at Chipola

7 MONDAY
• LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - College Closed

8 TUESDAY
• Blood Drive — 8 a.m - 3 p.m., Front of Bldg Z
• Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., A156
• Administrative Council — 9 a.m., Foundation

9 WEDNESDAY
• Theatre Auditions for fall production, “The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940” — 6 p.m., Theatre

10 THURSDAY
• Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle — 7 p.m.
• Artist Series: “An American Portrait”— 7 p.m., Theatre

12 SATURDAY
• Florida Teacher Certification Exam

Here, Chipola students Monica Guilford (left) and Hailey Moravek head to class on a warm September day.
Stephens named Chipola Health Sciences Director

Vickie Stephens was introduced as Chipola College’s new Director of Health Sciences at a reception in her honor Sept. 2 at the college.

Stephens, a graduate of Chipola’s nursing program, says, “I’m honored to lead the program that gave me my start in the nursing field. I feel like I’ve come full circle. I’m very excited about working with our students and turning out the very best health care professionals.”

Stephens earned a BSN from Florida State University. She earned an M.S.N. and an A.R.N.P. from the University of South Alabama with a specialty in Psychiatric Nursing.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, says, “We are proud to have Vickie leading our health science programs. She has an outstanding record as a health care professional. Our students and the community will benefit from her experience.”

Stephens has more than 25 years experience in the nursing field. She will oversee all of the college’s health education programs which include: Nursing (LPN, RN and BSN), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Paramedic and Nursing Assistant.

Chipola College Theatre will hold open auditions, Sept. 8 and 9, for “The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940.” Auditions begin at 6 p.m. each night in the college theatre.

Performances of the show are set for Nov. 5-9.

This ingenious and wildly comic romp enjoyed a long and critically-hailed run both on and Off-Broadway. Poking fun at the more ridiculous aspects of “show biz” and the corny thrillers of Hollywood’s heyday, the play is a non-stop barrage of laughter as those assembled (or at least those who aren’t killed off) untangle the mystery of the “Stage Door Slasher.”

As the actors and director prepare their performance, a blizzard cuts off any possible retreat, bodies start to drop in plain sight, knives spring out of nowhere, masked figures drag their victims behind swiveling bookcases, and accusing fingers point in all directions. The bumbling police inspector snowshoes in to investigate and the mystery is solved in the nick of time. The “Slasher” is unmasked, but not before the audience has been treated to a side-splitting good time and a generous serving of the author’s biting, satiric and refreshingly irreverent wit.

For information, call Theatre director Charles Sirmon at 850-718-2227, or email sirmons@chipola.edu

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
Few tickets available for Chipola Artist Series

A handful of tickets still are available for the Sept. 10 Chipola Artist Series event, “An American Portrait: On Wings of Freedom.”

Season Tickets for all four Artist Series events also are available through Sept. 10 in the Chipola Business Office.

“An American Portrait” celebrates two centuries of American milestones as our country’s story is told through the songs that united and inspired its people.

From songs celebrating the joy of newfound independence to the laments that expressed our pain, the show features the battle cries that tore us apart and the inspirational songs that reconciled us. Audience members will be treated to our nation’s diverse regions through the music that captures their essence. The finale is pure patriotism as America’s most beloved anthems are performed with eloquence and majesty.

This stirring, evocative homage to our homeland comes alive through the legendary piano work of Mac Frampton and the powerful voices of Sam Hagan and Dawn Marie.


For ticket information, call the Chipola Business Office at 850-718-2220.

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

Press Conference to honor “Wired” students

Chipola College will hold a press conference Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 11 a.m., to recognize 13 students who received Wired for Technology Scholarships this Fall.

Florida’s Great Northwest recently contributed $1 million to several area colleges (including Chipola) to encourage students to enroll in Computer Science and Technology related fields. Chipola received $50,000 in scholarship money for this school year.

The press conference will be held in the Literature/Language Conference Room (Building Z) on the second floor.
Club Day slated for Wednesday, Sept. 9

The Chipola Student Government Association will host Club Day, Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on the sidewalk in front of Building Z.

All clubs and organizations are encouraged to participate. SGA can display information for clubs that choose not to participate. Participating clubs are asked to contact Nancy Johnson by Sept. 4 at 718-2314.

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 Buildings C&D from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and in the Lobby of Building D from 9 a.m. until 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.

$30K raised in honor of Sam Mitchell

Some 500 donors attended a fundraiser in honor of the late Rep. Sam Mitchell on Saturday, Aug. 29. More than $30,000 was raised to endow a scholarship in memory of the former state legislator who played on Chipola College’s first football and basketball teams in 1947. Here, Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough presents a bouquet of flowers to Sam’s wife Nellie. The event was hosted by “Friends of Sam Mitchell” and sponsored by the Chipola Appreciation Club.

Graceville’s Walker signs with Chipola

Kayla Walker (seated) of Graceville has signed a basketball scholarship with the Lady Indians. Pictured standing from left, are: Athletic Director Dr. Dale O’Daniel, Lady Indians head coach David Lane and Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.

Walker averaged 15 points per game during her senior season and led the Lady Tigers to the Regional Finals. Kayla is the daughter of Mark and Pat Kent. Her high school coach was John Habali.