Chipola’s Bruner named 2001 Centennial Scholar

Andrea Bruner, a sophomore at Chipola Junior College, has been selected as a 2001 Centennial Scholar from the state of Florida and will receive a $2,000 stipend from the Coca-Cola Scholarship Foundation in commemoration of her exceptional academic and leadership achievements at Chipola Junior College.

Phi Theta Kappa, The International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, in conjunction with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), are pleased to announce the Centennial Scholars Program in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the two-year college system.

The Centennial Scholars are comprised of the highest-scoring student from each state in the All-USA Academic Team competition, a scholarship program recognizing scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in community, technical and junior colleges. The 50 Centennial Scholars and their colleges will receive special recognition at the AACC Convention April 4-7, in Chicago. Centennial Scholars will also be listed in USA Today on April 5. The AACC’s Community College Times as well as Phi Theta Kappa’s Journey Newsletter will also provide featured coverage of the Centennial Scholars.

Bruner, the daughter of Sally and John Bruner of Chipley, says she was “shocked and excited” to learn of the honor. “I would like to thank my parents and all of the great people at Chipola who have been extremely supportive, especially Jody Spooner, Lou Cleveland, Dr. O’Daniel, Betty Broome, Lisa Shores and Joan Miller,” says Bruner.

Jody Spooner, CJC English instructor and Phi Theta Kappa sponsor, says, “To be selected as the highest ranking student in the state of Florida is a great reflection on Andrea’s abilities, as well as the Chipola faculty.”

A 1999 valedictorian of Chipley High School, Bruner is currently attend...
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Bruner is attending Chipola as a Florida Academic Scholar. In addition to the CJC Valedictorian Scholarship, she also received the Florida Top Scholar award, which is given to the top student in the district.

Bruner is president of CJC’s Phi Theta Kappa, and is active in Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and the CJC Honors Program. She plans to attend the University of Florida, and major in Microbiology. Her plans include medical school and a specialization in obstetrics.

Bruner is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Chipley. She enjoys working with the Relay for Life program, and has served as a mentor in the WINGS (Winning Intellectually and Gaining Safety) at Marianna Middle School.

Phi Theta Kappa, founded in 1918, serves 1,200 two-year colleges around the world. The Society’s operations are global in scope with chapters located in all 50 United States, U.S. Territories, Canada, Germany and Japan. Nearly 1.5 million students have earned membership in Phi Theta Kappa since its founding, with more than 80,000 students inducted each year.

CJC Cheerleader Extravaganza set for March 3

The Chipola Junior College cheerleaders will host the annual Cheerleader Extravaganza on Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to Noon, at the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Area squads will compete in middle school, JV, and varsity divisions. Individuals will compete in the All-Star division. Former CJC cheerleader and FSU cheerleading captain, Ben Odom, will be a special guest along with his FSU stunting partner, Jennifer Hobba, who cheered with the Florida Elite All Stars from Jacksonville. Admission is $3 for adults and $2 for students.

Tryouts for the 2001-02 Chipola Cheerleaders will be held April 16-19. High school seniors must submit high school transcripts and a letter of recommendation from a previous cheerleader sponsor. Cheerleaders must be full-time Chipola students in the Fall 2001 Semester with a 2.0 GPA. Scholarships are available.

For information, call 718-2322 or e-mail: defelixg@chipola.cc.fl.us

CJC to present Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

“Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” will play March 8-11 in the Chipola Junior College Theater. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Jonathan Basford is cast in the title role of this Chipola student and community production. Joseph’s brothers will be portrayed by Chris Kirkland, Rusty Miller, Christopher Bishop, Chris Manasco, Luke Shores, Mitch Simms, Daniel Tennille, Eric Rodriguez, Adam Moxley, Matthew Lero and Jaromy Henry.

Angie White will play the part of the narrator. Other major roles include David Culpepper as Jacob, Charles Sirmon as Potiphar, Michelle Williams as Potiphar’s wife. Girl players include Amber Williams, Kristen King, Tiffany Nichols, Brianna Glezer, Casi Parmer and Jamie Bassett.

Children’s chorus members are Amy Carroll, Mary Ann Osielcka, Ashton Williams, Janna Wise, Andrew Stradley, Katie Jeter, Kylee Shores, Mackenzie Willis, Joy Wallace, Sable McFatter, Russell Register and Murphy Sims.

Charles Sirmon, CJC Theatre Coordinator, will direct the show. Other behind the scenes people include: Chris Manasco, choreographer; Dawn Blount, stage manager; Courtney Kirkland, assistant to the director; Hope Rister, pianist; Dr. Ed Lyon, musical director; and Dr. Allen Molineux, orchestra director.

“Joseph” is a Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber Broadway musical adaptation of the well-known Biblical tale. The score features an eclectic, contemporary selection that is a tongue-in-cheek blend of calypso, ’50s rock and country-western. Tickets for the show are available in the CJC Business Office. $7 adults, $5 for students and CJC students and employees get one free ticket. For information, call 718-2341.
State JUCO Tourney brings thousand$ to Marianna

More than 2,000 visitors are expected to converge on Marianna, March 7-10, when Chipola Junior College hosts the Florida Junior College Men’s and Women’s State Basketball Tournament. The top men’s and women’s teams in the state will compete in games at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Wednesday Thursday and Friday. Championship games will be played at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Chipola Appreciation club president Allen Clark says “This is one of the largest annual events in the area. Sixteen teams, with coaches, cheerleaders and hundreds of fans will visit Jackson County and contribute a significant amount of money to the local economy.”

Ronnie Myers, tournament director, estimates that more than $250,000 will flow into the area during the tournament from food, lodging, recreation and incidental expenses.

CJC Human Resources director Karan Davis, who coordinates motel rooms for the tournament, reports that more than 175 rooms will be reserved for teams and game officials.

Waste Management is corporate sponsor for the event. District manager Len Necaise recently presented a check for $10,000 to the Appreciation Club to help with the event. The Jackson County Tourist Development Council also awarded a grant in the amount of $10,000 to help Chipola promote the tournament.

Chipola president, Dr. Dale O’Daniel says, “We are excited about hosting the tournament gain this year. And we are very grateful to Waste Management and the TDC for their support for the tournament.”

Dozens of key supporters are working with the Appreciation Club to sell advance tickets. Tournament passes—$25 for adults and $15 for students—will get fans into all 14 exciting tournament games. Single session tickets are $10 each.

For ticket information, call the Chipola Business Office at 718-2341, or visit the official tournament website at: www.chipola.cc.fl.us

Chipola hosts Tallahassee on Monday

Chipola hosts Tallahassee in the final games of the regular season on Monday, Feb. 26 in the Johnson Health Center.

The game is billed as Holmes and Washington Counties Appreciation Night. CJC president Dr. Dale O’Daniel invites the residents of both counties to attend Monday’s games free of charge.

The Lady Indians scored a big 64-62 homecoming win over Pensacola on Feb. 21. Kamika Collins hit a shot with five seconds remaining to give Chipola the lead. Collins poured in 15 points on the night to lead the Lady Indians. Tasha Mathis scored 14, and D’Leisha Cockerham added 10.

Head coach Jason Keene, says, “We’ve been in a bunch of close games this year. I think tonight’s game shows that we’re improving. If we can win two more, we’ll have a chance to go to state.” CJC (6-7) travels to OW on Saturday, Feb. 24, and hosts TCC on Monday, Feb. 26. Gulf Coast has clinched first place. TCC and OW are tied for second at 8-4. Chipola is fourth at 6-7. The top three women’s teams in the Panhandle Conference earn a berth in the State JUCO Tourney, March 7-10 at CJC.

The Indians fell to 20-8 and 4-6 in the Panhandle Conference with an 81-80 overtime loss to Pensacola on Feb. 21. Head coach Ryan Cross, says, “Our kids hung in there and really battled. They fought hard; we just didn’t pull it out.” As of Feb. 22, the Indians also have a mathematical chance at the state tourney. If Chipola beats OW on Feb. 24 and TCC on Feb. 26, and OW loses both of their remaining games, CJC would meet OW in a playoff for second. The Indians remain third in the state JUCO poll.

First place TCC will represent the Panhandle in the State Tourney, March 7-10 at CJC. OW is currently in second place.

Post-season hoops action will continue in the Johnson Health Center March 7-10, when Chipola hosts the Men’s and Women’s State JUCO Basketball Tournament. Games will be played at 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m., Wednesday through Friday. The Championship games will be played at 5 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

For the latest state tournament information, visit the CJC web site at chipola.cc.fl.us
Chipola baseball and softball update

The Chipola baseball team improved to 14-5 with a 5-1 win over Florida Community College at Jacksonville on Wednesday.

The Indians scored 5 runs on 11 hits and committed two errors. Philip Slusher was 2 for 4 at the plate. Ivan Nacarata was 2 for 3. Jonathan Swearingen and Blake Balkcom had 2 RBI’s each. Sam Taulli (2-1) was the winning pitcher for Chipola. He went 8 innings, striking out 10, and allowing 3 hits, two walks, and 1 unearned run.

The Indians have a string of road games on Feb. 23, 24 and 27. Chipola plays seven straight at home March 7-12. Conference season begins March 16 at Tallahassee.

The Lady Indians swept a doubleheader at Jefferson Davis Community College on Feb. 19. Chipola won the first game, 7-0, and the second game, 5-0. Leading hitters were Erin Flater and Bianca Bennett. Both went 2 for 3 with 2 RBI’s apiece. Chipola had 9 hits in game one. Tanya Teague was the winning pitcher striking out 14 and giving up only 3 hits.

Leading hitters for the second game were Virginia Spencer and Andria Reed, both 2 for 3. Missy Abernathy had 2 RBI’s. Winning pitcher was Stephanie Grey who struck out 9 and gave up 2 hits. The Lady Indian’s are 13-1 as of Feb. 21. The Lady Indians host L.B. Wallace in a doubleheader Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 4 p.m.

Chipola baseball and softball games feature good music, good food and free admission. For more information, call the CJC Hotline at 718-2CJC, or visit the CJC website at www.chipola.cc.fl.us

CJC Literature/Language winners

Some 70 students from 10 area high schools competed in writing, reading, speech, oral interpretation, literature, humanities and grammar contests at Chipola Junior College on February 16.

The occasion was the eleventh annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival hosted by Chipola’s Arts and Letters Division. The purpose of the festival is to recognize and encourage academic excellence. Prizes were awarded to first, second and third places, as well as two honorable mentions, in each contest category. Winners from participating schools are listed below.


Oral Interpretation: first—Jill White of Vernon High; second—Amy Bates of Altha High; third—Derik Cockerham of Grand Ridge High; honorable mentions—Sheryl Rosen of Marianna High and Linda Byler of Altha High.

Literature: first—Ashley Smith of Vernon High; second—Amanda Horton of Graceville High; third—Theresa Dennis of Vernon High; honorable mentions—Courtney McKay of Sneads High and Jill White of Vernon High.

Humanities: first—Lindsey Smitherson of Sneads High; second—Amanda Horton of Graceville High; third—Theresa Dennis of Vernon High; honorable mentions—Courtney McKay of Sneads High and Jill White of Vernon High.

Grammar: first—John Garner of Holmes County High; second—Kari Carswell of Chipley High; third—Micah McMillan of Liberty County High; honorable mentions—Crystal Register of Graceville High and Katie Bradford of Marianna High.

Things You Might Not Have Known

Most lipstick contains fish scales.