Chipola’s Bautista named Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar

Former CJC baseball player Jose Bautista was recently named an Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar by Black Issues in Higher Education magazine.

Student-athletes nominated for the award must compete in an intercollegiate sport; maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2; and be active on their campuses or in their communities.

Bautista signed a deal May 19 to play professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates just two weeks after graduating from Chipola. As a business major, Bautista maintained a 3.5 GPA. He also was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Black Issues in Higher Education in 1992 established the Sports Scholars Award to honor undergraduate students of color who exemplify the standards set by tennis great Arthur Ashe Jr. In addition to athletic ability, students named Ashe Sports Scholars must exhibit academic excellence as well as community activism. A listing of the Ashe award winners is available on the web at www.blackissues.com.

Bautista led Chipola in home runs with 15 and was fifth in the state in that category. He finished the year with a .326 batting average including 15 doubles, 15 hr, and 47 RBI’s, and 12 stolen bases. Bautista was also an effective pitcher with 16 appearances on the year and five saves. He was the winning pitcher in Chipola’s 5-3 win over Okaloosa-Walton that gave the Indians the Panhandle Conference championship. He led Chipola to a second place finish in the State Tournament, and was named tournament MVP after pitching an entire nine-inning game in Chipola’s 8-4 win over St. Pete in game three. He amassed a 7-1 pitching mark, striking out 25 batters in 33 1/3 innings, and chalking up a 2.43 ERA.

Former CJC golfer wins BellSouth Tourney

Former Chipola Junior College golfer Sammy Rachels won his first professional tournament on Sunday, June 3, more than 30 years after leaving Chipola.

Rachels beat defending champion Hale Irwin by shooting the best round of his career with a 9-under-par 63 to win the BellSouth Senior Classic by four strokes.

Rachels’ purse of $240,000 was his biggest ever, and was more than he won in 10 years on the PGA Tour. Plagued with back problems since turning pro, Rachels had 11 top-10 finishes on the PGA Tour from 1975-85. The BellSouth was Rachels’ ninth tourney to win over the entire tour for Sammy Rachels Jr.

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Mitchell, who lives in Marianna, recalls Rachels as “a sharp guy who was always well prepared for the game.”

Mitchell recalls that Rachels’ father offered him a new car if he were to win the 1970 Bainbridge (GA) Invitational. “Sammy won it, and his dad bought him a brand new Camaro,” said Mitchell.

Chipola’s golf program produced 11 All Americans and made it to the national tourney seven times, winning it in 1967. Mitchell, who also taught Physics at CJC, coached from 1962 until the golf program was abandoned in 1977.

Happy Birthday CJC Family

June 11 Harrell Glisson
June 12 Sheila Mercer
June 12 Judith Riviere
June 13 Byron Quivey
June 16 Robert Brown
June 16 JoAnn Everett
**INTERNSHIPS**

Ten area public school teachers and businesses participated in a Teacher Internship Program this Summer sponsored by the CJC School-to-Work and Tech Prep programs.

Judy Riviere, Tech Prep Manager, said feedback from the teachers indicates that the program has been a very rewarding experience for teachers, as well as the business partners.

Teachers were selected based on proposals submitted. Participating businesses allowed teachers to work on their job site at no cost. Teachers were paid through the federally funded School-to-Work/ Tech Prep grant.

Participating teachers, listed by school and internship site, are: Jamillia Cone, MMS (Integras Wellness Center); Sally Sims, MMS (Jackson County Health Dept); Christi Lovely, Altha (Oglesby Plants International); Matrecia James, GRHS (Panhandle All Care Services), Mavis Mclean, MHS (Jackson Hospital); Genia Smith, SHS (Audio Innovations); Kathy McCrary, MHS (Marianna Animal Hospital); Linda Basford, MHS (Alliance Laundry Systems); Gary Latham, JAAT (Jackson Correctional) and Tami Hall, MHS (Dove Cote Day School).

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**Chipola Junior College Summer Fun Camps 2001**

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Register with Margie Williams at 718-2239. A $5 fee will be assessed on late registrations.

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**CJC Theatre Coordinator hits Broadway’s Tony Awards**

For the past three years, Charles Sirmon, Theatre Coordinator at Chipola Junior College, has traveled at his own expense to Broadway’s biggest night, the Tony Awards at New York’s Radio City Music Hall.

Sirmon said, “Being a part of Broadway has always been a dream of mine as a director and actor, and attending the Tonys seems to give me a small part of my dream.” Sirmon was extremely excited about this year’s Tonys due to the success of Mel Brook’s new hit musical, “The Producers” which goose-stepped into the record books with a show-stopping 12 Tony Awards beating out 1964’s “Hello Dolly.”

Sirmon had the chance to attend a performance of the “The Producers” on Saturday, which is sold out until 2002. “I loved it; I thought it was great ‘old time’ theatre,” said Sirmon.

Sirmon was even lucky enough to attend an exclusive after-party where he rubbed elbows with the likes of Glen Close, Tony winner Reba McEntire (now on Broadway in Annie Get Your Gun), three-time Tony winner Audra McDonald, Mathew Broderick and wife Sarah Jessica Parker. Sirmon even danced the night away with Linda Lavin, nominated for “The Tale of the Allergist’s Wife.”

Sirmon said the highlight of the evening was meeting the two hottest guys on Broadway, Mel Brooks and Nathan Lane. Lane beat out co-star Mathew Broderick for Best Actor in a Musical. “Meeting Mr. Brooks and Nathan was a dream and I’m already making plans for next year!” said Sirmon.

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**THIS WEEK**

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**Things You Might Not Have Known**

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