CJC Honors Program expands learning opportunities

The Chipola Junior College Honors program is providing a record number of students with a challenging academic experience.

A total of 54 students are currently enrolled in the program that is designed to help them make the most of their time at Chipola. Honor students meet in a weekly Honors Seminar in addition to their regular classes. They also enroll in Honors designated courses in which instructors guide their learning beyond the regular scope of course requirements and assist them with special research projects. Students make presentations of these research projects to their classmates. Top projects are often shared with local civic organizations. Students also are required to participate in 24 hours of service learning in a health-related project each semester.

This year’s freshmen seminar led by English instructor Jody Spooner includes 39 students, nearly double from previous years. Leadership Development Studies, the freshman study topic, is designed to provide emerging and existing leaders the opportunity to explore the concept of leadership and to develop and improve their leadership skills. The study integrates readings from the humanities, experiential exercises, films, and contemporary readings on leadership. Students will study great leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Ralph Waldo Emerson, and examine the traits of leaders as portrayed in the media.

The sophomore seminar, led by CJC math instructor Bonnie Smith, features guest lectures and discussion on the 2002-04 Honors Study Topics—Dimensions and Directions of Health: Choices in the Maze. As health and health care have become the focus of great public and private debate, students will examine the refocusing of the public’s emphasis from “care and cure” to “prevention and promotion.

Guest speakers will include experts from the community and from the college faculty. The first two topics—Genetics and Infectious Disease—will be introduced by CJC science instructors Dr. Steve Shimmel and June Mays.

Acceptance into CJC Honors program is competitive and requires a minimum high school GPA of 3.5 and an ACT score of 23. During the last decade, nearly 400 graduates of high schools in Chipola’s district have participated. Benefits of participation include preferred early registration, honors designation on transcripts and diplomas and most importantly, the opportunity to network with professionals and to gain a competitive edge for limited access programs and scholarships. Students who successfully complete both years of the Honors Program are invited to an end-of-the-program trip to New York sponsored in part by the CJC Foundation.

Freshman Honors students are: Kari Anderson of Marianna, Amy Bates of Fountain, Jeff Bosse of Marianna, Travis Bright, Jr. of Marianna, Tracy Brock of Cottondale, Maurice Bush of Marianna, Candace Cartwright of Marianna, Caleb Corbin of Bonifay, Heather Coxwell of Blountstown, Brian DeVilling of Bonifay, Rena Gibson of Marianna, Joni Goodman of Altha, Tamara Hutchinson of Bonifay, Courtney Jolley of Chipley, Katharyn Jones of Sneads, Chelsea Laney of Chipley, Anna Lockey of Marianna, Craig Miller, Jr. of Chipley, Maggie Nesbitt of Bonifay, Anna Parish of Sneads, Jennifer Reeves of Chipley, Jenna Riley of Bonifay, Kimberly Rogers of Blountstown, Robert Sauter of Chipley, Kelly Scott of Ponce de Leon, Michael Scurlock of Cottondale, Tessa Shirey of Sneads.

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American violinist Linda Wang will open the 2002-03 Chipola Artist Series with a performance Monday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m., in the Chipola Junior College Theater.

Tickets—$12 for adults, $8 for ages 18 and under, and $4 for current CJC students—are on sale in the CJC Business Office. Season tickets are $40.

Wang has been praised among the premier young violinists of the world for her masterful technique and singing and jubilant tone. She was grand prize-winner of the International Markneukirchen Competition in Germany among numerous other awards. Since her debut with the New York Philharmonic at the age of nine, Wang has performed as a soloist with numerous orchestras in the U.S. and Europe, such as the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival Orchestra under Sir Georg Solti, Paris Sinfonietta, Vogtland Philharmonie (Germany), and Southern Bohemia Philharmony (Czech Republic). As a soloist, she has performed at Carnegie Hall, Beurs van Berlage (Amsterdam), and the Berlin Schauspielhaus. Her live performances have been televised nationally for PBS and A & E and National Public Radio.

The native New Yorker studied at the Juilliard School (Pre-College Division), and the University of Southern California. She also studied at the Mozarteum in Salzburg on the Fulbright Grant. Her principal teachers have been Dorothy DeLay, Alice Schoenfeld, and Ruggiero Ricci.

Three other events are set for the Artist Series. The Manhattan Rhythm Kings, Nov. 18, are known for their polished performances of American popular music from the 20’s, 30’s and 40’s. Soprano Alison England, hits the CJC stage Jan. 21. This stellar singer/actress/comedienne has starred in “The Sound of Music,” “The King & I,” and “Hello Dolly.”

Boston Brass—the final offering of the series—is set for April 3. One of the most exciting and multi-faceted brass groups in the county.

The Artist Series is funded through Chipola’s Performing Arts Fund, and with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Southern Arts Federation, the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, the Chipola Regional Arts Association, and corporate donors.

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

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Whitney Sims of Marianna, Kelly Slichter of Marianna, Lindsay Sloan of Cottondale, Erica Spivey of Bristol, Kayla Stewart of Blountstown, Ashlie Taylor of Bonifay, Eric Spivey of Bristol, Kayla Stewart of Marianna, Lindsay Sloan of Cottondale, Laura Davis of Blountstown, Nathan Ebersole of Blountstown, Chrissie Prichard of Chipley, Meghan Smith of Graceville, Ryan Waters of Graceville, Kevin Taylor of Graceville, Lyndsay Garrett of Chipley, Phyllings Leroson of Marianna and Josh Riley of Chipley.

Sophomore Honors students are: Krissy Lee of Sneads, Amiee Wynn of Bonifay, Jennifer Bowes of Marianna, Stephanie Rice of Altha, Jeremy Flanders of Altha, Ashley Barber of Cottondale, Adam Scurlock of Cottondale, Laura Davis of Blountstown, Nathan Ebersole of

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Short Course Offerings at Chipola

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For information about any of these non-credit courses, call the Office of Continuing Education at 718-2395.

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Chipola to offer firearms course

Chipola Junior College will offer a Firearms Familiarization course Sept. 23-26 at the Chipola Firing Range. The 16-hour course will meet all four nights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Completion of the course satisfies one of the requirements for individuals seeking a Concealed Weapons permit. Cost of this course is $55.

For more information, call Doris Williams at 718-2394.
Student Activities News

Caricaturist on Campus
Caricaturist Steve Gipson will be on campus Wednesday, Sept. 18 in the Lobby of Building D from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by and have your picture drawn. This event is sponsored by SGA and is FREE!

March of Dimes Tennis Shoes
CJC Organizations will be selling the March of Dimes Walk America, Saving Babies Together, tennis shoes. For a donation of $1 your name will be placed on the shoe and displayed at CJC. 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 CJC organization that wants to participate. The organization which sells the most shoes will be treated to a pizza party by student activities. All money must be turned in by September 25.

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda will host the first program in its Satellite Seminar series on Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education Conference Center.

The ensemble will feature Dr. Paul A. Lombardo, the Director of the Program in Law and Medicine at the Center for Bio-Medical Ethics at the University of Virginia where he teaches in the Schools of Medicine, Law, and Arts and Sciences. He will speak on The Genetic Dimension to Health.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, email Krisky Lee at krisley_gg@hotmail.com or call Jody Spooner at 526-2761, ext. 3279.

To promote awareness of Childhood Cancer Month, Phi Theta Kappa encourages everyone to wear a gold ribbon during September.

Ribbons are available for a $1 donation. Contact Laura Davis, PTK Public Relations Officer, at tutor_kids@hotmail.com.

Chipola employee insurance premiums to increase 2%

Bad news: according to the latest reports, Chipola has the highest loss ratio of all community colleges in the Florida Community Colleges Risk Management Consortium (FRS) creditable service rules, which allow an employee to transfer credit from other state plans) the average employee age was 44.7 years as compared with the peer groups' average age of 29 years. Twelve percent of Chipola employee insurance premiums to increase 2%

The monthly premium paid by Chipola employees will go from $250 to $255.

The Consortium's Operations Committee contracted earlier this year with Price Waterhouse to conduct a study of the community college program. In comparison with peer groups (including governmental and state plans) the average employee age was 44.7 years as compared with the peer groups' average age of 29 years. Twelve percent of FCRMC covered members are retirees. This high level of participation may be influenced by the Florida Retirement System (FRS) creditable service rules, which allow an employee to transfer credit from other qualified plans. Retiree costs are also 24.8% higher than active employee costs and 37.9% of those costs go toward professional services (physicians, specialist, etc.)

Pharmacy findings revealed that total prescription costs in 2001 were just over $5.9 million. Employees share of that cost through co-pay was 42.5% versus 57.5% paid for by the consortium. Of the 111,369 prescriptions filled, 37% were dispensed with generics, 57% were single source brand, and 3% were multi-source brand.

During the 2000 fiscal year, paid claims were $16.8 million, of which 82% were for medical purposes and 17.9% were for drugs. In 1999 drug costs accounted for only 8% of the total. The relationship between medical and drug claim cost shows a substantial increase in drug utilization. Drug claims as a percentage of total claims increased by 123% from 1999 to 2000.

In 2001 total claims paid were just over $20 million dollars with the distribution at 82% medical and 18% prescription drugs. The cost of drug claims increased by 20.6%. During 2001, the average cost for prescription drugs was $577 per year per employee. In 2001 that cost rose to $696 per employee per year.

If the experts are correct, health care costs will increase by an average of 10 to 13% per year for the next five years. The consortium is working diligently to help find ways to keep cost down, while not giving up any benefits.

Ron Ward, VP of Administrative Services
EUROPE BOUND. A group of students and adults will travel to Europe from Chipola this summer. The summer 2003 trip will include visits to Verona and Venice in Italy, Lucerne, Switzerland and Paris, France. Organizer of this tour, Robert Ivey (Social Sciences) says, “This tour will include some of the most popular sites visited on previous tours.” The 11-day tour will run June 18 through 28, 2003.

Cost of the tour is approximately $2,800, with a discount for early reservations.

Anyone interested in joining the tour group, may contact Ivey at 526-2761, Ext. 3240.

CONDOLENCES. The Chipola family is saddened by the loss of Billy Donaldson, husband of Nell Donaldson (Senior Office Assistant, Library). Our thoughts and prayers are with this family at this time.

HANDICAP PARKING. New handicap parking permits are available in the Office for Students with Disabilities in Building G, Room 109. The new permit is to be displayed on the rearview mirror. Only students with the special permit will be allowed to park in handicapped parking on campus. If you have a documented disability, whether or not you currently possess a college handicap sticker, you should pick up your permit right away. Students parked in the handicapped parking spaces without the proper permit will be ticketed.

CJC HEALTH FAIR. The health science department will be holding a Health Fair for all Chipola employees on Sept. 20 from 8 till 11 a.m. in the lobby of the new health science building. A representative from Big Bend AHEC will be on hand with information and screening recommendations for specific medical conditions such as osteoporosis, diabetes, and colon cancer. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

LOST & FOUND. LOST: Heavy silver bracelet Man’s class ring
Lost and Found is located in Student Services, Bldg. G.

BE A PART OF IT! If you are not a member of the Chipola Chapter of the Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) and would like to become a member, please contact Margie Williams (ext. 2239) or Sandra Harrell (ext. 2302). FACC sponsors social events, community service activities, fundraising activities, as well as being your voice in the Florida legislature. Join today!

TABE TESTING. The Success Center (O119) has regular testing of the TABE test. Tests are given Monday - Friday at 8:15 a.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Students should see the registrar’s office for a student placement status form before coming to test.

REPS ON CAMPUS. Representatives from the College of Agriculture and the School of Forestry at Auburn University will be on campus on Thursday, Sept. 26. An information table will be set up in the lobby of Building D between 8:45 – 10 a.m. Students are encouraged to stop by and visit these representatives.

THIS WEEK’S MENU. Monday Turkey Tetrazzini Stuffed Bell Peppers Tuesday Chicken Pot Pie Beef Peppersteak Wednesday Turkey Pilaf Rotaissie Chicken Thursday B-B-Q Chicken Vegetable Lasagna Friday Spaghetti and Meatballs Chicken and Rice

PBL HAS MOD SHOES. Please support MOD sneaker sales by purchasing a sneaker for $1 from the following PBL members: Tiffany Anderson, Amy Bates, Timmy Boone, Chris Duncan, Jessica Jones, LaNeise Leslie, Tameka Larry, Marisa McFarland, Seamus O’Neill, Lora Shelton, Jennifer Taylor, or Tiffany Birge. All funds raised will go to March of Dimes.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK. Sept. 18 Sybil Cloud Sept. 19 Kim Collins Sept. 21 Dennis Kosciw Sept. 22 Melinda Sherrill