Chipola Homecoming activities announced

Chipola will celebrate Homecoming Saturday, Feb. 6. This year’s theme is “Year of the Spear.”

Student Activities for Homecoming week include, Dress up days: Monday, Feb. 1: Sports Day – wear the colors of your favorite sport or team; Tuesday, Feb. 2: Tacky Day – dress tacky; Wednesday, Feb. 3: Blue & Gold Day – show your Indian spirit by wearing our school colors; Thursday, Feb. 4: Pajama Day; and Friday, Feb. 5: Nerd Day.

There will be a building decoration contest between the clubs, with decorating Monday, Feb.1 and judging, Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 1:30 p.m.

The Homecoming Talent Show is Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 10:30 a.m., in the Chipola Cultural Center (Old Arts Center).

Chipola will celebrate Homecoming, Saturday, Feb. 6, when they host arch-rival Gulf Coast. A reunion of former Chipola cheerleaders is set to begin at 4 p.m. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m. Chipola president Dr. Jason Hurst and his wife Alisa invite all alumni and friends to an Alumni Reception beginning at 6 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of the Johnson Center. The Homecoming Court will presented during halftime of the men’s game. For info, call the SGA Office at 718-2308 or 718-2314.

Chipola Baseball Alumni Weekend is Feb. 5-6

The annual Chipola Baseball Alumni Weekend is set for Feb. 5-6.

Major league baseball stars and other former Chipola players will return to their alma mater for the weekend which will include live college baseball action, a Homerun Derby, great food and the chance to rub elbows with the pros, including two-time MLB Homerun champ Jose Bautista and his Toronto Blue Jays teammate, All-Star catcher Russell Martin. Honorary Chipola alumnus Jeff Mathis of the Marlins, Braves catcher Tyler Flowers and Diamondbacks pitcher Patrick Corbin also are expected to attend.

An Alumni Dinner and Auction is set for Friday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. Big-leaguers have donated thousands in memorabilia for the auction. Tickets are $100, with table sponsorships available for $1,000. Sponsors earn recognition at the dinner, 8 tickets, an autographed baseball and a group photo with MLB players.

A full day of activities is set for Saturday, Feb. 6, at Chipola Field. At 10 a.m., the Chipola Indians will face Walters State. An MLB Alumni Homerun Derby starts at 12:30 p.m. with guest prizes and MLB memorabilia for sale.

The MLB autograph and photo session runs from 2:30 to 3:30. For $10, fans can get one item signed by each professional. Player photos and MLB baseballs will be available for purchase.

Passes to the day’s events are $10 per person for all ages. Fans are also invited to purchase fresh grouper lunch plates for $10. For information about alumni happenings, email Nathan Marks at nathan@marksinsurance.com, visit www.chipola.edu or phone 850-718-2237.
TEACHER WORKSHOP SET AT CHIPOLA COLLEGE

The Chipola Future Educators Club will host its Eighth Annual Teacher Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 6, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend.

Future educators currently enrolled at Chipola with the assistance of the education faculty, staff, and education graduates will present the free workshop. The day will include various sessions for elementary, middle, and high school teachers. The students will present hands-on activities that can be used in the classroom along with samples for teachers and education majors to use in their own classrooms. Sessions will include resources and strategies in Math, Science, Reading, English, ESOL and ESE. There will also be drawings for several door prizes.

Guest sessions will include: Using Reading Response Journals to Increase Student Engagement (6-12) — Diane McKee; Effective Classroom Communication (6-12) — Diane McKee; Rejuvenation Station (1-8) — Taura Brock; Engage with Open Court (K-2) — Kayla Hyatt; Fostering Classroom Community Through Friendly Controversy (6-12) — JaJuan Clark; Imply, Infer, Imagine (K-12) — Vicki Shackleford; Liven Up Language Arts (5-12) — Anna Beth Rackley; and Garden Your Class (K-2/3/5-6/12) — Rebecca Sponholtz.

Other session topics include: FAST Resources & Simple Science Labs (6-12); Blown Away with Science (4-6); Geoboards Aren’t Just for Geometry (3-5); Partnering Contemporaries with Classics: A New Way to Teach the Canon (6-12); Dots + Brain Breaks = Math Fun (1-3); and Move and Shake to Integrate (4-6).

The workshop will be held in the Literature/Language (Building Z) on the Chipola campus. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the first session at 8:30 a.m. To ensure that sufficient materials are available, please RSVP to FEC Sponsor Casey Dowgul at dowgulc@chipola.edu or phone 850-718-2449.

Chipola Brain Bowl wins Sectional, qualifies for Nationals

The Chipola A and B Brain Bowl teams both qualified for the Community College National Championship by finishing first and second respectively at the NAQT North Florida Community College Sectional Jan. 23.

In all, seven 7 sectionals were played across the nation, with 61 teams vying for 24 spots available in the national championship.

Chipola A finished the sectional tournament with a 10-1 record to claim the title. A team members are: Hunter Davis, Chance Pender, Turner McCroan, and Alex Tharp. In individual scoring, Davis finished 3rd, Pender finished 9th, and McCroan finished 13th.

Chipola B finished the sectional tournament with a 9-2 record, losing only to Chipola A and Florida Gateway A. Chipola B team members are: Haileigh Pippin, Katie Everett, Ashley Delameter and Madelyn Lytle. In individual scoring, Pippin finished 5th, and Everett finished 7th.

Chipola A will enter the Community College national tournament as the #5 seed. Chipola B is the #11 seed.


North FL Sectional stats are available at: https://www.naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament_id=7012 A link to national seeding is available at https://www.naqt.com/stats/rating-values.jsp?rating_group_id=1039

CHIPOLA’S ADDAMS FAMILY TICKETS —

The Chipola production of The Addams Family Musical runs Feb. 24-28. Here, main characters pose during rehearsal. Tickets go on sale Feb. 10 at www.chipola.edu/boxoffice. Play tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for ages 18 and under. A Sunday Brunch and show is set for Feb. 28. Tickets ($30) include brunch and play admission. Brunch show tickets go on sale Feb. 3. For brunch tickets, contact Evelyn Ward at 850-718-2257 or warde@chipola.edu. For the Box Office, call 718-2420.
Chipola Basketball Homecoming Week

Both Chipola basketball teams host two games this week, Pensacola, Feb. 2, and Gulf Coast, Feb. 6, for Homecoming. Women’s games tip off at 5:30 p.m., with the men’s games at 7:30 p.m.


As of Jan. 28, Gulf Coast (7-0) leads the women’s conference race. Chipola (4-2) is second. Northwest (2-4) is third. Tallahassee (2-5) is fourth. Pensacola is (1-5).


As of Jan. 26, the men’s Panhandle standings are: Northwest (6-0), Tallahassee (5-2), Gulf Coast (3-4), Pensacola (2-4) and Chipola (0-6).

For information, visit www.chipolaathletics.com.

Chipola Softball featured in NJCAA Season Preview

According to a Season Preview issued Jan. 26 by the NJCAA, the reigning national champion Chipola Lady Indians softball team should expect another outstanding year in 2016. The NJCAA predicts that the Lady Indians will finish among the top four teams in the Region 8 Tournament.

Chipola won the 2015 NJCAA National Division I Softball Championship, claiming the program’s second national title, the last in 2007. Chipola finished the 2015 season with a 49-10 also winning the Panhandle Conference Championship and the FCSAA/Region VIII Title.

The power coaching couple of Chipola softball—head coach Belinda Hendrix and husband and assistant Jimmy Hendrix—are in their 12th season at the college. Former Chipola player Kelly Brookins is also starting her fifth year as an assistant coach of the Lady Indians.

In the 2016 Preview, the NJCAA listed four Chipola Indians among the top returning position players this season. They include shortstop Courtney Davis who batted .385 last season with 41 RBI and 23 stolen bases. Center-fielder Dana Edmondson hit .364 last year. Right-fielder Gabriela Santos hit .378 with 41 runs, 41 RBI and 32 stolen bases. Designated Player Madison Ragan hit 9 homeruns last season with 58 RBI for a .341 average.

Two Chipola pitchers—Ilona Andringa and Madison Ragan—are listed among the top returning pitchers in Region 8. Andringa logged a 17-2 record in 28 appearances. She recorded 94 strikeouts in 117 innings. Right-hander Madison Ragan had a 10-1 record last season with a 0.66 ERA.

Chipola also boasts two of the top incoming freshmen in the region. Brianna Surrento is a pitcher from Oak Leaf High in Jacksonville. Pitcher Cheyenne Pridgen comes from Athens Christian in Athens, GA.
Chipola voice professor performs at National Opera Convention

Dr. Christina Villaverde-Cámara, soprano and Assistant Professor of Music and Voice at Chipola College, was invited to attend and perform a recital as part of a special workshop at the National Opera Association’s 61st Annual National Convention in Indianapolis, Jan. 6-10.

The conference theme was “Heritage and Hope: Celebrating Diversity in Performance and Pedagogy.” Dr. Villaverde performed alongside her colleagues, Valerie Trujillo, piano (Florida State University College of Music) and Daniel Weeks, tenor (University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music), both of whom are renowned artists, currently teaching at these respected and well-established institutions of Music.

The title of the workshop was “Mexican Song of the 20th and 21st Centuries.” The songs performed are from the Classical Mexican Art Song Genre composed by Contemporary composers such as Carlos Chavez, Manuel Ponce, Ramón Noble, Federica Ibarra and José Rolón. Many of the songs selected were being heard for the very first time by those in the audience.

Because The National Opera Association offers opportunities for everyone in the world of opera to work together for the advancement of quality in performance and pedagogy, it was not unusual for there to be prominent artists in the audience as Dr. Villaverde performed. Two of those artists were George Shirley, the first African-American tenor to perform a leading role at the Metropolitan Opera, and Margo Garrett, world renowned collaborative pianist currently on faculty at the Juilliard School in New York City. Shirley was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award during the conference.

Each year the conference offers opportunities for college and graduate students during the opera scenes and vocal competitions. Dr. Villaverde aspires that her Chipola College voice students will be able to compete at the national level during future conferences. For information, visit http://www.noa.org/convention.html

Chipola invites singers to join Chamber Chorus

The Chipola Community Chorus led by Dr. Christina Villaverde-Cámara, have resumed for the spring semester. All singers are welcome to join rehearsals on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. (not 7:00 p.m.). The group meets on the Chipola campus, Room H108 of the McLendon Fine Arts Building. For information, call 718-2376 or email VillaverdeC@chipola.edu

TRIÖ celebration Feb. 2 At Chipola basketball games

The Chipola Student Support Services (SSS) and Talent Search programs will host their annual TRIÓ Day Celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at the Milton H. Johnson Center starting at 5 p.m. Participants and immediate family members will be able to meet with the entire Chipola TRIÖ staff and receive special recognition at the Chipola vs. Pensacola game. High school or Chipola students interested in the SSS program should call 850-718-2417, or visit the website at chipola.edu/SSS.

Throssell Literature/Language Festival set at Chipola

Chipola will host the 26th Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival on Friday, Feb. 12.

Currently enrolled juniors or seniors from high schools in the Chipola District will compete in writing, speech, oral interpretation, humanities, grammar/mechanics/usage, literature, reading and Spanish competitions.

Festival coordinator Dr. Rachel West says, “Recognition will be given to first, second, and third places and two honorable mentions in each competition. A monetary award will be given to the first place winner of the President’s Reading contest. Many students have competed throughout the years, and some are now returning as high school sponsors for their own students.”

The festival will begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude with the awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Lunch, compliments of the college, will be provided to the contestants and their sponsors. Participants also will see a preview of the upcoming Chipola musical The Addams Family.

Chipola Senior Vice-President Dr. Sarah Clemmons says, “We are looking forward to hosting our 26th festival. It is always a pleasure to have area high school students on our campus for a day of academic competition.”