Florida Teacher of the Year to speak at Chipola workshop

Florida’s Teacher of the Year Dorina Sackman will speak at the Chipola College Teacher Workshop set for Saturday, Feb. 8, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Building Z.

Sackman is an ESOL Language Arts teacher at Westridge Middle School in Orange County. For the past 15 years, she has been educating English Language Learners from around the globe. She treats her classrooms as a stage for children to celebrate their diverse backgrounds while still learning English and the necessary skills to become lifelong learners. Sackman says, “I believe in a world where every child deserves a quality education. I create a safe environment where children, brought to a new land, are happy and free to be themselves as they flourish in school.”

Sackman uses her world travels, proficiency in five languages and “kooky” teaching style to build relationships and touch the lives of students. With her engaging and optimistic outlook, Sackman inspires teachers, students and parents to come together and make education a first priority.

Teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend the free workshop. Chipola education majors, education faculty, staff, and Chipola graduates will lead the workshops highlighting hands-on activities that can be used in the classroom.

Sessions will cover Math, Social Studies, Science, Reading, and English for elementary, middle, and high school teachers. Some topics include: Motivation and Feedback along with ELL Strategies – Grades K-2; Incorporating Art— Grades K-2; Using Graphic Novels—Grades 4-6; Coming Soon to a Theatre Near You — English 6-12; Using Math Manipulatives—Grades 3-5; Hands on with the Senses – Science 3-5; Constructive Movement and Music – Grades K-2; Integrating Social Studies – Grades 2-4; Dystopian Literature – Grades 6-12; Groundwater – Science 7-9 and IPAD Apps for Math - Math 9-12.

Special guest speakers will include: Deanna Golden - Teaching Math (K-1); Dee and Taura Brock - Higher Order Thinking with Cooperative Learning (K-12); Peggy Reinhhan – Social Studies Content w/ELA text (Common Core); Pam Bozeman – Getting Parents on Your Side - 4 A’s of Parental Involvement (K-6); Lisa Hamilton – Florida Character Counts – (Character Education); Outstanding Math Guides (Math Foldables); Heather Bailey - Whole Brain Teaching (K-6); and Dr. Giang-Nguyen Nguyen— Evernote and Geogebra Apps (Math).

PAEC will not offer in-service points for participating teachers this year; instead there will be even more food, guests, door prizes, and freebies.

To ensure that sufficient materials are available, please RSVP to FEC Sponsor Casey Bush at bushc@chipola.edu or phone 850- 526-2761, Ext. 2449.
Chipola Baseball Alumni Weekend set for Feb. 7-8

The annual Alumni Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at Citizen’s Lodge with special guest speakers and entertainment to be announced.

Head Coach Jeff Johnson and members of the Alumni Committee—Nathan Marks (00’), Andrew Gay (07’), Jason Barber (06’)—invite all former players and Chipola alumni to join them in supporting and participating in the weekend’s events.

Chipola head coach Jeff Johnson, says, “We want to stay in touch with as many of our alumni and fans of our program as possible. We invite everyone to participate in our Alumni Weekend to have a great time and support our Chipola Indians.”

Anyone interested in participating in or sponsoring the event should email nathan@marksinsurance.com. For information, visit www.chipola.edu or phone Coach Johnson at 850-718-2237.

Chipola hosts Tallahassee in league clash

Both teams host Tallahassee on Saturday, Feb. 1. The top-ranked Lady Indians are 6-0 in conference play and scored a 54-42 win over Tallahassee in the teams’ first meeting on Jan. 14. Chipola (6-0) leads the league. Northwest (4-1) is second. Tallahassee is (3-4).

The Lady Indians improved to 22-1 overall with an 81-70 win over Gulf Coast on Jan. 25. Evelyn Akhator led the Lady Indians with 25 points and 12 rebounds. Tiffany Lewis had 23 points and 4 rebounds. Diamonisha Sophus scored 13 with 6 assists. Brianna Wright added 12.

Evelyn Akhator is the FCSAA Women’s Basketball Player of the Week. A freshman from Lagos, Nigeria, recorded double-doubles in wins over Pensacola and Gulf Coast, the latter a 25-point, 12-rebound effort in Chipola’s 81-70 win over the Commodores. For the week, Akhator shot 63.6 percent (14-of-22) from the floor and 70.6 percent (12-of-17) from the line.


Chipola (4-2) still leads the men’s Panhandle Conference after a 75-70 loss at Gulf Coast Jan. 25. Sam Cassell, Jr., led with 29 points. Demetrious Floyd scored 18. Donte Reynolds had 15 points and 7 rebounds.


Chipola scored a huge 86-78 win over Northwest Florida on Jan. 18. Cassell led with 25, Floyd scored 23 points and Morris had 16.

Chipola (4-2) and Northwest (4-2) are tied for first in the conference pack. Gulf Coast is (3-3). Pensacola is (3-4), and Tallahassee is (2-5).

The Indians are tied for first in the FCSAA State Poll with Northwest. Gulf Coast is sixth. Pensacola is eighth. Tallahassee is tenth.

All Conference games will be broadcast on WJAQ-100.9 FM and on the web at PSBLIVE.com. For the latest news about Chipola Athletics, visit www.chipolaathletics.com.
Music students attend Winter Symposium

Chipola music majors recently attended the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) winter symposium at University of South Florida in Tampa.

Chipola students who attended the conference were: Seth Alderman, Joanna Ayers, Logan Cable, Daniel Clubb, Rebecca Delgado, Kelly Dunn, Deborah Graham, Alex Hanks, Jae House, George Kleinpeter, Alex Layton, Alex Ozburn, John Russ, Kiara Sampson, Lindsey Wheatley, and Anna E. Williams.

Deborah Graham (voice), Lindsey Wheatley (jazz voice), Jeremiah House (jazz voice), and Anna Williams (piano) competed in the statewide Student Artist Competitions in voice and piano.

Chipola students also rehearsed and performed in music ensembles made up of members from several Florida state colleges and directed by faculty members of University of South Florida. George Kleinpeter and Alex Layton performed in the Guitar Ensemble. Alex Hanks played trumpet in the Symphonic Band. Seth Alderman, Joanna Ayers, Logan Cable, Rebecca Delgado, Kelly Dunn, Deborah Graham, Jeremiah House, Alex Ozburn, Kiara Sampson, and Lindsey Wheatley all added voices to the joint Chorus.

Chipola music faculty Dr. Josh Martin and Dale Heidebrecht accompanied the students at the symposium.

Evelyn Ward, Chipola’s Director of Fine and Performing Arts, says, “Our students’ showing at the symposium is a testament to the fine music and arts programs we offer at Chipola.”

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

The Chipola Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Academy beginning Feb. 3.

Classes will meet weeknights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is 770 clock hours in length.

Students who have completed the State of Florida, Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program and have passed the state certification exam may petition to have clock hours converted as transfer credit toward the Associate in Science in Criminal Justice Technology Program offered at Chipola. Candidates must be at least 19 years of age and earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT). The Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) is offered at the Public Service Building on Chipola Campus every Tuesday at 12:30. Cost of the test is $45.

Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening. Financial Assistance is available based upon need and eligibility.

For information regarding the application process, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286.

THE WORKFORCE ACADEMY

Student Support Services (SSS) students will visit the University of Florida campus Friday, Feb. 21. Students need to sign up for this trip by Friday, Feb. 14. See Donna Chandler in the TRiO Office, A-119, or phone 718-2431.
Chipola will celebrate Homecoming the week of Feb. 17-22. Chipola will host Northwest Florida State on Saturday, Feb. 22. This year’s theme is “Chipola Rocks the Rim.”

Candidates for Mr. Chipola and Homecoming Queen will be introduced at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 in the Cafeteria. Voting for the candidates will take place Feb. 12 in the following locations: Cafeteria, 10-11 a.m.; Student Activities Office (K-105), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lobby of Building Z, 5-6 p.m. Voting will continue Feb. 13 in the Student Activities Office (K-105) from 8 a.m. to noon. Students must be currently enrolled to vote. The 2014 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned at halftime of the men’s basketball game on February 22.

**Chipola to offer firefighter courses**

The Chipola College Public Service Department has scheduled several firefighting courses beginning next month.

Firefighter I and II will be offered in a classroom setting weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The course begins March 3 and runs through June 16. Firefighter I and II are required to work as a professional firefighter in Florida. Cost is $1,900 and financial aid is available.

A First Responder course will be offered Feb. 24-28, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily. The 40-hour class offers advanced first aid techniques for emergencies. The course is included in the curriculum for most law enforcement, corrections and firefighter programs.

Online Firefighter I for volunteer firefighters begins March 4 and ends June 26. The course includes First Responder, Forestry S130/190 and Firefighter I. Cost is $500, which includes use of bunker gear and live burn scenarios.

Information about the courses is available at www.chipola.edu/firefighting. Contact Martin Fowler, Fire Science Program Manager, at 718-2483 or email fowlerm@chipola.edu

**SSS hosts Transfer Workshop**

Three universities participated in a recent Transfer workshop sponsored by the Chipola Student Support Services (SSS) program. Pictured from left, are: Tara Ryals, Troy University Dothan, Casey Lathem, FSU-PC; Kristie Mosely, Christen Bennett and Chandra Williams, UWF.