Chipola to offer Nursing Assistant Class

Chipola will offer a Certified Nursing Assistant class beginning Jan. 12. Applicants must submit an application, questionnaire and TABE test scores before the course begins. This CNA program is designed to prepare Certified Nursing Assistant students for employment as nursing assistants, or to provide supplemental training for persons previously or currently employed in these occupations.

Upon completion, the graduate will be prepared to care for patients in the hospital or nursing home. The 120-hour program will meet Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Classroom meetings will take place on the college campus, with clinical experiences in Marianna health facilities.

The class will be limited to 24 students. Upon completion of the course, students will be eligible to take the NACE (Nursing Assistant Certification Exam), written and clinical, for a fee of $93. For information, call Jennifer Ham at 850-718-2316.

Chipola hosts Northwest Tuesday, Jan. 12

Both Chipola basketball teams host Northwest, Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Johnson Center. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m. The men’s game begins at 7:30 p.m.

Both teams are scheduled to play at Tallahassee, Jan. 9. Results will be available at chipolathletics.com.

The Lady Indians are (13-3, 0-1) as of Jan. 7. Chipola lost the conference opener to Gulf Coast 87-80 on Jan. 2. Cynthia Petke led Chipola with 30 points. Aisha Edwards had 19. Shaliaya Fluker had 11 points. Raven Baker had scored 10.


The Lady Indians are ranked third in the FCSAA State Poll and seventh in the NJCAA National Poll. Other Panhandle teams in the state ranking include: Gulf Coast (1), Northwest (4), Tallahassee (7) and Pensacola (10).

The Lady Indians are the defending NJCAA National Champions, and back-to-back State and Panhandle Conference champions.

The Indians are 12-6 overall and 0-1 in conference play as of Jan. 7. The team travels to Tallahassee Jan. 9 before returning home to host Northwest on Jan. 12.


The Indians are tenth in the FCSAA State Poll. Northwest is second. Gulf Coast is sixth. Tallahassee is ninth. For information, visit www.chipolaathletics.com.

TAKING STOCK IN CHILDREN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Chipola Take Stock in Children Program is accepting applications for scholarships.

Local eighth-graders from the following counties are eligible to apply: Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington. Documentation of family income must be submitted with application.

Applications should be submitted to local school Guidance Counselors by Feb. 11. Students who are awarded the Take Stock contract will earn two-year scholarships to Chipola College once they graduate high school if they maintain above a “C” average, remain drug/crime free, have good behavior, and maintain respectable attendance throughout high school. Several individuals volunteer their time each month to serve as mentors to Take Stock Students. For information call Mary Helen Smith, TSIC Program Manager, at 850-718-2428, or email smithm@chipola.edu.
Chipola Baseball Alumni Weekend set for Feb. 5-6

Major league baseball players and dozens of other former Chipola College players are expected to return to their alma mater for the annual Chipola Baseball Alumni Weekend Feb. 5-6.

The weekend 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. Braves catcher Tyler Flowers and Diamondbacks pitcher Patrick Corbin are also expected to attend.

An Alumni Dinner and Auction is set for Friday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. Coach Jeff Johnson will welcome back former coaches, players and guests for this exclusive event. 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 group photo with MLB players.

A full day of activities is set for Saturday, Feb. 6, at Chipola Field, including an Alumni/MLB Homerun Derby, MLB Autograph Session and live college baseball action.

The day begins at 10 a.m., with the Chipola Indians taking on Walters State in a pre-conference game. Bautista, Martin and honorary Chipola Alumnus Jeff Mathis will lead their fellow alumni in a Homerun Derby at 12:30 p.m. with guest prizes and MLB memorabilia for sale.

An MLB autograph and photo session runs from 2:30 to 3:30. For $20, 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.

Coach Johnson, says, “We appreciate all the fans and former players who come out to support our program. These guys are so generous with their time and resources. It means a lot to our program.”

For information about alumni happenings, email Nathan Marks at nathan@marksinsurance.com, visit www.chipola.edu or phone 8950-718-2237.

Firefighter courses set at Chipola

Chipola will offer Firefighting I and Firefighting II evenings beginning in early 2016. Orientation is set for Thursday, Jan. 21, at 5 p.m.

Firefighter I runs Feb. 2 through May 5, and meets Monday through Thursday, from 5 to 10 p.m. Firefighter II will run May 9 through July 27.

Pre-requisite for both courses is First Responder (EMT or higher certification). A daytime First Responder class will meet Jan. 25-29, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is $130.

Cost is $1,700 each for Firefighter I or Firefighter II classes. Firefighter I price includes: 225 hour class, book, Drug and Background Test and (5) T-shirts. Firefighter II price includes: 225 hour class, Forestry S-130/180/L-190, use of SCBA and bunker gear. Some financial aid is available for both classes. For information, contact George Gay at (850) 718-2483, e-mail gayg@chipola.edu.

Chipola to offer Law Enforcement and Corrections Courses

A daytime Corrections class begins Jan. 19. The course will meet weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through April 27.

An evening Law Enforcement Academy and a Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-over class will be offered beginning Feb. 8. Classes will meet weeknights from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Completion of the Corrections class 420 clock-hour program prepares candidates to take the State Examination to become a certified correctional officer. Starting annual salary is estimated at $32,000.

Prior to admission, all candidates must earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test offered at Public Service every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Cost of the test is $45. Application deadline is Feb. 4. Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical examination, background check and drug screening.

For information on Corrections classes contact Jamie McAllister, Corrections Coordinator, at 718-2212. For Law Enforcement information, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 850-718-2286.

TEACHER WORKSHOP SET ATCHIPOLA COLLEGE—

The Chipola Future Educators Club will host its eighth Annual Teacher Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 6. Teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend. Here, Chipola Teacher Ed graduates Hannah Lamb (right) and Haley Bennett present at a previous workshop. Interested persons should RSVP to FEC Sponsor Casey Dowgul at dowgulc@chipola.edu or phone 850-718-2449.

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