Prepare now for Chipola Fall Registration

Fall classes at Chipola College begin soon, but there is still time for new and returning students to enroll.


There are several steps in the application process: (1) complete the college Application for Admission; call 718-2311 for assistance; (2) request that high school send a final transcript to the Chipola Admission and Records Office; and (3) take the College Placement Test (non-exempt students); call 718-2284 for assistance. Students should report to Room 156 in the Student Services Building and sign in to see an academic advisor.

Chipola offers more than 40 individual programs in four major areas: the Bachelor of Science Degree, the Associate in Arts Degree, the Associate in Science Degree and Workforce Development programs.

The schedule of classes is available online at www.chipola.edu. For information, call 718-2211.

Montford headline Endless Summer dinner/dance

Sen. Bill Montford is the special guest for the Appreciation Club’s “Endless Summer” dinner and dance set for Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Marianna National Guard Armory.

The event will reunite old Chipola friends and alumni for a relaxing evening to establish an endowed scholarship in Montford’s name. Sen. Montford said, “Working on Endless Summer has been great fun and a very satisfying experience. Chipola College has a great reputation built on generations of success and respect. People trust and appreciate Chipola and we’re going to have a very successful and enjoyable evening that will benefit many students.”

Sen. Montford (Chipola Class of 1967) was born in Marianna and moved to Blountstown where he grew up and attended public school. He graduated from Marianna and transferred to FSU where he earned a Bachelor’s degree in mathematics education and Master’s Degree in Administration and Supervision. Montford currently serves as Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Vice-Chair of both the Education Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.

Endless Summer will feature The Villagers, one of Montford’s favorite bands from his Chipola days. Original Villagers—Cliff Ellis, Allen Myers, George Boyer, Walter Dover and Andy Murray—will perform their favorite tunes, including their hit song “Laugh It Off.”

Tickets are $50 per person, with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Summer casual attire is recommended. Jackson County’s famous smoked steaks will be served. For ticket information, call Lillie Hamil at 850-718-2375.

Chipola to offer corrections classes

The Chipola Public Service Department will offer a Basic Corrections course beginning Aug. 11. The 420-hour program will meet weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Nov. 11. Completion of the program prepares candidates to take the State Board Examination for entry into the Corrections field.

Candidates for all programs must be at least 19 years of age and earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) offered at the Public Service Building every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. 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.

For information regarding the application process, contact Jamie McAllister, Corrections Coordinator, at (850) 573-0437.
Chipola faculty selected for teacher certification panel

Three Chipola educators were selected to participate on 16-member panels that made recommendations on the passing scores for the various subtests of the K–6 Elementary Education Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE).

The Florida Department of Education coordinates test development and activities to maintain professional standards and ensure alignment with state-approved education standards. The results of these activities have increased the rigor of the (FTCE). Casey Bush, Chipola Elementary Education facilitator, was selected to be a member of the Language Arts Panel. Dr. Amanda Clark, Chipola science instructor, was named to the Science Panel. Dr. Lou Cleveland, Dean of Chipola’s School of Education, participated on the Mathematics Panel. Dr. Cleveland said, “The inclusion of a member of the Chipola faculty on each of these statewide panels allows our faculty to experience the depth and scope of the individual assessments. Besides being honored by their nomination to these panels, participation on these committees provides knowledge that allows our faculty to prepare classroom activities that introduce, reinforce and test the concepts that teacher candidates will be required to know to be eligible for a Florida teaching certificate.”

The State Board of Education recently reviewed and approved the new Complete Competencies and Skills, 20th Edition which included the competencies that teachers must know to be awarded a temporary or professional Florida teaching certificate. FCTE tests were revised to test these new competencies and field tested by individuals seeking teacher certification in Florida. Test development and activities require the participation of educators throughout Florida who must be nominated and approved for participation on these committees.

Chipola’s Education program includes majors in Middle and High School Math or Science, English Education, Exceptional Student Education and Elementary Education. Chipola Teacher Education graduates are employed in K–12 schools throughout the five-county district and in neighboring counties. The Teacher Education program has nearly a 100 percent placement rate, a trend that has been consistent since Chipola graduated its first mathematics and science teacher candidates in 2005.

For information, visit www.chipola.edu or call 850-718-2492.

New rules

Students who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school in 2003–2004 or thereafter and who earned a standard Florida high school diploma or students who are serving as active duty members of the United States Armed Services are exempt from taking the common placement test or enrolling in developmental education courses.

Students who are exempt from testing or enrolling in developmental education courses may take the common placement test and may enroll in developmental courses if they wish.

Dual enrollment orientation

Chipola will host an orientation for new and prospective Dual Enrollment Students, Thursday, July 31, at 6 p.m., in Room 116 of Building Z (Lit/Lang Building). For information, call (850) 718-2424.

Dallas is NAACP Scholar

Briana Dallas is the recipient of the Jackson County NAACP Scholarship to Chipola College. Dallas is a 2014 graduate of Malone High School. Pictured from left, are: Leroy Boone, Briana Dallas and Rev. Ronald Mizer, NAACP President. Not pictured is Eulice Bryant, NAACP Scholarship Committee member.

Swimming lessons set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer Children’s Swimming lessons for ages four and up, Aug. 4–14, with a registration deadline of July 31. Classes are available at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Sessions include eight 45-minute classes which meet Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Lessons are based on a combination of nationally-recognized methods.

Cost of each two-week session is $55. Pre-registration is required, with a $5 late registration fee.

For information, call 718-2473 or visit www.chipola.edu.