Two former Chipola players in MLB All-Star Game

Former Chipola College players—Jose Bautista and Russell Martin—were selected to play in the Major League Baseball All-Star Game, set for Tuesday, July 14, at 6 p.m. (CST) on FOX.

Bautista and Martin were reunited on the Toronto Blue Jays roster this season for the first time since playing together at Chipola in 2000-01. Bautista is a starting outfielder for the Jays, and Martin is the everyday catcher.

Chipola baseball coach Jeff Johnson says, “We’re just extremely of proud of these two guys for what they do on and off the field. They are great players with a lot of class. For the fans to select them over and over speaks volumes for the type players they are consistently. They are both proud to be Chipola Indians.”

Chipola and Vanderbilt are reportedly the only colleges with two alumni in the All-Star game.

Bautista is a six-time All-Star, with the fans selecting him from 2010 to 2015. Bautista led all players in All-Star voting in 2014 and 2013. In the 2010, Bautista became the 26th member of the 50 home run club which includes Babe Ruth, David Ortiz and Mickey Mantle. Bautista led the major leagues in home runs in 2010 and 2011. He has won two Hank Aaron Awards and two Silver Slugger Awards.

Bautista signed a five-year contract worth $65 million in early 2011. During his time in the majors, he has played for the Pirates, the Orioles and the Royals. Bautista played at Chipola before being drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 20th round of the 2000 draft. His official signing came in 2001, the same year the Indians captured the Panhandle Conference title and second place in the state tournament.

Russell Martin is a four-time All-Star (2015, 2011, 2008 and 2007). He was drafted by the Dodgers in 2002 and made his MLB debut in 2006. He spent five years with the LA Dodgers, before moving on to the Yankees. In 2012, he led the Pirates to their first post-season appearance in 21 years. In 2014, Martin signed a five-year, $82 million contract with the Blue Jays where he was reunited with Bautista.

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Chipola to offer Engineering Tech programs
Chipola will offer two new programs in Engineering Technology beginning in the Fall 2015 semester.
The program has two tracks: Civil Engineering Technology and Engineering Technology. Civil Engineering Technology is a construction track focusing on aspects of road, bridge and structure projects. The program will focus on Computer Assisted Drafting (CAD), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Surveying, Engineering, Contracting and Testing.
Engineering Technology is an industrial track focused on plant maintenance and advanced manufacturing to include: hydraulics, pneumatics, motors and Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC’s).

Both programs require approximately two years of class work and scholarships are available.
The Chipola Chapter of the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society is offering a $500 scholarship to a student entering the Civil Engineering Technology program. Deadline is Aug. 3.

Rex Lumber has established scholarships for Engineering Technology students specializing in Advanced Manufacturing: Pneumatics, Hydraulics and Motors Certification.


There are several steps in the application process: (1) complete the college Application for Admission; visit www.chipola.edu or call 718-2311 for assistance; (2) request high school to send transcript to the Chipola Admission and Records Office; and (3) take the College Placement Test (non-exempt students); call 718-2284 for assistance.

For scholarship information, visit the Foundation at www.chipola.edu or phone 850-718-2404. To learn more about either program, visit www.chipolaworkforce.com or phone 850-718-2321.

Phi Beta Lambda members won four top 10 national awards at the recent PBL National Leadership Conference in Chicago.

Chipola winners include: Dustin Graham, Financial Services, 1st place; Alicia Bednar, Entrepreneurship Concepts, 6th place; Susan Burns, Help Desk, 7th place; and the team of Alex Anderson, Alicia Barton and Alicia Bednar, Forensic Accounting, 9th place.

More than 1,600 of America’s best and brightest college students showcased their talents as future business leaders and vied for the opportunity to win more than $81,000 in cash awards. Students from across the U.S. participated in more than 55 accounting, business, leadership and technology competitive events.

Chipola PBL adviser Glenda Bethel, says, “Congratulations to all of our PBL members for their outstanding efforts. We appreciate the support we have received for this venture from the college administration and numerous others who have donated funds and helped our students with practice and advice.”

For information about Chipola’s PBL visit: www.chipola.edu

Tickets on sale for Chipola’s Endless Summer
The Chipola Appreciation Club’s “Endless Summer” dinner and dance, is set for Aug. 22, at the Marianna National Guard Armory.
The event will reunite old Chipola friends and alumni for a relaxing evening to raise money for Chipola scholarships. Proceeds will go to the Sen. Bill Montford Scholarship Endowment (Chipola Class of 1967), as well as a new endowment in honor of Ronnie Myers, a former Campbellton and Chipola basketball star (Chipola Class of 1962).

Sen. Montford said, “Working on Endless Summer has been great fun and a very satisfying experience. Chipola 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 (Class of 1967) was born in Marianna and moved to Blountstown where he grew up and attended public school. In the Senate, Montford currently serves as Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Vice-Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.

One of Montford’s favorite bands from his Chipola days, The Villagers, will provide the perfect musical backdrop for Endless Summer. Tickets are $50 per person, with a social hour, dinner and dance. For ticket information, call Lillie Hamil at 850-718-2375.

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