Chipola's Elliot is NJCAA Pitcher of the Year

Chipola sophomore pitcher Jessica Elliot has been named NJCAA Division 1 Pitcher of the Year. She also was named to the 2015 NJCAA Softball All-America First Team. The 2015 Dudley® NJCAA Softball Pitchers of the Year were announced May 28.

Following a phenomenal freshman season at Chipola (Fla.), Jessica Elliott worked hard on improving during the offseason and it paid off greatly during her sophomore campaign.

Proving to be the best pitcher in the nation, Elliott compiled a 0.80 ERA – the third-lowest in the nation. The right-hander ranked eighth in the land with 229 strikeouts, averaging 9.18 strikeouts per seven innings pitched. She pitched 174 2/3 innings in 32 appearances on the year, earning a 21-5 record with two saves. Her best outing of the year came in late February at Alabama Southern where she matched a career-high 16 strikeouts in a 2-0 win.

At the NJCAA DI Softball Championship, Elliott pitched in all but one of Chipola’s five victories in the tournament. The Orlando, Florida, native allowed just four earned runs in 21 innings on the mound, totaling 21 strikeouts. In a 2-0 semifinal victory over Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Elliott pitched seven scoreless innings with just three hits allowed. For her performance during the championship, she was named the tournament’s MVP and Most Outstanding Pitcher.

Elliott guided Chipola to a 49-10 record during the regular season before ripping off five straight wins to clinch the Region 8 championship. The Indians extended their win-streak in the postseason to 10 games en route to their program’s second national title. Continuing her collegiate career next season in the Southeastern Conference, Elliott signed with South Carolina in the fall.

Chipola mourns loss of All-Time Leading Scorer Jesse Pate

Chipola College’s All-Time Leading Scorer Jesse Pate died May 29 from a spinal meningitis infection. He was 41 years old.
Pate played two seasons at Chipola (1993-1995) breaking a 30 year-old scoring record with 1,592 Points. He set the single season record his sophomore year with 1,004 points. He broke the single game record with 57 Points in 1994. His Season Average of 33 points per game also still stands at Chipola. He was an NJCAA All-American, All-Conference and All-State.

The 6-foot-4 guard helped Murrah High in Mississippi capture MHSAA state championships in 1991 and 1992. He earned the title of Mr. Basketball in Mississippi that year. After Chipola, he signed with Arkansas where he led the Razorbacks in scoring for the 1995-96 season.

According to his former Murrah teammate Jezzon Darby, Pate battled with meningitis for over 15 years and developed cancer in his legs toward the end of his life. Plans are underway to change the name of the court at Tougaloo Park to honor Pate. “After all, Pate received the highest honor in Mississippi high school basketball 22 years ago. “Jesse is Mississippi basketball,” Darby said.

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

8 MONDAY
- Early Fall Reg. for Current Students with 45+ Hrs.; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

9 TUESDAY
- Early Fall Reg. for Current Students with 30+ Hrs.; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Last Day to Withdraw from Summer
- Last Day to Resign from All Classes for Summer I

10 WEDNESDAY
- Early Fall Terms A&B Reg. for Current Students with 1+ Hrs.; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

11 THURSDAY
- Early Fall Terms A&B Reg. for Current Students with 15+ Hrs.; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

12 FRIDAY
- College Closed- Four Day Work Week

13 SATURDAY
- ACT Test
Missoula Children’s Theatre Camp at Chipola June 22-26

Registration and auditions for the Missoula Children’s Theatre camp and production of Aladdin, are scheduled for Monday, June 22, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., at the Chipola Center for the Arts.

A total of 60 children, grades 1-12, will be cast from the auditions. No advance preparation is needed. In order to enroll, all children must be entering first grade or older. Those auditioning should arrive promptly at 8 a.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Due to the audition process, there will be no early registration or reservations. Some cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition. Rehearsal times for the week will be announced following the audition.

A variety of speaking and ensemble roles are offered. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week, and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

In just a week of morning rehearsals and workshops led by Missoula Children’s Theatre staff and Chipola students, young actors will present two full-scale musical performances of Aladdin for family and friends, Friday, June 26, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuition for the one-week camp is $120 for the first child and $80 for any additional children (brothers and sisters only) in the same family. Full tuition is due at time of registration. Cash, checks, master card, and visa are accepted. If a child is not cast from the audition, the full registration will be returned.

Missoula Children’s Theatre is a nationally known preeminent children’s theatre company based in Missoula, Montana that tours the country and serves 1,200 communities every year.

For more information, contact the Chipola Fine and Performing Arts Department at 850-718-2257, email warde@chipola.edu or visit www.chipola.edu or www.mctinc.org

COASTAL DUNE LAKES
Jewels of Florida’s Emerald Coast

Chipola will host a free screening of Elam Stoltzfus’ latest documentary film “Coastal Dune Lakes: Jewels of Florida’s Emerald Coast,” Thursday, June 18, at 6 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.

The film is the latest project from producer and cinematographer Elam Stoltzfus who became familiar with the lakes over 30 years ago. Elam’s son, Nic, also assisted with the project serving as scriptwriter and photographer. Both will be on hand for a reception after the film.

In addition to the documentary, there is a is a full color, 132-page coffee table book showcasing the 15 coastal dune lakes along the Gulf of Mexico in Northwest Florida. The father-son team takes viewers on an odyssey spanning from Scenic Highway 30A to New South Wales, Australia. The pair interviewed scientists, businesspeople, residents, and visitors all working on conserving the lakes and living in harmony with nature. The book highlights and documents the beauty discovered during the film-making process.

The 15 named lakes are made up of brackish water that open at intervals during the year and flood into the Gulf. In turn, the salty water from the sea sometimes floods into the lakes. The Coastal Dune Lakes are among the most unique ecosystems in the world found in very few places, like coastal Oregon, Madagascar and Australia. The film explores the connection to the lakes, and inhabitants of the dunes and uplands around them.

For information about the film, visit www.chipola.edu or call 718-2257.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Chipola Chapter of the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society is offering a $500 scholarship to a student entering the Chipola Civil Engineering Technology program in the Fall 2015 semester which begins in August.

Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA from high school and a 2.5 or better cumulative GPA in any college work.

Applicants must be a resident of the Chipola five county service district: Liberty, Calhoun, Jackson, Washington, or Holmes Counties. Applications must include: high school and/or college transcript; a letter of application two letters of recommendation.

Submit applications and required documents immediately. Absolute deadline is Aug. 3.

Visit the Chipola Foundation website http://www.chipola.edu/foundation/ or phone 718-2445.
Lipford named Dean of Health Sciences

Dr. Karen Lipford has been named Dean of the School of Health Sciences at Chipola College. Lipford was a member of Chipola’s first nursing class in 1986. She has worked as a professor of nursing at Chipola since 2003. She also works at Florida State Hospital as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.

Lipford says, “I’m excited about the opportunity to change my role at the college. I still love teaching and I plan to continue teaching a few classes each year.”

Her credentials include: an Associate Degree in Nursing from Chipola; a BSN and an MSN from FSU; a Doctorate of Education from UWF; a Post-Master’s Nurse Practitioner Degree in Psychiatric Nursing from the University of South Alabama. She also is a candidate for the Doctor of Nurse Practitioner (DNP) at Troy University with an expected graduate date of May 2016.

Dr. Lipford and her husband Roland have two grown children, Adam and Amber.

Chipola Cosmetology Cancer Survivor Day

Students in the Chipola College Cosmetology program provided complimentary services for cancer survivors at the recent Cancer Survivor Beauty and Support Day. At right, Chipola student Mary Dolan works with Tessie Poole.

The public is invited to a retirement reception honoring Dr. Lou Cleveland, Dean of the Chipola College School of Education. The drop-in reception will be held Monday, June 22, between 3 and 5 p.m., in the Continuing Education Building on College Street.

The event is hosted by the School of Education and the Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. Dr. Cleveland has worked at Chipola for more than 32 years.

The National Champion Chipola Lady Indians will host a Mini Indians Basketball Camp for grades K-8, June 22-25. The camp will meet from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Players will receive instruction from NJCAA Coach of the Year Greg Franklin and NJCAA Player of the Year Evelyn Akhator.

Assistant Professor Casey Dowgul (formerly Casey Bush) has been selected by her colleagues for the Kirkland Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dowgul also is Coordinator of the Elementary Education program and Adviser to the Future Educators Club.

She has worked at the college since 2010 where she teaches a variety of junior and senior level education courses ranging from reading and social science to assessment.

As adviser to the Future Educators Club, she leads the students in hosting an annual Teacher’s Workshop attended by more than 150 area teachers. Under her leadership the FEC has expanded its activities to include orientation, graduation banquet, Foster Children Day, tutoring, and participation in State conferences and competitions.

In 2013, she worked cooperatively with Librarian Renee Hopkins in defining a collection of children’s books for the Elementary Education and ESE students. The project was recognized as an exemplary practice at the AFC State Conference.

As current president of the Chipola Faculty Association, she worked with other members to help secure updates to the faculty contract that have been requested for several years.

On the winning the award, Dowgul says, “I am truly humbled by receiving the Kirkland Award. Through the course of the last five years, it has been a joy to come to an environment that is more family than workplace. I appreciate the community and school districts supporting the programs within Chipola’s School of Education. We are proud of the product that Chipola delivers.”

The Kirkland Award was established by brothers, J.R. Kirkland and David Kirkland, in honor of their parents, Carolyn and the late Willis Kirkland of Marianna. The award provides a $1,000 bonus. Previous winners include: current faculty Richard Hinson, Joy Ree (Georgia) Ashmore, Vikki Milton, Dr. Gina McAllister, Robert Ivey, JoAnn Everett, Dr. Rose Cavin, Dr. David Hilton, John Gardner, Stan Young; faculty emeriti Dr. Lou Cleveland, Nancy Burns, Geraldine DeFelix, Mary McClendon, Dr. Stephen Shimmel, Lee Shook, Kathryn Roberts, Brenda Alford, Paul Huang, Peggy Register, Charlene Lord, Lonnie Keene, the late Donald Holley, the late Dr. Bill Brievogel, the late Don Adams, and former faculty Dr. Cherry Ward, Jean Taylor and Dr. Robert Dunkle.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**SUMMER CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS SET AT CHIPOLA**

In addition to the Mini Indians Basketball Camp mentioned on page 3, Chipola will offer programs for children of all ages this summer.

Swimming lessons for ages four and up are scheduled on the following dates: Session 1: June 8-18 with a registration deadline of June 5; Session 2: July 6-16, with a registration deadline of July 2; Session 3: July 27-Aug. 6, with a registration deadline of July 24. 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.

A Parent/Infant Swimming Class for ages 3 and under may be scheduled with sufficient interest. Cost is $45. An Adult Swimming Class for ages 15 and up may be scheduled with sufficient interest. Cost is $45. For information, call pool manager Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

Chipola Baseball Coach Jeff Johnson will offer three camps for area youth. An Advanced Pitching Camp for ages 7-17 will meet June 8-9. Cost is $100. An Advanced Hitting Camp for ages 7-17 will meet June 10-11. Cost is $100. A Skills Camp for ages 7-17 will meet June 15-16. Cost is $100. Camp instruction will come from Chipola coaching staff and players. Youngsters will learn the finer points of various skills of the game through expert coaching drills. A Grand Slam Special rate for all three camps is $250. All baseball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, Ladson Montgomery, Assistant Baseball Coach, at (850) 718-2243.