Chipola Business Students’ work featured in Podcast

Two projects created by a team of Chipola business majors recently were published for podcast in the Journal of Information Assurance, Security, and Protection (JIASP).

Five students—Chase Roberts, William Singleton, Scott Ludlow, Alex Wroblewski and Benjamin Bridges—collaborating under the group name Java After Midnight (JAM) worked on the podcast related to technology and cybersecurity. Several faculty members in the Chipola School of Business and Technology worked with the students on the project, including Dr. Jim Froh, Marcus Dabai, Glenda Bethel and Dr. David Bouvin.

The Journal of Information Assurance, Security, and Protection is a peer-reviewed professional environment dedicated to research and inquiry—with a focus on sharing current opportunities for collaborations, information and financial analysis, and systems-based security initiatives. The journal is available online at www.jiasp.org

The first article, “The New Eyes of Surveillance: Artificial Intelligence and Humanizing Technology,” discussed how the world of security and surveillance is changing dramatically with the creation of smart camera systems and artificial intelligence integrated into security equipment.

The second article is entitled, “Why Big Tech Companies Are Open Sourcing Their AI Systems.” Artificial intelligence is increasingly becoming more open sourced enabling people to collaborate on solutions. This allows for better security due to a community working together to fix issues compared to a small team. The podcast may be viewed at www.benjaminbridgesthegap.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html.

Chipola to celebrate Pi Day

The Chipola Math Department will hand out moon pies to all Chipola math students on Pi Day, Monday, March 14. Some 300 students are enrolled in math classes that meet Mondays and Wednesdays this semester.

Pi (Greek letter “π”) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159, which is why Pi Day is celebrated on March 14 (3/14) around the world.

Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern.

For information about Pi Day at Chipola, contact Dr. David Hilton, Associate Dean of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, at 718-2382 or email hiltond@chipola.edu
Lady Indians open Conference Softball Season

The defending National Champion Lady Indians host Southeastern Community College in a double-header, Monday, March 14, at 2 p.m.

Chipola opens Panhandle Conference play with a double-header at Gulf Coast, March 17. The Lady Indians return home to host Tallahassee in a two-game set Saturday, March 19, at 1 p.m.

Chipola is 24-4 on the year, scoring 223 runs in 28 games. Dana Edmundson leads the Lady Indians in offense with a .438 average and 19 RBI. Nalleli Lopez leads Chipola in RBI with 28 and 27 stolen bases in 28 games.

Ace pitcher Ilona Andringa has an 11-1 record this season with a .95 ERA in 74 innings of work.

Chipola finished the 2015 season at 49-10 with a Conference Championship, FCSAA State Title and NJCAA Division I Championship. The Indians also won the national title in 2007.

The coaching duo of head coach Belinda Hendrix and assistant coach Jimmy Hendrix are in their 12 season of leading the Chipola program.

Chipola Environmental Science Work Day

Billy Bailey, Florida Caverns State Park Specialist, directed Chipola College students of environmental science in the continuation of the restoration of the Florida ecosystem on the campus with classroom and field training.

This project was initiated by Dr. David Hilton, Associate Dean of Math and Natural Science, over several years in conservation biology classes. Dr. Steve Shimmel, Professor Emeritus of biology, advocated the protection of the campus ecology.

The purpose of the workday was to enable students to define and identify exotic seed producers, and to encourage learning through volunteerism.

Following a class in invasive plants found in this part of Florida, students proceeded to the southwest portion of the campus to remove exotic plants, also known as invasive, non-native plants. They are as follows: Silver thorn (Elaeagnus pungens), often grown as an evergreen hedge and planted along highways; Nandina domestica, (sold as heavily bamboo); Chinese privet (Ligustrum sinense); and Glossy privet (Ligustrum lucidum), both ornamental shrubs.

The encroachment of invasive plants may be one reason why the South Florida landscape is first on the list of 15 most endangered ecosystems in the United States. Many of these plants are sold locally.

Golden Dragon Acrobats

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.
Lady Indians fall to Northwest in State Tourney

The defending national champion Chipola Lady Indians (23-5) suffered a heart-breaking 53-50 loss to Northwest Florida State College in the semi-finals of the FCSAA/Region VIII Tournament March 4 in Ocala.

Northwest advanced to the championship game only to fall to Gulf Coast, the eventual state champion.


The Lady Indians spent most of the 2015-16 season as the number three team in the FCSAA State Poll behind top-ranked Gulf Coast and second ranked Daytona who lost in the first round of the tournament. Chipola was sixth in the NJCAA National Poll.

The defending state and national champion Lady Indians have made it to the state tournament four straight years under head coach Greg Franklin.

Chipola (10-2) finished second in the Panhandle Conference behind champion Gulf Coast (11-1). Northwest (5-8) defeated Tallahassee (4-9) in a playoff game to send the Lady Raiders to the state tournament as the third seed from the Panhandle.

For information, visit www.chipolaathletics.com.

Government Contracting Seminar

Chipola will offer a free small business Seminar “Introduction to Federal Government Contracting,” Friday, March 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building (M).

Laura Subel, Government Contracting Specialist, will lead the seminar which will cover topics such as: doing business with the government, growing sales, and government contract business for long-term growth.

The seminar is sponsored by the Small Business Development Council (SBDC) at UWF in Panama City. There is no cost for the seminar. Pre-registration is recommended. Participants may register online at www.sbdc.uwf.edu by clicking on Training Opportunities (Panama City). At Chipola, contact Katrina Griffin at 718-2441 or email griffink@chipola.edu.

CHIPOLA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS Available

The Chipola Foundation Scholarship list for Fall 2016 will be available the first week of March.

The McLendon Educational Trust applications for Summer I and Summer II are available online at www.chipola.edu and in the Foundation office. Application deadlines are: Summer I, March 15 and Summer II, May 16. Summer II applications should include Spring 2016 semester grades if student is enrolled in Spring 2016 classes.

For information, call the Chipola Foundation at 718-2404.
Indians open Conference Baseball Season March 12

The Chipola Indians (21-8) begin their defense of the Panhandle Conference baseball title in a three game series with Gulf Coast beginning with a 1 p.m. home game Saturday, March 12. The Indians play at Gulf Coast March 14 at 5 p.m., before returning home to finish out the series Wednesday, March 16, at 5 p.m.

Chipola completed a four-game sweep of Grand Rapids on March 8-9. In game two on March 9, the Indians jumped out to an early lead to win 14-1 in five innings. Chipola scored 10 runs in the first three innings sparked by RBI doubles by Michael Hickman, Michael Rojas, Myles Edwards, and RBI singles by Reynaldo Rivera and Ty Russ. Wood Myers had his first homerun of the year, a solo shot in the second inning, to finish the day with three hits. The Indians piled on three more in the bottom of the third and four more in the fourth.

Five Indian pitchers combined for a one-hitter in five innings. Jackson Bellenkes got the win for Chipola, allowing one run over two innings. Kevin Craft, Franklin Van Gurp, Kyle Schweiger, and Robbie Knox finished out the game.

The Indians scored four wins over Grand Rapids in the series: March 8 (8-1, 13-3) and March 9 (10-0, 14-1).

Chipola is ranked seventh in the FCSAA State Baseball Poll. Coach Jeff Johnson begins his 19th season at the helm of the Indians program. His teams have made the FCSAA State Tournament 14 straight years with seven appearances in the title game. The Indians have three state championships, finished second four times and among the top four eight times. Chipola has made three trips to the NJCAA National Tournament in the last seven years including a 2007 national title.

STUDENT SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING MARCH 16

Chipola Student Support Services will host a self-defense training seminar for students, Wednesday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m., in the Chipola Café. Students will become familiar with the S.A.F.E. technique involving proper stance, awareness, factors, and efforts required when defending one's self. Self-Defense involves more than knowing how to fight back against a physical attack. The seminar encourages students to think in terms of options and choices, develops their awareness and assertiveness skills, and provides practice for physical self-defense techniques. For more information, contact Kristie Mosley at 718-2417.

Chipola Math Honorary inducts Members—

The Chipola chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, a national honorary mathematics club, recently held an initiation for new members. Pictured are officers, new members and sponsors, from left (front) Elizabeth Varnum, Joyelle Saun, Madelynn Lytle, Monte Revell, Jayde Smelcer, Olivia Saunders (back) Joy Ree Ashmore (Sponsor), Colby Wiggins, Hayden Hurst, David Horton and Donavan Ebersole. Mu Alpha Theta is an international mathematics society for high school and two-year colleges. The purpose of Mu Alpha Theta is to stimulate a deeper and more effective interest in mathematics.

Peel shares artifact collection at Honors

History enthusiast Doyle Peel presented a lecture on North Florida Native American history at a recent meeting of the Chipola Honors program. A reception in his honor was held in the Library. Members of the Peel family are, from left: Jackson Peel, Jan Peel, Doyle Peel and Graham Peel. The Peel family has loaned a significant collection of Native American artifacts to the Chipola Library. Dozens of rare points and tools found in Jackson County are included in the display which is available for viewing weekday afternoons. For information, contact Librarian Renee Hopkins at 718-2372.