Chipola to receive increase in State Dollars

Chipola President Dr. Jason Hurst on Wednesday reported that the college fared well in the recent legislative session.

Chipola is slated to receive $4.48 million in renovation funds for infrastructure projects, and $220,000 more in general appropriation funds over last year’s budget.

Dr. Hurst says, “We appreciate Rep. Brad Drake for supporting Chipola in Tallahassee. Money is always tight, but Rep. Drake fought for our college, which is so important to the people in this district.”

The $4.48 million appropriation for renovation and remodeling projects will include completion of a major infrastructure upgrade that will pay off for years to come. The college is connecting the majority of campus buildings to a chilled water, cooling tower system for heating and cooling which has the potential to significantly reduce utility costs.

Hurst said, “If we can reduce monthly utility expenses, we will have more money to invest in programs and facilities for our students.”

Chipola has an annual operating budget of around $15.5 million with a total budget of $20 million with grants and building funds combined. The college receives 75% to 80% of operating funds from lottery and state sales tax, with the other fourth coming from student tuition and fees.

College officials will learn in June how Chipola fared in the second year of the Florida College System’s Performance-Based Funding program. Chipola ranked eighth among the 28 Florida colleges in last year’s performance matrix that measured Job Placement, Entry Level Wages, Retention, Completion and Certifications. Hurst said, “We’re proud of our record of delivering quality education at an affordable price. For Chipola to rank in the top third confirms that our students and faculty are performing at a very high level.”

Enrollment at Chipola is up 2 percent this term while many colleges around the state are experiencing a decline. “We’ve tried to make college more accessible to our students,” Hurst said. “We’re offering new programs and expanding evening and online classes to provide more opportunities for our students.”

Chipola was established in 1947 to serve the residents of a five-county area which includes Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington counties. The college is accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools to award degrees, including the Bachelor of Science, Associate in Arts, Associate in Science and Workforce Certificates.

Chipola offers 41 different programs, including 10 bachelor’s degrees. The majority of the college’s 3,000 annual students are enrolled in the Associate in Arts (AA) program which guarantees acceptance to the junior level at Florida colleges and universities.
Chipola to hold auditions for Superhero??

Chipola Theatre will hold open auditions for the children’s production SUPERHERO? on Monday, April 4, at 6 p.m., in the Prough Center for the Arts. Chipola Director of Theatre, Charles Sirmon, invites actors age 17 and up to audition. “You’ve heard of Spider-Man, Batman, and Superman! Now get ready for the newest superhero, Joe! The only problem is that he doesn’t have any superpowers.

Join Joe and his wacky group of superhero friends as they discover what it means to be a true hero. Come along as they sing and dance and fight their way to help Joe discover that there may be a little superhero in all of us.

No preparation is needed for the audition, but Sirmon will be looking for actors with strong improvisational skills, lots of movement and some singing. Actors must be available during May for rehearsals and daytime school performances. A public performance is Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m. For more information like Chipola Theatre on Facebook.

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Cottondale wins Jackson County Brain Bowl Title

Chipola recently hosted the Jackson County High School Brain Bowl tournament. The first place team of Cottondale High School is pictured with school officials, from left: Rebecca Dilmore, Hunter Davis, Clayton Dilmore, Joyelle Saun, Logan Deese, Alex Tharp, Superintendent Steve Benton and Deputy Superintendent Cheryl McDaniel.

Chipola will offer a free small business Seminar led by Laura Subel

“Introduction to Federal Government Contracting,

Friday, March 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108.

Register at www.sbdc.uwf.edu or contact Katrina Griffin at 718-2441.

Marianna Mayor addresses TRiO

Mayor Travis Ephriam recently addressed students in a meeting of the Chipola College Student Support Services’ TRiO Society. Ephriam discussed the value of developing future leaders within the community and encouraged students to apply for various scholarship opportunities through the Northwest Florida FAMU Alumni Association. In addition, Chipola English Instructor Kurt McInnis facilitated a success seminar focusing on the importance of non-cognitive skills in selecting a college major and a future profession. SSS holds workshops and seminars throughout the year to enhance student development. SSS will host Transfer and Admissions Day, March 23, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Eight students recently completed the Chipola Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program. Pictured from left, are: Portia Rahming, Thomas Lifick, Jamize Daniels, Peggy McCool, Shital Patel, Destinee Douthit, Tresa Owens, Tynesa Williams and Tracy Speights, CNA Instructor.

Golden Dragon Acrobats

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.
Chipola Student Support Services (SSS) will host their annual Transfer Day, Wednesday, March 23, from 8:45 a.m. to noon, on the lawn of the Chipola Social Sciences building.

Chipola students are invited to meet with university recruiters from across the Southeast to explore enrollment and scholarship opportunities.

Colleges and universities scheduled to attend include: Abraham-Baldwin, Auburn University at Montgomery, Baptist College of FL, Chipola Business & Technology, Chipola Nursing, Chipola Teacher Education, FAMU, Flagler College, Florida State Univ-Panama City, Troy University, University of Florida, Univ.of North Florida and the Univ.of West Florida.

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For more information, contact Joc Calloway, SSS Student Advisor, at 850-718-2451.

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Dr. Gina McAllister has been named the Chipola Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional of the month for March. McAllister serves as a Professor in the School of Education and has worked at the college since 1998. Pictured from left are, Chipola President Dr. Jason Hurst, Dr. Gina McAllister and Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Chipola Senior Vice President.

Original works by Artist Rachel Wright are currently on display in the Gallery of the Prough Center for the Arts at Chipola.

Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and during the Artist Series performance of the Golden Dragon Acrobats, Tuesday, March 22.

www.rachelwright.net
Indians at Home March 18, 21 and 25

The Indians are 2-1 in Conference baseball play after beating Gulf Coast twice in a three-game series.

The Indians host Tallahassee, Friday, March 18, at 5 p.m., and Monday, March 21, at 5 p.m. In between, Chipola travels to Tallahassee for a 1 p.m. game on Saturday, March 19.

Chipola hosts Northwest in the second game of a three-game series, Friday, March 25, at 5 p.m. The Indians play two at Northwest, Wednesday, March 23, at 5 p.m., and Saturday, March 26, at 1 p.m.

Chipola beat Gulf Coast 6-3 on March 12. Gulf Coast struck first, scoring 3 in the fifth. Chipola rallied in the sixth, scoring 4. Jay Estes led off with a walk. Michael Hickman singled to left. Maurice Cooley then singled to left, scoring Estes. Tyler Osik crushed a double scoring Hickman and Cooley. Te’Kwaan Whyte then singled home Osik, which wound up being the game-winning run. Landon Faulkner started for the Indians but got the no decision. Bowden Francis (5-0) threw five strikeouts in relief to help Chipola to the victory.

In Game 2 of the series, Chipola got the 18-8 win. The Indians had 21 hits, including four extra base hits. Chipola took the lead on a three-run home run by Michael Rojas off Dylan Cyphert, scoring Cooley and Tyler Osik. The Indians put the game out of reach with a seven run eighth on a three-run home run by Maurice Cooley, a two-run single by Keiner Colmenarez, an RBI single by Wood Myers, and a sacrifice fly by Jay Estes. Addison Reed got the start for Chipola. Riley Cabral (2-3) came in relief to get the win. Franklin Van Gurp worked one inning of relief.

The Indians were close to sweeping Gulf Coast in the three-game series before falling to the Commodores, 10-4 on March 16. Chipola tied the game at 4-4 in the seventh on a sacrifice fly by Wood Myers. Gulf Coast scored six in the eighth, on two, two-run homeruns for the 10-4 final. Riley Cabral was charged with the loss for Chipola. Chipola is ranked fourth in the FCSAA State Baseball Poll and ninth in the NJCAA National Poll.

Lady Indians open Conference Softball Season

The defending National Champion Lady Indians (31-6, 2-0) host Tallahassee in a two-game set Saturday, March 19, at 1 p.m. Chipola hosts Northwest, Wednesday, March 23, in a 4 p.m. double-header.

Chipola swept Gulf Coast (4-2, 16-3) in a March 16 double-header, in Panama City. Pitcher Ilona Andringa (15-2) got the win giving up eight hits by the Lady Commodores.

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