Chipola Lady Indians advance in National Tournament (Akhator breaks NCAA rebound record)

SALINA, KS—The Chipola College Lady Indians advanced to the final four of the NJCAA National Basketball Tournament with a 76-44 win over the College of Southern Idaho on Thursday, March 19.

Sueterrica Key led Chipola with 32 points. Evelyn Akhator had 14 points, 12 rebounds and 5 blocks. CSI had 24 turnovers compared to Chipola’s 7. The Lady Indians were 14 for 16 in free throw shooting.

Chipola advances to the round of four to take on 3 seed Trinity Valley, Friday, March 20, at 8 p.m.

Northwest Florida State lost to number one seed and undefeated Hutchinson on Thursday. Hutchinson plays five seed Walters State Friday at 6 p.m.

The championship game is set for Saturday, March 21, at 6 p.m. (CST). Chipola finished third in the national tournament in 2014.

Chipola scored an 86-52 first round win over Coffeyville on March 18. Akhator led Chipola with 19 points and 19 rebounds en route to breaking the NJCAA single season rebound record with 545 total. Key had 17. Rosemarie Julien and Auteonna Gilmore each scored 13. Chipola shot 45% from the floor. The Lady Indians shot 79% from the line converting 11 of 14 free throws. The Lady Indians led by as many as 39 in the second half.

Chipola’s national tournament games will be broadcast live on WJAQ Radio, 100.9 FM. Tournament games are available on the web at http://www.ihigh.com/njcaaregion8/. Chipola will also broadcast games on Chipola Television, Comcast Channel 4.
Schoolhouse Rock Live! auditions set for Mar. 30

Theatre Director Charles Sirmon will hold open auditions for Schoolhouse Rock Live, Monday, March 30, at 6 p.m. in the Center for the Arts. Actors age 17 and up are invited to audition.

Schoolhouse Rock Live follows Tom, a nerve-wracked school teacher who is anxious about his first day of teaching. He tries to relax by watching TV when various characters representing facets of his personality emerge from the set and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music, through such songs as “Just A Bill,” “Lolly, Lolly, Lolly,” and “Conjunction Junction.”

For info, call 850-718-2227 or email sirmonc@chipola.edu

Chipola mourns the loss of instructor Joseph Rhodes

Joseph Rhodes, a computer science instructor at Chipola, died March 11 from an apparent heart attack. He was 61.

Arrangements were handled by Williams Funeral Home in Graceville. Services were March 15 at the First Methodist Church of Graceville.

Chipola president Dr. Jason Hurst, said, “We are saddened by the loss of one of our newest faculty members. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.”

Rhodes’ supervisor Dr. Jim Froh, Dean of Business and Technology, said “Joseph was a great person. He had only worked at Chipola since August, but he had made many friends on campus. The students loved him for his ability to challenge them. Just last week, he was having a great time working with the STEM students on campus. We loved him, and we’ll miss him dearly.”

Rhodes’ classes will be assigned to other Chipola faculty members. The college offers free counseling services to students through Bay Care.

Two Chipola alumni recently visited the Chipola Fine and Performing Arts Department. James Matthews and Daniel Kern studied piano with Dr. Josh Martin and are both current students at the University of West Florida. The pair performed for the music students and spoke about the transfer process from Chipola to UWF.

Matthews is scheduled to perform at Carnegie Hall for the second time in the coming weeks. He also is slated to appear on the Ellen DeGeneres Show for a second time. In February, he played a recital at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church to rave reviews.

Broadway veteran to perform Titanic show

The Chipola Artist Series finishes the season with Broadway veteran, Deborah Jean Templin in Unsinkable Women: Stories and Songs from the Titanic, Thursday, April 2, in the Center for the Arts.

Based on actual diaries, letters and interviews, Templin brings to life nine famous figures including Madeline Astor, the beautiful teenage bride of John Jacob Astor, one of the wealthiest men in America, and Margaret Tobin Brown—the “Unsinkable Molly Brown”- whose account of the Titanic’s final moments brings the evening to its dramatic climax.

Drawing wigs, costume and props from an authentic wardrobe truck while on stage, Templin transforms herself, shifting from character to character in full view of the audience.

Internationally-acclaimed as a remarkable tour-de-force, Unsinkable Women has been called “the most affecting and truthful version of the Titanic story today. Tickets are $18 for adults, $10 for children under 18, with special pricing for Chipola students and employees.

Online tickets are available now at www.chipola.edu/boxoffice. Tickets may be printed at home, or with an order confirmation, will-call tickets will be available at the box office the night of the show. Tickets also are available for purchase at the CFA Box Office with hours Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. The Box Office is also open one hour prior the event.

Chipola College Artist Series presents

STORIES AND SONGS FROM THE TITANIC

UNSINKABLE WOMEN

Thursday, April 2nd
7:00 p.m.
Center for the Arts

Other Events Coming:
April 9, 5:30 - 6:30, Show Choir and President’s Ensemble perform for the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet.

April 13, 7:00, College Chorus, Community Chorus Concert, Jazz and Rock Band, and President’s Ensemble Spring Concert, CFA.

April 19, 4:00, Chipola President’s Ensemble, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Fine Arts Series

April 24, 6:00 & 8:00, Cabaret, CFA Exper. Theater
Campbell is new coach

Bret Campbell was introduced as Chipola College’s new men’s basketball coach at a March 17 press conference.

Chipola Athletic Director Jeff Johnson, said, “We’ve hit a homerun with Coach Campbell. He has a great record of leading quality programs and winning.”

Campbell served as an Assistant Coach at Austin Peay State University from 2009 to 2014. He also served as head men’s basketball coach at the University of Tennessee at Martin from 1999 to 2009. He was named the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year for the 2008-09 season.

Campbell served assistant coaching stints at Austin Peay, Central Florida, Birmingham-Southern and Kennesaw State. He started his coaching career in 1983 as a graduate assistant at Valdosta State University.

Coach Campbell said, “Chipola is well-known across the country. It’s like the Kentucky of Junior College basketball.” He called the Panhandle Conference, “one of the best in the nation.” The new coach, who was heading out on the recruiting trail this week, said, “I’m excited about putting a quality product on the floor and bringing some fine student-athletes to our community.”

A native of Anderson, Indiana, Campbell played basketball at Valdosta, and was a three-year starter at guard. He left the school as their all-time career leader in assists.

Cooley is state baseball player of the week

Chipola’s Maurice Cooley is this week’s NJCAA Region 8/FCSAA Baseball Player of the Week. Cooley, a freshman from Jacksonville, Fla., batted .500 (11-for-22) with nine runs scored, one double, four home runs, eight RBI and two stolen bases in five games during the voting period.

Cooley had multi-hit outings in each game, scored multiple runs four times, had three two-RBI games and homered in four of five games. His final two games ushered in Panhandle Conference play and he was a combined 5-for-9 with two homers and four RBIs vs. Northwest Florida State.

Spring Frolics will be held Wednesday, April 1, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. until 2:45 p.m., at the Chipola Pool. If the weather is bad, it will be in the Health Center. Each club will have a five member, co-ed team to participate in the relay competitions. The team members will need to be there by 10:30 a.m. Relays start at 10:45 a.m. T-shirts will be given to winners. Please e-mail a list of the relay members to johnsonn@chipola.edu by Monday, March 30th.

We will have a free cookout with hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and cookies. We will also give out some great door prizes during lunch. You must be present to win.

SGA Spring Elections will be held that day, as well as voting for The Distinguished Service Award for a Faculty Member and The Distinguished Service Award for a Career/Other Employee and The Distinguished Service Award for an Administrator.

We anticipate several universities attending to display recruiting tables. We will also have Party Hoppers with inflatable games.

If you have any questions, call Nancy Johnson at 718-2314. See You There!

Small Business Seminar- April 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Room M108

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For more info, call 718-2441 or seversone@chipola.edu
Brain Bowl finishes fourth at State

The Brain Bowl Team finished fourth at the 2015 FCSAA Brain Bowl State Championship held on March 13-14 at Pasco-Hernando College.

State College of Florida-Manatee won the championship, ending Chipola’s run of seven straight championships. Chipola nearly made it back to the championship game, but close losses to Broward (230-245) and Indian River (235-275) in the last two games kept Chipola from advancing to the championship. Manatee beat Indian River in the finals to claim the title.

Chipola advanced to state by winning the Panhandle Regional in February. Chipola finished 6th in the National Community College Championship Tournament (CCCT), also in February.

Chipola team members are: Brent Patten, Vallen Driggers, Jimmy Brown, and Will Glover. Brent Patten placed in the top 10 individually for Chipola, finishing 9th overall. Chipola Brain Bowl coaches are Stan Young, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, and volunteer assistant coach Dr. Robert Dunkle.

Link to stats: www.naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament_id=5809&playoffs=true

Student Support Services

Students participated in FSU-PC’s Annual Open House on Saturday, February 28th, 2015. They toured the campus, enjoyed lunch, and learned about the admissions and financial aid process.

Transfer Day Successful!

Chipola’s TRiO SSS program hosted a college transfer day on campus Wednesday. Representatives from FAMU, FSU, UWF, Troy, and Chipola’s own education and business baccalaureate programs were present to provide information to students.

MCINNIS IS TOP CHIPOLA EMPLOYEE—

Kurt McInnis has been selected the Chipola College Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional Award of the month for March. McInnis is an English Instructor and has worked at the college since 2012. Pictured from left are, Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Chipola Senior Vice President and Kurt McInnis.