Brain Bowl wins third in National Championship

The Chipola Brain Bowl team finished third in the Community College National Championship held in Atlanta, Feb. 27.

The top 24 community colleges in the country, who all qualified through sectional tournaments, competed for the championship. Jefferson Community & Technical College (KY) won the title. State College of Florida-Manatee was second. Chipola was third, and Faulkner State (AL) finished fourth.

The top four community college teams advance to the four-year college ICT (Intercollegiate Championship Tournament), in Chicago on April 7-8, where they will compete against the top four-year schools in the nation.

The Chipola team advanced through the preliminary bracket by finishing 4-1, and made a good run in the championship bracket to finish with an overall record of 9-2. Chipola fell just short of making it to the championship game, losing a tie-breaker match with State College of Florida-Manatee 265-200. Jefferson defeated defending champion State College–Manatee 225-185 to win the title.

Chipola A team (pictured top right) members are: Chance Pender, Hunter Davis, Alex Tharp and Turner McCroan. Chipola B team finished 14th in the 24 team field. B team members are: Katie Everett, Haileigh Pippin, Madelynn Lytle and Donavan Ebersole.

Katie Everett (inset) was named a tournament all-star by finishing 7th overall in individual scoring out of 102 individual competitors.

The Chipola team will next play in the ICT in Chicago on April 7-8, and then in the FCSAA State Tournament on April 14-16.

Chipola’s Addams Family is a HIT! The Chipola Theatre production of *The Addams Family* Musical played to packed houses, Feb. 25-27. Here, Josiah Brooks in the role of Gomez makes a toast with the family chalice. Chipola Theatre's next show is the children's musical, “Superhero?,” on May 12.
Chipola ACE Lab offering Teacher Certification Exam review

The Chipola ACE Lab is offering review sessions for the General Knowledge Florida Teacher Certification Examination. Review sessions for the various tests are scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. on the following dates: Reading/Writing: Mar 14 & 16; Mathematics: Mar. 15 & 17.

Peel to share artifact collection at Chipola Honors

History enthusiast Doyle Peel will share his love of North Florida Native American history in a meeting of the Chipola College Honors program, Wednesday, March 9, at 1:30 p.m., in Jackson Hall of the Literature/Language Building.

A reception will follow in the college Library. The public is invited to the lecture and reception.

Peel 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.

Chipola will host an Attack ACT test prep session, Saturday, March 19, focusing on test-taking strategies for the ACT.

Students may register for one or all three sessions: Reading, 8:30 a.m.; Math, 10:15 a.m. and Writing, 12 noon.

Cost is $30 per session or $75 for all three.

Limited seating is available. For information, call Dianne Walker at 718-2295.

For info, 850-718-2312.

Chipola Artist Series to feature Chinese Acrobats March 22

The Chipola Artist Series will present a return performance of the Golden Dragon Acrobats on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.

Returning from their Broadway run, Danny Chang and his Golden Dragon Acrobats continue their relentless, 30+ year US touring schedule of centuries-old Chinese art form. “Cirque Ziva,” the newest, unique cirque spectacular showcases traditional Chinese acrobats who dazzle with amazing feats of athleticism, daring heart-stopping stunts and the grace of their centuries-old art form.

Tickets are $25 for adults, $10 for children under 18, with special pricing for Chipola students and employees. Tickets may be purchased at the Chipola Box Office or online at www.chipola.edu/boxoffice. Box Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Meet the Artist Reception for season ticket holders will be hosted by First Federal Bank of Florida after the event. Rounding out the Artist Series lineup on April 15 is Bubbles an American Diva: A Tribute to Beverly Sills.

For information, contact the Box Office at 850-718-2420 or visit www.chipola.edu/boxoffice.
Lady Indians play March 3 in State Basketball Tourney

The Chipola Lady Indians are headed to the FCSAA/Region VIII Florida State basketball tournament for the fourth straight year under head coach Greg Franklin.

The defending state and national champion Lady Indians (22-4) will play Eastern Florida State College (20-9) Thursday, March 3, at 5 p.m. CST, in the tournament at the College of Central Florida in Ocala. The brackets are set up for a possible rematch of Chipola vs. Gulf Coast (24-1) if both teams advance to the finals. Chipola handed formerly undefeated Gulf Coast its only loss of the season, in a 78-64 win on Feb. 6.

The Lady Indians’ state tournament games will be broadcast on WJAQ Radio (100.9) with a live webcast on www.youtube.com/channel/UCn4ZLsE41XmxeAZbজdDZnug/featured Chipola (10-2) finished second in the league after conference champion Gulf Coast (11-1). Northwest (5-8) defeated Tallahassee (4-9) in a Feb. 24 playoff game to send the Lady Raiders to the tournament as the third seed from the Panhandle.

The Lady Indians finished the season with a 75-42 win over Pensacola in the final game of the season. Aisha Edwards led Chipola with 19 points. Raven Baker had 13. Chipola scored an 81-59 win on Feb. 16.

The Lady Indians are ranked third in the FCSAA State Poll behind top-ranked Gulf Coast and second ranked Daytona (28-1). Chipola is sixth in the NJCAA National Poll. For info, visit 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 in 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.
**RACHEL WRIGHT ART ON DISPLAY AT CHIPOLA**

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

Wright is an art professor at the University of South Alabama and specializes in three dimension art and glasswork. The exhibit is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and during the Artist Series performance of the **Golden Dragon Acrobats**, Tuesday, March 22.

The unifying theme is passage: the passage of time, the passage of life into death, or the passage of metamorphosis. Most of these materials have been radically transformed as well. The fabrics used were recycled, dyed, manipulated, and sewn.

For more on the artist, visit www.rachelwright.net

**ACE**

**Having trouble with a class? Get free help in ACE**

The Chipola ACE (Academic Center for Excellence) provides free tutoring for all Chipola students. ACE is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mon. through Thurs., and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

ACE is a full-service lab which offers individual tutoring, test-prep sessions for specific courses, study group organization, study skills development and high-speed computers with course software. ACE offers Reviews, Study Sessions, and Instructor-led sessions. ACE is located in the Z Building. For information, call 718-2312

**Chipola Student Support Services** hosted their annual Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshop on Feb. 24.

Students received the latest information regarding college Foundation scholarships and federal financial aid. The Chipola Foundation provides more than $600,000 annually in scholarships to Chipola students.

Pete Hernandez from the Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance provided students with helpful strategies in applying for scholarships and grants and completing their FAFSA forms for federal financial aid.

Chipola SSS holds various workshops and seminars throughout the year to enhance student development. Here’s a quick glimpse at upcoming events:

**Chipola’s Student Support Services** upcoming meetings:

- **March 9**, On-Course seminar (Non Cognitive Skills), Chipola Café, upstairs
- **March 16**, TRIO Mtg featuring SAFE- A Self Conduct & Protection Class, Cafe
- **March 23**, Transfer Day @ Chipola, Social Science Lawn

Due to unforeseen circumstances, **The Boys Choir of Tallahassee** concert scheduled for March 11 has been canceled. All tickets will be refunded through the Chipola CFA Box Office in the next few days. If you have questions, please contact the box office at 718-2420.

**Course Evaluations on Canvas**

Students are asked to complete course evaluations online in Canvas from Feb. 29-Mar. 14, 2016. Confidential feedback provides information on effective instructional practices and instructional needs.